



MECKLENBURG COUNTY *- Air Quality Commission -*

Monday, March 24, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
Ed Wood Conference Room
First Floor, Hal Marshall County Services Center
700 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC

The monthly meeting of the Mecklenburg County Air Quality Commission was held Monday, March 24, 2014, in the Ed Woods Conference Room, Hal Marshall Center, 700 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC.

Air Quality Commission Members Present

Peter McGrath	Lauren Billheimer	Terry Lansdell	June Blotnick
Fern Paterson	Jamie Watts	Karim Kheireddine	Keith Long

Air Quality Commission Members Absent

Gordon Miller

Mecklenburg County Air Quality Staff Present

Leslie Rhodes Jason Rayfield Ieshishua Pierce

1. Call to Order
Vice Chair McGrath called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair McGrath opened the floor for the Approval of the February AQC meeting minutes.

Action Taken:

Motion: A motion was made to approve the February AQC meeting minutes as written.

Made: The motion was made by Lauren Billheimer and seconded by Keith Long.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

3. 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.

Vice Chair McGrath, 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.

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A. Action Required: Open Public Comment Period

Stationary Sources

Public comment period for the permits below is 15 days.

1. Controls Southeast, Inc; 12201 Nations Ford Rd., Pineville, NC
2. MacLeod Construction, Inc., 6055 Brookshire Blvd., Charlotte, NC

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities

Public comment period for the permits below is 15 days.

1. None

Transportation Facilities

Public comment period for the permits below is thirty days.

1. 10th Street Levine Apartments Parking Deck
707 N. Brevard St., Charlotte, NC

B. Action Required: Information Only

Stationary Sources

None

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities

1. None

Transportation Facilities

1. None

C. Action Required: Alternative Notice

The public comment period for the permits below opened by advertisement in The Charlotte Observer according to MCAPCO 1.5223 (c)(1)(B)- "Action on Application; Issuance of Permit".

Stationary Sources

1. Pactiv, 14201 Meacham Farm Dr., Huntersville, NC
Publication date: 2/22/2014

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities

1. None

Transportation Facilities

1. VA Medical Center at Lake Pointe Corporate Center
(East side of W. Tyvola Rd., North of Billy Graham Parkway)
Publication date: N/A

Jason Rayfield, Air Quality Program Manager was available to answer questions.

Terry Lansdell arrives at 5:38 p.m.

4. Election of Chairman

Vice Chair McGrath informed the AQC members that they would need to elect a Chair. A motion was made to reappoint Keith Long as the Chair.

Action Taken:

Motion: A motion was made to reappoint Keith Long as Chair of the AQC.

Made: The motion was made by June Blotnick and seconded by Lauren Billheimer.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

5. Announcements

The floor was opened to receive announcements. Keith Long acknowledged the great job that MCAQ staff did with the 2014 Airwaves newsletter. It was stated that the Airwaves newsletter is a recap of the Air Quality Annual Forum held in November 2013. It is distributed to all Stationary Permitted Facilities.

AQ Spring Workshop

The AQC members were informed that Air Quality staff will have the spring workshop scheduled for May 15th. The workshop will focus on combustion sources and will be held at CPCC-Harris Campus. The AQC members will receive an invitation for the workshop.

LUESA University Day

Leslie Rhodes, Air Quality Director, thanked June Blotnick, Terry Lansdell, Karim Kheireddine and Gordon Miller for attending LUESA University Day that was held on Tuesday, March 4th at UNC Charlotte.

NC Air Awareness

The AQC members were informed that there will be a training event scheduled at the BB&T Ballpark sponsored by the NC Air Awareness program. More details to come.

6. Air Quality Update

Near road site update

The AQC members were given an update on the near-road NOx monitor that will be located at Remount Road. Two handouts were circulated showing the foundation structure and location of the monitoring site. It was stated that the shelter and most of the equipment has been ordered and should be installed with the coming week. The monitoring site should be up and running by the end of April.

