

## **Environmental Advisory Committee**

### **Minutes October 6, 2015**

The Matthews Environmental Committee met in regular session on October 6, 2015 at the Public Works Facility. Members present were Chairman Gordon Miller, Scott Baranowski, Ollie Frazier, John Lynch, Bob Stratton and David Ross. Also present were David Holt from Republic Services, along with Rosalind Cumming from Public Works. In addition two high school students were in attendance: Alison Hicks, a sophomore from Butler High School and Connor Boyce, a senior from Providence High School.

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

Mr. Holt gave the Republic Services report stating that there were no major issues. He stated that Republic Services is ramping up for the yard waste increase and part of that is hiring a new lead person for the trucks. They are in the process of interviewing now, and will probably name someone in the next week. The Lead person's job is to work with the trucks and look ahead to pick up days coming up and to check on yard waste for planning purposes. Mr. Ross mentioned that the carts had all been placed back correctly this week with their lids closed. It was also discussed that one of the trash trucks had broken down this past Monday and that a rear loader would be used for the rest of the week until the arm on the truck can be fixed.

Disposal information spreadsheets were then reviewed. Mrs. Cumming had put together the numbers for this year, and provided copies of last years and this year for comparison purposes. Then the Republic Services complaints spreadsheet was discussed. Mr. Miller developed a spreadsheet was provided with complaint and cart spreadsheets since June of 2014 by Mrs. Cumming. He is documenting the problems on the spreadsheet. Mr. Miller will continue with this process. So far the most popular problems showing up are carts, missed pickups and yard waste issues. Information obtained from the Republic Services Complaint spreadsheet will be used in preparing the next trash contract.

Under storm water issues, Mr. Ross stated that the plumbing code now lists that grey water and rain water can be used for flushing toilets. Toilets would have to be plumbed differently from the rest of a house or other structure to do this. There was some discussion as to whether this is allowed under NC law which apparently is the case. Mr. Ross made a resolution to the Town Council to consider in the construction of new Town buildings or major renovations to them, the use of a rainwater collection system for plumbing the toilets and to water the lawns. This was seconded by Mr. Stratton and the motion passed.

Under other storm water issues, Mr. Miller discussed the notice of violation and penalty that had been issued for 10416 E. Independence Boulevard again. He stated that the Town attorney, Mr. Charles Buckley would be sending a threatening letter to the former property owner who is in Florida.

Regarding Air Quality, Mr. Ross reported that after reviewing the County database, in the past month there have been 1.5 inspections within the Town limits. One was for Novant Health (hospital on NC 51) and a partial one for Lane Construction. All regulated facilities in the Matthews area are in compliance, and there were no violations of air quality in the past month in Matthews. An announcement was made October 1<sup>st</sup> to move the ozone measure from .75 ppm to .70 ppm. All is currently in attainment under these new rules.

Regarding Physical Agents, there were no physical agent issues.

Under other business, Mr. Miller discussed the meeting Monday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm, which is a meeting with the Town Council and two members of LUESA and the Environmental Committee. The meeting is to discuss storm water issues. Topics may include Eden Hall, Plantation Estates, Christ Covenant Church, Brightmoor, etc. where the nearby are turning yellow from sedimentation and there is turbidity (cloudy/muddy water).

Also under other business, Mr. Miller presented a revised draft of the RFP, request for proposal, for solid waste. A few updates were made. Committee members were asked to send any other comments or updates to Mrs. Cumming by Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. On Friday Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, the RFP will be sent to the Town Manager and Mayor Taylor. The plan is to collect any questions that come in prior to Jan 8<sup>th</sup> and bring to the January meeting. The RFP will be sent to the four companies that sent in a SOQ and anyone else that wants to pick one up. A proposal summary will be prepared with all costs on one page. It was discussed that there would probably be two meetings held in January 2016 and potentially two in February also. A motion was made to follow the schedule of RFP for the sanitation contract. It was seconded and passed.

With other business completed, a motion was made at 8:25 pm to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded, and passed. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 3rd, 2015.

Rosalind Cumming  
Secretary