

Air Pollution Control Commission – Minutes

Wednesday October 21, 2015, 6:30 P.M.

Noel Wien Library

Conference Room

APCC Commissioners Present

Kathleen Hook – Chair

Thomas Douglas

Larry Duffy

Kent Severns

Gwen Holdmann

APCC Commissioners Absent

Mark Sherman – Vice Chair

Mike Pollen

Others present

Assemblyman Karl Kassel, Mayor elect

Mayor Luke Hopkins

FNSB Transportation Department / Air Quality

Glenn Miller

Ron Lovell

Todd Thompson

6:30 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

No minutes to approve at this time.

MESSAGES FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR

Mayor Hopkins addresses the commission, thanks them for their service, speaks about air quality issues and the importance of this commission in air quality issues. Explains that the Air Quality app is ready to go public. Talks about natural gas, and how important it is in coming into attainment. The Commission thanks the Mayor for his leadership over the years.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

NEW BUSINESS

Review and discussion of FNSB Code Title 8, Chapter 8.21, “PM2.5 Air Quality Control Program.”

The commission looks at 4 areas in the current AQ code 8.21

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

Octavia Harris with the American Lung Association, resident of the Borough, speaks about the importance of the health in our community, supports any positive changes to code for air quality benefits, support of keeping the wood stove change out program going, public education, and other air quality issues.

Karl Kassel, resident of the Borough, supports the 1 million dollars to keep wood stove program going.

Continued discussion of draft comprehensive plan:

The commission finalizes the four main areas of concern in the code, and recommends the following changes to be given to the Mayor for consideration:

Section 8.21.025 Prohibited Acts.

C. 1. Standard. No person shall cause, permit or allow ~~the particulate emissions from a solid fuel burning appliance~~ in the air quality control zone.....

D. PM2.5 Emissions Crossing Property Lines. No Person shall cause or permit ~~particulate emissions from a solid fuel burning appliance~~ to impact the resident(s) of a

H. Nuisance. No person within the FNSB shall cause or allow ~~particulate emissions of a solid fuel or wast oil burning appliance~~ that are injurious.....

Section 8.21.035

A. 3. Eligibility. The program is limited to properties within the ~~borough air quality control zone~~ boundary in which a qualifying.....

5. Remove \$300 Fuel Payment from all payout schedules under a. and b., and remove d. all together. Under c., increase cash payment from \$2000 to \$5000 if removing outdoor hydronic heaters, and increase cash payment from \$1000 to \$2000 if removing other SFBAs.

The commission votes unanimously in support of these changes. (2:00:00 hours into recording).

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hook – Her husband split wood in June, was well over 30% wet, and they just tested yesterday and was at 17%, wood is in shed, covered.

Commissioner Duffy – The article by Jeanne Olson points out the importance of emphasizing the health effects, and that following the EPA will contribute to the general health of the area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

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

DATE: _____

Commissioner Hook, Chair, FNSB Air Pollution Control Commission