Federal review of the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard

The AQC members were informed that the North Carolina Science Advisory Board on Toxic Air Pollutants meeting will be held in Raleigh within the next few weeks to discuss making the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard stricter. The final standards needs to be proposed by December 1, 2014 and final rule by October 1, 2015.

Controlled burns in February

The AQC members were informed that the U.S. Forest Service conducted controlled burns at Morrow Mountain on February 28th. Due to the weather conditions the smoke caused haze in the sky in Charlotte. It was also stated that this made the PM values to be higher at the monitoring sites here in Mecklenburg County. However, this did not cause the 24 hour standard to exceed.

Regulatory changes update

Jason provided an update on the North Carolina Air Toxics program regulatory changes. The AQC members were given a handout on the press release from NCDENR on the Environmental Management Commission's approval of changes to State Air Toxics Rules. The changes would exempt federal MACT/GACT sources and establish a second set of permitting thresholds. The rules review commission is currently reviewing the rules.

Meeting with EMC Chairman

Leslie Rhodes and Vice Chair Peter McGrath provided an update on their meeting with Benne Hutson, Chairman of the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) on March 6th. This was an informal meeting to discuss with Chairman Hutson the Mecklenburg County local Air Quality program. Leslie Rhodes informed Chairman Hutson about the GRADE program. Both Leslie Rhodes and Vice Chair McGrath expressed that it was a good meeting.

[Written handout: Environmental Commission Approves Changes to State Air Toxics Rules (press release)]

7. Selection of Hearing Panel

The AQC members were informed that the Commission would need to schedule an administrative hearing for a NESHAP civil penalty assessment. The AQC members were given two tentative dates of May 19th and May 5th at 4:00 p.m. for schedule of the administrative hearing. It was advised that the AQC select a hearing panel of at least three members for the hearing. Peter McGrath, Lauren Billheimer and Jamie Watts volunteered to sit on the hearing panel. Fern Paterson and Karim Kheireddine agreed to be an alternate for the hearing panel.

The AQC members were informed that the Commission needed to vote giving the hearing panel that consists of Peter McGrath, Lauren Billheimer and Jamie Watts as well as Fern Paterson and Karim Kheireddine as alternate members' full authority of the Air Quality Commission at the hearing.

Action Taken:

Motion: A motion was made to delegate to the hearing panel the full authority of the Air Quality Commission at the hearing.

Made: The motion was made by Terry Lansdell and seconded by June Blotnick.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

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8. Other Business

There was some discussion about moving the date for the May AQC meeting. A motion was made to move the May AQC date.

Action Taken

Motion: A motion was made to reschedule the May AQC meeting to May 19th instead of May 26th.

Made: The motion was made by Jamie Watts and seconded by Lauren Billheimer.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

9. Ozone Issue Papers

Vice Chair McGrath opened the floor for discussion on the Air Quality Issue Papers. Peter McGrath (State Implementation Plan), Keith Long (Ozone NAAQS), and Leslie Rhodes (Transportation) discussed their issue papers in the new format to include an introduction, background/evidence and recommendations section. The AQC members and staff were given the opportunity to provide feedback for each of the issue papers.

Any comments or feedback on the issue papers should be emailed to Leslie Rhodes for staff to incorporate the changes into the issue paper. There was some discussion on the layout of the final document that will be presented to the AQC members for a vote/approval of the document. It was stated that Keith Long and Peter McGrath will work with MCAQ staff on the executive summary for the document. MCAQ staff will have the introduction and executive summary available for the AQC to review at the April AQC meeting.

[Written handouts: Ozone NAAQS (issue paper); Climate Transportation (issue paper)]

10. FY15 Budget

The AQC members were given a handout that the FY15 budget for the Air Quality program. Leslie Rhodes, Air Quality Director explained the spreadsheet to the AQC members. The Air Quality budget will be presented as part of LUESA's FY15 total budget to the BOCC. No action was required from the AQC members on this action item.

[Written handout: 3510 Air Quality FY15 Budget]

Karim Kheireddine departs at 6:47 p.m.

11. Public Comment

None

12. Next Meeting

April 28, 2014

13. Adjournment

7:01 p.m.