

Air Pollution Control Commission – Minutes

Tuesday January 31, 2017, 6:00 P.M.
Juanita Helms Administration Center
Assembly Chambers

APCC Commissioners Present

Kathleen Hook – Chair
Larry Duffy
Kent Severns
Maegan Weltzin
~~Cathy Cahill~~ *JH*

APCC Commissioners Absent

Mike Pollen
Cathy Cahill
Tom Douglas *KIT*
Ex-Officio member: Christopher Quist – Present

FNSB Transportation Department / Air Quality

Christy DeHaven
Glenn Miller
Todd Thompson

Others: ADEC – Denise Koch (phone in)
Cindy Heil

6:13 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

Commissioner Severns commented that he would like to add “the commission proposed edits to the proposed ordinance.” All commissioners approved this edit, and the edited minutes were approved unanomously.

MESSAGES FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR

Glenn Miller speaks for Mayor, comments that our Air Quality Manager, Ron Lovell, has resigned, so we have a vacant position. For the moment, Todd Thompson is acting in that capacity until the position is filled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

NEW BUSINESS

--Update on Air Quality Improvement Program

Mr. Thompson gives the update on the Air Quality Improvement Program. Newest stats on the Wood Stove Change Out Program including wood stove change out funding remaining, education and public outreach update which includes many new ads for tv and radio, social media campaign update, and air quality alert- stage restriction outreach. Low cost monitoring and pDR1500 monitor update: 16 Neighborhood Monitors are in place in North Pole and Fairbanks neighborhoods; we are ready to deploy the 6 pDR monitors, just waiting on some connectivity issues to be resolved. Sniffer vehicle is collecting data daily, running 5 days a week, 3 drivers. Complaint response stats include 137 complaints received this winter, 90 violations witnessed and responded to, and a total of 143 warning letters have been sent.

--Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Air Quality Update

Denise Koch, DEC's Director of Air Quality, gives a quick introduction and introduces Barbara Trost and Cindy Heil as the DEC representatives giving the updates.

Barbara Trost gives update on regulatory monitoring, and that this is the first update from the State since the Borough has handed over the regulatory monitoring back to the State. Gives update on the States saturation study to be conducted in the North Pole area, to better help characterize the concentration layout in that community. This study will saturate the area for a short amount of time with low cost instruments. Many details discussed about this study.

Cindy Heil gives the update for the State Implementation Plan, (SIP), and explains that the Moderate SIP has been submitted, and is being finalized. First looks into developing the Serious Status SIP has begun, and there is much discussion on how this SIP will be more challenging and some of the details that will have to go into it. Projects that the FNSB will go into Serious non-attainment within the first 2 weeks of June. Much discussion on possible upcoming and feasible control measures that may need to be implemented in the non-attainment area. The commission thanks ADEC for their work and the presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Duffy – Speaks about the importance of enforcement and the issues at the local level.

Commissioner Weltzin – Thanks ADEC for all of their hard work.

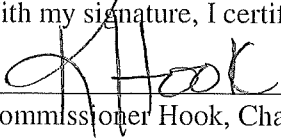
Christopher Quist – Thanks ADEC for the presentation.

Commissioner Hook – Appreciates how much Ron Lovell did for us, and he is leaving some real big shoes to fill, and appreciates staff for stepping up. Ron's service of 7 years to the Borough is acknowledged. The same

presentation we just heard will be given to the Borough Assembly this Thursday, the revised AQ ordinance will be introduce at the Assembly level within the next month, and the Borough staff will give an update on the Boroughs monitoring program. The next APCC meetings are April 11, July 13, and October 17.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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



Commissioner Hook, Chair, FNSB Air Pollution Control Commission

DATE: 3/21/17

