

April 2017 Minutes

Matthews Environmental Advisory Committee

Attendees

Gordon Miller -	Chair
Scott Barnowski -	Vice Chair
David Ross -	Secretary
David Teixeira -	Member
Ollie Frazier -	Member
Andrew Steinecker -	Member
Jack Killibrew -	Republic Representative
Ros Cumming -	Public Works Administrator
Clinton _____ -	Guest

The April meeting of the Matthews Environmental Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:00 PM in the conference room of the Department of Public Works. The minutes for the March meeting were reviewed and approved.

Waste

Mr. Killibrew asked about the citizen who has been paying for solid waste services for the past twenty years. He was informed that Public Works Director C. J. O'Neal was working on that.

Mr. Ross asked Mr. Killibrew about metal fencing that had been seen in a garbage can, and with the yard waste, early in March. Mr. Killibrew said that the fencing material wasn't present when he got there, which was before any of the solid waste collection vehicles. He thought that the junk man must have gotten the waste metal.

Mr. Killibrew stated that his yard waste crews haven't completed the daily runs within the designated pick-up day for the past few days. This is because of large amounts of yard waste that is taken to the curb Monday – Wednesday.

Mr. Killibrew also stated that due to personnel issues, he currently has no back-up.

It was noted that the waste diversion percentage for February was 39%. The March diversion percentage was not available for this meeting.

When looking at the citizen calls, Mr. Killibrew believed that nine of the twenty-nine yard waste calls might have been real misses.

It was discussed that we should refresh the rules about what can be put with the yard waste when the mailing is sent about recycling.

A few months ago, the Committee discussed replacing the multiple roll-outs used by the Matthews Help Center with a single dumpster. Mr. Killibrew discussed this with the Republic staff, and again will check to see how they feel about doing this as a charitable donation.

Storm Water

There is a new web site where we can check to see the status of surface water monitoring stations. According to this site, the Four Mile Creek monitoring station, just downstream from Matthews, is out-of-spec for turbidity. It was noted that this was because of current rain events.

The Federally-protected Carolina Heal Splitter has been found in the waters of Matthews.

Air Quality

No issues, inspection, or other work done within Matthews for a couple of months.

Other Issues

It was reported that Mr. Miller's PM-2.5 monitor can be seen at the web site www.PurpleAir.org through the “maps” section.

Mr. Ross was unable to check the County's data on compliance of regulated facilities in Matthews. He reported that Mr. Rayfield, Manager of the Permitting and Enforcement team for the County, said that they would inspect newly-permitted gasoline stations within a year of the permit being issued.

Next meeting 2 May 2017.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned around 7:27 PM.