

Environmental Advisory Committee

Minutes January 5, 2016

The Matthews Environmental Committee met in regular session on January 5, 2016 at the Public Works Facility. Members present were Chairman Gordon Miller, Scott Baranowski, Ollie Frazier, John Lynch and David Ross. Also present were Jack Killiebrew from Republic Services, along with Rosalind Cumming and CJ O'Neill from Public Works, and the Town Manager Hazen Blodgett.

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The December minutes were reviewed and approved.

The first order of business was to elect new officers for 2016. Mr. Miller was nominated as Chairman, and this was seconded and passed. Mr. Baranowski was nominated for Vice Chairman, and this was seconded and passed. Mr. Ross was nominated for Secretary, which was also seconded and passed. It was stated that with the resignation of Bob Stratton that there is now a vacancy on the committee.

Mr. Killiebrew gave the Republic Services report stating that during December everything had run well and that yard waste had calmed down for December. It had picked up a little after Christmas with the addition of Christmas trees for pick up. He stated that this week the recycling truck had been running behind, Mondays route being finished on Tuesday morning and Tuesdays route will be completed on Wednesday morning. There was a big increase in recyclables because of Christmas and New Years both falling in this recycling period. Mr. Killiebrew said that if there are still issues by Thursday he will run an extra truck on Thursday to get caught up and completed before the weekend. Mr. Ross suggested that perhaps Republic could prepare for that in future years by planning to run an extra truck over the Holidays.

Mr. Frazier then mentioned that he had noticed a lot of times when the truck puts the cart down after emptying, that the lid is often popped out of place. He wanted to know if it would be feasible for the driver to get out of the truck and fix the cart before leaving. Mr. Killiebrew responded that depending on the damage caused sometimes the driver is able, but usually it has to go through the process of having Waste Rec come out to fix it.

Mr. O'Neill then discussed that effective January 1, 2016 we are going to charge residents and small business for an extra trash container. The charge will be an annual fee of 12 times the monthly residential fee, which currently is \$7.33 x 12 equaling \$87.96. The charge for an extra recycling container will remain as before, a onetime \$40 charge. It was then asked about going back and billing residents who already have more than one trash can. Mr. O'Neill said the best time to do so would be at the start of the new trash contract on July 1st, 2016. Mr. Killiebrew said he would find out if there is

a list of residents with more than one trash cart and how old the list is. Disposal information spreadsheets were then reviewed and discussed.

Under storm water issues, it was discussed that there was a notice of violation at The Fountains of Matthews. It was caused by the frequent rain episodes in December and had caused rain runoff which tracked mud onto the streets. No penalty had been assessed.

Also under storm water issues, Mr. Lynch stated that he met with Jason Klingler from Mecklenburg County, and they walked the areas that Mr. Lynch had concerns with from the last meeting on Fullwood Lane. He stated that Mr. Klingler found the first stream not to be in good shape, but couldn't figure out where the sediment was coming from. The second stream that was reviewed which goes under the sidewalk across from Covenant Church, was also not in good shape, but it was stated that the sidewalk would have to be replaced at some point. The third stream which is by the exit of Covenant Church closest to S. Trade street, also had turbidity, but Mr. Klingler couldn't confirm the source or trace back that one either. Mr. Klingler was able to confirm that the sheen that was observed is not oil but caused by organisms deteriorating.

Mr. Ross made a motion that when there is construction or land disturbance in Matthews that the Environmental Committee would like to work with LUESA to come up with additional control methods so that nutrients won't be destroyed and turbidity will be greatly reduced.

Mr. O'Neill mentioned that there was a news report about sediment on Fullwood Lane in Matthews, and he would send a link to each member of the committee.

Regarding Air Quality, Mr. Ross, reported that all regulated facilities in the Matthews area were in compliance. He also mentioned that there was an issue at Coveris, where all pollutants not being pulled into the system causes the alarm to go off and the alarm is being physically shut off.

Regarding Physical Agents, there were no physical agent issues.

Under other business, the Solid Waste RFP was discussed. Mr. Lynch said the original RFP was written with the intent to give the Board the option to save some money. The newer version incorporates details that require the RFP to follow the way we have been doing business for the past 20 years. Mr. Miller discussed that the newer version also causes problems, both tactical and strategic. There was some discussion about being able to get everything done in time and give the company that is chosen the time to get the new system in place. There was talk of possibly keeping with the old contract for

now and then taking the time to come up with a new RFP. Mr. Miller reminded everyone that we would not want to do anything like this in house.

Mr. Ross asked about the possibility of us combining with other Towns in a trash contract, and with the larger numbers possibly getting a better deal. Mr. Blodgett said with the Quad, the combination of Matthews, Mint Hill, Stallings and Indian Trail that it could be a possibility. Mr. Blodgett said he would contact the other Towns to find out their timeframes for when their trash contracts might be ending.

Mr. O'Neill then went through the comments that had been made on the newer version of the RFP. Both food waste and yard waste carts were mentioned as being needed to be added as alternate options. Mr. O'Neill discussed sending the RFP to the four companies that sent in the SOQ. Mr. Miller said he agreed the RFP should be sent to those four companies, but he was pretty sure that it could not be limited to just those four companies. Mr. O'Neill said he would check with the Town Attorney on the legality of this. It was suggested that the newer RFP is made less complex; currently it is written at a college degree level and is full of legal words. Mr. Miller stated that this is the RFP not the actual contract and could be simplified. There was discussion of suggesting the use of CNG vehicles and encouraging positive changes for the Environment.

It was then discussed that the original RFP was not contractual and was put together with the intent of looking for new ideas along with the option of cutting costs. Mr. O'Neill said he felt that the more open the RFP is, the harder it will be to actually compare the proposals we receive. Mr. Blodgett then suggested the idea of using the original RFP. Mr. O'Neill suggested we take the original RFP and run it by the Town Attorney Mr. Buckley. If it passes his approval, then we send it out on Friday. If it doesn't pass his approval, then we will need to use the newer version. The Committee seemed in agreement on this.

Timing was then discussed. The date to send out the RFP will be Friday January 8th, 2016. Thirty days will be allowed to get the RFP back from the trash companies (Feb 8th). There will be a pre bid meeting to be held half way through this (mid to late January). The Environmental Committee and Staff will have approximately 45 days to review the requests, ask questions, meet with the companies, during which time several meetings will be held. A recommendation from the Staff and Committee will need to be made by mid to late March in time to be included in the Board planning sessions and to be discussed at the March 28th Board meeting.

Mr. Miller concluded the RFP discussion by reminding everyone that the philosophy and goal is to do what is best for the town of Matthews.

With other business completed, a motion was made at 9:00 pm to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded, and passed. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday February 1st, 2015.

Rosalind Cumming
Secretary