



## MECKLENBURG COUNTY - *Air Quality Commission* -

The monthly meeting of the Mecklenburg County Air Quality Commission was held Monday, June 22, 2009, in the Auditorium I & II, Hal Marshall Center, 700 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC.

### **Air Quality Commission Members Present**

Mark Casper	Mary Barker	Kris Knudsen	Todd Glasier	Keith Long
Gordon Miller	Ray Fuentes	William Nash	Robert Statnick	

### **Air Quality Commission Members Absent**

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### **Mecklenburg County Air Quality Staff Present**

Don Willard	Joan Liu	Ieshishua Pierce	Leslie Rhodes	Megan Green	Alan Giles
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### **Guest**

Marisha Johnson, College Student  
Dave Navey, Charlotte Truck Center

### **I. Call to Order**

Chair Casper called the meeting of the Air Quality Commission (AQC) to order at 5:31 p.m.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

Chair Casper, opened the floor for the Approval of the minutes.

#### Action Taken:

Motion: A motion was made to approve April AQC minutes as written.

Made: The motion was made by Gordon Miller and seconded by Robert Statnick.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

### **III. Air Quality Permit Reviews**

*Per Mecklenburg County Air Pollution Ordinance, Regulation 1.5213 – “Action on Application; Issuance of Permit,” Mecklenburg County Air Quality’s permit application approvals are placed on the agenda of the Air Quality Commission (AQC), initiating the specified public comment period. Inclusion on the AQC agenda does not imply or infer any action or opinion by the AQC or its members regarding any permit.*

Chair Casper, opened the public comment period for the facilities below, providing notice of the Mecklenburg County Air Quality’s intent to issue/modify their air quality permit(s):

*Mecklenburg County will comply with the American Disabilities Act (ADA), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability. Mecklenburg County will make reasonable accommodations in all programs to enable participation by an individual with disability who meets essential eligibility requirements. Mecklenburg County programs will be available in an integrated setting for each individual. If accommodations are necessary for participation in any program or services, participants are encouraged to notify staff.*

A: Action Required: Open Public Comment Period  
Bissell Hotel 8, LLC (Aloft Charlotte Ballantyne)  
13139 Ballantyne Corporate Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28277  
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority (Carolinas Medical Center-Pineville)  
10628 Park Road, Pineville, NC 28210  
Davidson College, 102 North Main St., Davidson, NC 28036  
Novant Health (Presbyterian Hospital)  
200 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, NC 28204

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities:

None

Transportation Facilities: Public comment period for the permits below is thirty days.

None

Title V Facilities:

None

B: Action Required: Information Only  
Carrier Corporation (Carrier Charlotte Chiller Operations)  
9701 Old Statesville Road, Charlotte, NC 28269  
SteelFab, Inc., 8629 Old Dowd Road, Charlotte, NC 28214

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities:

None

Transportation Facilities:

None

Notification:

None

C: Action Required: Alternative Notice

None

Transportation Facilities

None

Joan Liu, Air Quality Program Manager, was available to answer questions.

IV. Announcements

Gordon Miller introduced AQC member William Nash's niece, Marisha Johnson. Chair Casper welcomed Ms. Johnson and turned the floor over to her to tell the AQC members a little about herself. Ms. Johnson informed the AQC members that she was a college student who was majoring in biology. She was attending the AQC meeting to learn more about the Commission.

## V. Goals and Projects

Chair Casper addressed an action item from the April AQC meeting. He asked the AQC members if they wanted him to write a letter to Commissioner Jennifer Roberts and the BOCC stating the AQC support of expanding the light rail extension to Northeast Charlotte and the commuter rail line to the Lake Norman area. The AQC members were in agreement for Chair Casper to write the letter. Chair Casper will write the letter and send it out to the AQC members.

## VI. Air Quality Update

Don Willard, Director of Air Quality, informed the AQC members that there has been one ozone exceedance day in the region since the start of ozone season. The AQC members were given several handouts that provided data for the 2009 ozone maximums, the ozone compliance values for 2009 and an email from North Carolina Division of Air Quality discussing the 2009 ozone monitoring. The data was provided for the following timeframe from April 1, 2009 through June 21, 2009. It was stated that the ozone monitoring has been exceptional since the start of ozone season partly because of the weather patterns as well as the DAQ proactive action in reducing NOx emissions.

Leslie Rhodes, Mobile Source Program Manager, provided an update on the GRADE program. She stated that MCAQ was selected to receive funding from the stimulus application submitted to the EPA to expand the GRADE+ program. The application was submitted on April 21, 2009 requesting \$1,116,600 to reduce NOx from Stationary, Highway and Offroad engines. The AQC members were provided an update on the funding of the GRADE program since it started in 2007. David Navey from Charlotte Truck Center was introduced to the AQC members. Mr. Navey is working with the MCAQ staff to help promote the GRADE program.

Megan Green, Air Quality Specialist, was called upon to provide an update on the Don't Drive Day held on May 7<sup>th</sup>. There were 630 participants for the event sponsored by MCAQ, CATS, and Clean Air Works! There were four lucky prize winners for the event. It was stated that there was a reduction of 7.5 tons of air pollution and with the commute actions taken it reduce over 15,750 miles of travel. MCAQ plans to have another Don't Drive Day event later this summer.

[Written handouts: 2009 Ozone Maximums (4/1/09 thru 6/21/09); Ozone compliance 2009; Email from Charles Davis; Good Habits Pay off for Don't Drive Day Prize Winners.]

VII. OptiDiesel CAT

Chair Casper briefly discussed the email received from Howard Virkler on OptiDiesel CAT. The AQC members were informed that Mr. Virkler was not able to attend the AQC meeting.

VIII. Public Comment  
None

IX. Other Business  
None

X. Next Meeting  
July 27, 2009

Adjournment  
6:26 p.m.