

Air Pollution Control Commission – Minutes

Tuesday April 18, 2017, 6:00 P.M.
City of Fairbanks, City Hall
Fairbanks City Council Chambers

APCC Commissioners Present

Kathleen Hook – Chair
Larry Duffy
Maegan Weltzin
Thomas Douglas
Cathy Cahill

APCC Commissioners Absent

Kent Severns
Mike Pollen

Ex-Officio member: Christopher Quist – Absent

FNSB Transportation Department / Air Quality

Glenn Miller
Todd Thompson

Others: -FNSB Chief of Staff Jim Williams
-City of Fairbanks, Mayor Matherly

6:00 pm Meeting Called To Order

INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Chair Kathleen Hook, and the Commission was introduced.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the last 2 meetings, March 21 2017 and April 4 2017 both approved by Commission with no changes or objections.

MESSAGES FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR

FNSB Chief of Staff Jim Williams speaks for Mayor Kassel, thanks Commission for the work they are doing, explains the timeline of getting the resolution from the Commission's work tonight all the way through to the Assembly changing code with an ordinance.

MESSAGES FROM THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS MAYOR

Mayor Matherly welcomes the Commission, expands on how important the work that they are doing is, and encourages the commission to look to the City of Fairbanks for letters of support, to come testify at City Council meetings, to be a guest, and give an update. Mayor Matherly applauds what the Commission is doing and thanks the Commission for what they do.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Jeanne Olson, resident of the Borough, speaks about how disingenuous that the Borough administration would encourage new housing in North Pole, and on the second hand to plead with the EPA that we can't clean up our air. Unsure why Citizens for Clean Air (CCA) was accused of citizens overreach for monitoring. And finally, to help with effective outreach of this issue, go on KFAR and get a weekly radio show, bring different guests, hosts. Need access to the sniffer maps. Many questions from the commission.

Patrice Lee, resident of the Borough, CCA is excited about working with the American Lung Assoc., and encourages the Borough to use the ALA along with their public outreach. Speaks to the resolution and would like to know: if there is a place for citizen volunteers; what other reason would there be besides economic hardship for a NOASH; and what is the most important thing this commission sees that the Borough could do between now and the next APCC meeting? Speaks about benzene and aerosols and health effects, use Health and Human Services for outreach, and economics.

NEW BUSINESS

--Introduction of **APCC RESOLUTION 2017-01: "A RESOLUTION REGARDING ADDITIONAL PM2.5 AIR QUALITY CONTROL PROGRAM ELEMENTS IN THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH."**

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

-Jeanne Olson, resident of the Borough, speaks to items on the proposed APCC resolution.

-Patrice Lee, resident of the Borough, speaks to items on the proposed APCC resolution.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS (ACTION ITEM):

Commission reviews and discusses APCC Resolution 2017-01 line by line. Much discussion and many changes and edits are made. Commissioner Hook makes changes on the resolution on her computer as they happen.

-Commissioner Hook calls for a vote to approve Resolution 2017-01 as amended.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no. Unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Douglas – After being involved with this after a couple of years now, is curious to see how the assembly goes through and talks about this, (the resolution), because we are now doing more actionable things, and not just talking about it.

Commissioner Duffy – Thanks Borough Staff and public attendees for sticking with the commission throughout this.

Commissioner Weltzin – Thanks everyone who helped draft this, and thanks everyone for answering her questions.

Commissioner Cahill – Thanks Commissioner Hook for her leadership on this.

Commissioner Hook – Reminds everyone that the next meeting is July 13th, in the Assembly Chambers, and the following is October 17th. The Clear the Air Conference is in September. Encourages the Commission on attend the Assembly meeting on May 18, where they will be introducing an ordinance (from this Resolution), and the Commission will be invited to a special Assembly work session in early June.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

With my signature, I certify the accuracy and completeness of the minutes above.



Commissioner Hook, Chair, FNSB Air Pollution Control Commission

DATE: 7/13/17