

Environmental Advisory Committee

Minutes September 2, 2014

The Matthews Environmental Committee met in regular session on September 2, 2014 at the Public Works Facility. Members present were Chairman Gordon Miller, Ollie Frazier, David Ross and Scott Baranowski. Also present were David Holt and Jack Killiebrew from Republic Services, along with Rosalind Cumming and Ralph Messera from Public Works.

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

Mr. Holt gave the Republic Services report. There were two main items that he reported on; the container management company and the audit of the broken containers. Regarding the container management company, Mr. Holt stated that they had been having some problems with an employee for the cart company reporting carts as delivered, that had not actually been delivered. Republic and Public Works had both received numerous calls about carts not being delivered when they should have been. Mr. Holt reported that this particular employee was no longer with the cart management company and that they were working to get cart delivery caught back up and corrected going forward.

Mr. Holt also discussed the audit of broken containers that Republic Services had done. They had reviewed all the carts that were broken in July to determine why they were broken. His totals were as follows:

34 BFI carts – old cracked and customer request to swap out
10 AW – Green and blue carts – old, lids
2 Republic carts – lids

After reviewing this list, Mr. Holt said that they were still experiencing a learning curve with the trucks. Also he mentioned that they did not see broken wheels just lids. So going forward Republic plans to have the company try and fix the lids that are broken off, as well as the broken wheels, instead of having to replace the whole cart. This audit will be done again once they have accumulated all broken carts for August.

It was also discussed that during the extreme heat, Mr. Killiebrew had been taking water out to the Yard waste and Bulky trucks. Matthews Alive this past weekend which was a great success, had some of the carts picked up from the festival, but the remainder would be picked up first thing Wednesday morning.

On Other Solid Waste Issues, Mr. Messera presented the Annual Sanitation Operations report. Yard waste continues to be a very expensive service and it was recommended by Mr. Messera

that the Town seriously consider some changes to the current system to bring down these costs in 2015. The Pay as You Go article that was recently reported in the Charlotte Observer was also discussed.

On Storm Water issues, Mr. Messera discussed that Public Works has put together a list of all residents and business' in Matthews that were affected by the recent storms. These buildings either had water come into them or under them, or had it standing in their yards. Mr. Messera stated that it will probably take 6 to 8 months to evaluate all these locations. In addition he mentioned a major problem with Industrial Drive where construction to widen Monroe Road had allowed water to be taken back across the street onto Industrial Drive and under the rail road. There is only a 24" culvert located there, which is not large enough to handle all the extra water. To prevent flooding from occurring, the pipe will probably need to be switched out to a 72" to 84" pipe.

Regarding Air Quality, Mr. Ross reported that he had picked up the key for the new ozone sign by Carmel Baptist, and he had already been out there and changed it. The ozone signs were all recently replaced. He also reported that all permit holders in Matthews are in compliance.

Regarding Physical Agents, there was no new business.

Being that there was no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded, and passed at 7:53 pm. The next meeting will be held Tuesday October 7th, 2014.

Rosalind Cumming
Secretary