

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION

MINUTES
November 14, 2017

A regular meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Air Pollution Control Commission was held in the City of Fairbanks, City Hall Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Kathleen Hook, Chair.

A. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Duffy, Kathleen Hook, Kent Severns, Cathy Cahill.
Ex-Officio Assemblymember Christopher Quist.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Maegan Weltzin, Tom Douglas, Mike Pollen.

OTHERS PRESENT: Assemblymember Lance Roberts, Glenn Miller, Nick Czarnecki, Todd Thompson.

B. AGENDA APPROVAL

Approved, as is.

C. MESSAGES

Citizen's comments on items other than those appearing on the agenda – limited to 3 minutes.

-Jeanne Olson – Resident of the Borough, speaks about impact of the F35's coming to the area, and the new construction of housing in an area that already exceeds the capacity of our lifestyle, when it comes to pollution like groundwater or air pollution. And feels that the best way to address this air quality problem is one to one education.

D. MINUTES

Minutes from August 29, 2017. Carried without objection, approved as is.

E. LEGISLATIVE HEARING

Assemblymember Lance Roberts presented the Sponsor Report. Spoke to details of proposed ordinance 2017-63, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21.28 FNSBC TO ADD PROVISIONS FOR ELECTROSTATIC PRECIPITATORS AND GASIFICATION HEATING APPLIANCES." Mr. Roberts spoke about solid fuel burning gasification units and Electrostatic Precipitators (ESPs). Along with Lances report, OekoSolve / OekoTube Representative Nico Lauer gave presentation on ESP technology.

Air Quality Manager Nick Czarnecki presented the staff report. Based on the staff analysis, the Air Quality Division (Transportation Dept)., recommended denial of proposed Ordinance.

Public Hearing Opened

- Christine Robbins, resident of the Borough, speaks in favor of the ordinance, and using other new technologies as they come along.
- Jeanne Olson, resident of the Borough, speaks about ESPs, doing a pilot study, burning wood, and on the ordinance.
- Jon Christensen, resident of the Borough, speaks in favor of the ordinance.
- Patrice Lee, resident of the Borough, speaks about local citizen scientists is starting a project to see how ESPs work, doing a local project. Neutral on the ordinance.
- Joan Franz, resident of the Borough, speaks against the ordinance. Excited about the technology of the ESP, but would like to see it tested.
- Jim McCormick, resident of the Borough, speaks against the ordinance, mainly because there is no guarantee they will be operated correctly.
- Javier Fochesseta, resident of the Borough, speaks about concerns of ozone emissions from ESPs, likes part of the idea of the device and ordinance, but not fully.

Assemblymember Lance Roberts presented response. Speaks to questions and statements that were brought up during public comments. Talks about gasification units and ESPs and low maintenance, ease of use. Nico responds to comments on ESPs concerning use, reliability, ozone, inspections. Commissioners ask other questions about ESPs. Questions of a pilot project study on ESPs is brought up.

MOTION: Commissioner Hook moves to postpone consideration on this item to the next APCC meeting, scheduled December 12, 2017. Commissioner Cahill seconds the motion. With no objections, consideration is postponed to December 12 meeting.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Commission selection new vice-chair: all commissioners present unanimously nominated Commissioner Cahill to be the new Vice Chair. Commissioner Cahill gladly accepted. Commissioner Hook announced Commissioner Cahill as the new Vice Chair.

Staff gives update on FNSB Neighborhood monitoring program. Almost all monitors are deployed. Still acquiring the last few locations for the NHMs. Having some technical difficulties with the new wireless routers communications, hope to have the issued fixed by early December.

Staff gives update on curtailment program. The new compliance database tool is ready to go, with real time available data to the people out in the field doing compliance during stage restrictions.

G. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

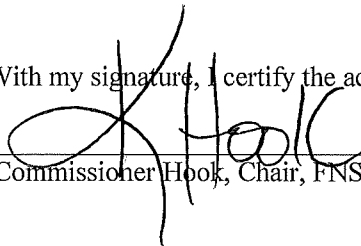
1. Commissioner's Comments

- Commissioner Severns – Speaks about human nature, people not wanting to or being able to change out their wood stove through wood stove program, and differences between European standard and EPA standards.
- Commissioner Cahill – Speaks about being responsible to the community, and the balance between protecting air quality and enhancing flexibility. Appreciates everyone's thoughtfulness and consideration on this.
- Commissioner Hook – Wants to connect with the community in a different way, and giving out tickets is not the way. Thanks everyone for their time, thanks the City of Fairbanks Clerks Office for staying late. Next meeting is December 12th, location to be determined.

H. ADJOURNMENT

1. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00p.m.

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



Commissioner Hook, Chair, FNSB Air Pollution Control Commission

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