

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION

MINUTES
February 6, 2018

A regular meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Air Pollution Control Commission was held in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers, Juanita Helms Administrative Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Kathleen Hook, Chair.

A. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maegan Weltzin, Larry Duffy, Kathleen Hook, Kent Severns, Tom Douglas, Cathy Cahill, Mike Pollen, Ex-Officio Assemblymember Christopher Quist

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Nick Czarnecki, Todd Thompson.

B. AGENDA APPROVAL

Approved as is.

C. MESSAGES

Citizens comments on items not on agenda – limited to 3 minutes
NONE.

D. MINUTES

Minutes from December 12, 2017. Carried without objection, approved as is.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Citizen comments on items on the agenda, limited to three (3) minutes each:
NONE

Air Quality Program update:

Mr. Czarnecki gives update on FNSB Air Quality Program.

Variance Process review:

Mr. Czarnecki and Mr. Thompson give a brief overview of the process of a quasi-judicial variance meeting.

Behavioral Economics discussion/review and future steps:

Mr. Czarnecki goes into detail what Behavioral Economics is, and uses examples from the workshop held the previous year. Encourages the commission to use the process for future steps, to identify barriers and to find ways around them for air quality issues.

F. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner's Comments

- Commissioner Duffy – Read about the Butte area in Palmer and their air quality issues, interested in seeing another community starting to go through what we have gone through, (Mat-Su Borough), interesting to read the comments.
- Commissioner Weltzin – How do we help our elders out to address this problem, (getting them information)? It is something to think about. Financially and education.
- Commissioner Cahill – Thanks to the Borough staff and the Mayor for having the Open House meetings and having the public comments and discussions, and the community for input.
- Commissioner Pollen – Echo Cathy's comments on the public meetings, they are much more open. The Solid Fuel Device Change Out Program has been a success, and it is part of the reason why the attainment number has gone down. Another thing is the technology breakthrough, we have a lot better catalytic converters, and hopes that the Borough Assembly considers the Electro Static Precipitator ordinance is brought forward, as it may be a means to help defeat the air quality problem. Last is natural gas, hoping that we have it here in the next year and a half, with money for conversions.
- Commissioner Douglas – The five year extension on getting to attainment seems like a long time, to be kicking the can down the road. It's awesome seeing all the public here, great that people show up.
- Commissioner Severns – This NOASH, rolling it (EPA Stoves) back to 1998 stoves makes sense. Wants to see breakdown between letters issued during times of no burn and those of smoke crossing property lines
- Mr Quist – Speaks to restructuring agenda and following the Assembly agenda and the order of citizen comment.
- Commissioner Hook – Echoes support of the community meeting, it was great to see happen. Likes the graph shown at the community meeting showing the improvement of air quality in our area over the past years was a good visual. Good turnout of the commissioners tonight. Upcoming meetings, March 20th, April 17th, and August 21st. And the February 28 community meeting at the borough library. Supports the (ESP) technology, and recognizes we are resource limited. There is a lot of work to be done. One on one conversations are a great way to get the information out. Appreciates the AQ staff, Jeanne and Cathy for the presentations. Possible path for the propane topic that a resolution could be created to pass on to the Mayor at a future meeting.

G. ADJOURNMENT

1. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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



Commissioner Hook, Chair, FNSB Air Pollution Control Commission

DATE: 3/20/18