

## **Environmental; Advisory Committee**

### **Minutes    May 6, 2014**

The Matthews Environmental Advisory Committee met in regular session on May 6 at the Public Works Facility. Members present were Chairman Gordon Miller, David Ross, Scott Baranowski and Ollie Frazier. Also present were Jack Killiebrew, of Republic Services along with Nick Crawford and Aaron Caudle of Mecklenburg County Solid Waste.

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:02. Mr. Ross moved that the minutes of the April 1 meeting be approved, seconded by Mr. Frazier. Passed.

Mr. Killiebrew reported on Republic activities. He indicated that they had been able to get roll-out deliveries caught up in the past week. Yard waste was running very heavy with the return of good weather. Mr. Messera reported on the lunch that Public Works had hosted for the Republic drivers and staff that deal directly with the Town. It was seen as a good way to thank the folks that are actually on the ground for their efforts. It also allowed the Town to talk to the drivers about our service excellence standards and to hear from the drivers some of the problems that they run into in the field. Items that drivers brought up were cars parked in the streets and cul-de-sacs that made it very difficult for trucks to get down the street or turn around, over size and over weight bags, especially grass clippings in the summer, and yard waste piled in a manner that makes collection very slow, difficult and increases the chances for injuries. Mr. Messera indicated that he would work on these problems and will be seeking further driver input.

Mr. Crawford, from Mecklenburg Solid Waste was then introduced. He went over many of the initiatives that are in the pipeline from the County, especially the planned Countywide Recycling Survey. The last survey was done several years ago. The County is very interested in learning how the change to single stream recycling has increased participation and tonnages. He indicated that the Town would be able to structure the questions in the survey after they had hired a contractor to actually conduct the survey. An actual field count of homes recycling will also be done as part of the process.

There were no Storm Water Issues. Mr. Ross reported that all of the air quality permit holders in Matthews were in compliance. Mr. Messera indicated that he still needed to get the ozone signs repaired for the coming season.

The committee reviewed the noise and light inspection report that Carlo McKoy, Code Enforcement Officer, had prepared regarding Warner Park. Mr. Messera advised that the revised Noise Ordinance was expected to be on the Town Board's May 27 agenda for approval and that Mr. Miller had been requested to attend.

In other business, Mr. Ross noted that the Town was seeking proposals for repairs to the roof at the Community Center and he felt that the Town should consider making a solar installation at the same time. Mr. Miller indicated that he would write a letter to the Mayor and Town Manager

making such a request.

In reviewing the calendar for future meetings, Frazier moved that unless there was a need, the August meeting be cancelled., seconded by Mr. Ross and passed.

Mr. Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM.

Ralph S. Messera  
Acting Secretary