

Environmental Advisory Committee

Minutes July 5, 2016

The Matthews Environmental Committee met in regular session on July 5, 2016 at the Public Works Facility. Members present were Chairman Gordon Miller, Scott Baranowski and Ollie Frazier. Also present were Jack Killiebrew from Republic Services, along with Rosalind Cumming from Public Works.

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

On Solid Waste issues, Mr. Killiebrew gave the Republic Services report stating that during June all had been going well. He also expressed his commitment to great customer service and that there would be a transition while Republic Services takes over all the phone calls but that they would be devoted to excellent customer service.

The Committee expressed concern about the recycling calendar going out late. Mrs. Cumming stated that was partly due to the new contract being put in place and being signed so late, and that there were changes resulting from the contract that needed to be included on the new calendar. She also informed the Committee that the new calendar has been approved and posted on the Matthews website in June, and is in the process of being mailed out right now, hopefully to be received by residents by the end of the week.

With the switch to Republic Services taking the calls, there was discussion about the Town of Matthews receiving reports, information and logs from them. Mrs. Cumming is going to review the contract and put together a list of such items needed and when they would be due to us. She will run this by the Environmental committee for their input.

Also under Solid Waste issues, a motion was made to recommend a modification to the trash ordinance, recommending that Republic Services bill the customer directly for more than one recycling bin (at ordinance price) and for an additional solid waste container (at current rates). Ordinance limits a total of 3 per residence/small business. This was seconded and passed.

On Storm Water issues, the Committee reviewed the feedback from Huntersville and Davidson concerning erosion control regulation. Basically, both Towns also followed Mecklenburg County soil erosion and sedimentation control ordinance. Mr. Miller stated that he would come up with some possible CD requirements/recommendations for the Town of Matthews, which would be sent out to the Committee for review before the next meeting in August.

Regarding Air Quality, Mr. Ross who was absent from this meeting, sent the following air quality report:

Blythe asphalt plant inspected twice so it could be seen in operation. Coveris operated for a 3-hour period at a thermal oxidizer temperature less than stack tested – not considered a violation by MCAQ. Excuse was that alarms were set at the wrong temperature levels. ISC drum reconditioner allowed to use new coating. Empire Petroleum Partners (CITGO near intersection of Matthews-Mint Hill Road and US-74) inspected. NC-DOT gasoline dispensing inspected. Nisbet Oil (Shell at corner of Matthews-Mint Hill Road and US-74) inspected, and NoV issued 1 July because vapor recovery valve stuck in open position. This is their 3rd similar issue in the past 6 years at this site – unknown about Nisbet's compliance history over the three years that MCAQ uses to determine severity of NoV (warning or penalty). This is Nisbet's only gasoline station in Matthews. All facilities, other than Nisbet's Shell, are in compliance with the regulations. Demolition at Christ Covenant Church – not inspected. Demolition at Carmel Baptist Church – not inspected.

Regarding Physical Agents, there were no physical agent issues.

Being as there was no other business, a motion was made at 8:00 pm to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded, and passed. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday August 2nd, 2016.

Rosalind Cumming