

Air Pollution Control Commission – Minutes

Monday April 11, 2016, 6:00 P.M.

Pioneer Hall

Pioneer Park

APCC Commissioners Present

Kathleen Hook – Chair

Larry Duffy

Mike Pollen

Kent Severns

APCC Commissioners Absent

Thomas Douglas

Gwen Holdmann

Mark Sherman – Vice Chair

Others present

FNSB Transportation Department / Air Quality

Ron Lovell

Todd Thompson

6:15 pm Meeting Called To Order

INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Chair, Kathleen Hook, and the Commission was introduced. (at this time, did not have a quorum, did not take any action/votes or motions until Kent Severns arrived at 7:45)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With commission approval once Commissioner Severns arrived, agenda item “approval of minutes” was addressed and minutes from 2/9/2016 were approved unanimously (26:45 of audio part2).

MESSAGES FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Dave Bohart – Resident of the Borough, had an outdoor boiler and took advantage of the Borough’s buy-back program and traded it out. Speaks to how bad the air quality is in Fairbanks, interested in what is being done.

NEW BUSINESS

-Continued discussion and development of: Draft FNSB Air Quality Comprehensive Plan – “Framework for Healthy Air, People, and Economy.”

Commissioner Hook leads the discussion to go through the document, explains that it has been to Borough Legal for their input, making sure that it fits within Borough guidelines. Explains that they will go through the plan and make final edits where there are comments highlighted, and that she will make changes on the document in real time. The Commission works on it until 7:45, and Commissioner Severns joins, (making a quorum with his attendance). There is a 10 minute break, allowing Commissioner Severns to catch up with the edits.

Public Comment:

Jimmy Fox – Resident of the Borough, thanks the commission for the effort they have put into this document. Comments on the draft comprehensive plan, addresses specific points throughout the document for possible changes and edits.

Jennifer Schmidt – Resident of the Borough, thanks the commission for working on this document. Speaks to the document, it should be made available to all elected officials and candidates, concerned about the removal of the funds from the FNSB budget for monitoring. Speaks specifically about how important monitoring is, and points out the different areas in the document referring to monitoring and makes suggestions in those areas.

Joan Franz – Resident of the Borough, thanks the commission for all of the work they have put into this document, impressed with the historical and health information in the document. Comments on the data portion, wants to see the sniffer program data communicated between the FNSB and ADEC, and complaints organized to see where problem areas are.

Mary Ann Nichols – Resident of the Borough, agrees with the previous comments, and feels that the education portion is very important part of this document. Thanks the commission for the work and time put into this document.

Dave Bohart – Resident of the Borough, concerned that people burn things that they are not supposed to during the night, stresses that the sniffer program is very important.

Commission takes 5 minute break.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS, (Action Item):

Commissioners discuss a few remaining questions they have about the document, clarify some points, voice some concerns, and get the document ready to finalize.

A motion is made to adopt the document as the:

FNSB Air Quality Comprehensive Plan – “Framework for Healthy Air, People, and Economy.”

The motion is seconded, goes to vote.

Yes votes 4, No votes 0, passes unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Duffy – Thanks to all the people who have come and testified, thanks Jimmy Fox for his leadership on the document early on. Encourages people to write letters to the editor to keep the movement going thru the summer.

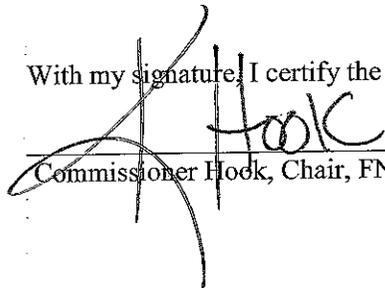
Commissioner Pollen – Thanks to the commissioners for continuing moving forward with this document, and to the staff. We stand on the shoulders of giants with Jimmy and the task force, allowing this commission to take it to the next step.

Commissioner Hook – Feel a little overwhelmed with the passing of this document. This is a live document, and we need to be aware that we revisit this every 3 years, and start to make edits and notes now to be ready for it when the time comes. The next meeting is May 10.

Commissioner Kent – One of the frustrations in building this is that it is a moving target. As far as comments on specific sources, revolves around the upcoming ordinance on removing specific units. Not real comfortable with this idea, I don't mind the idea of fining people for polluting, but making people remove a specific device is hard. At some point we would all be better off finding the offenders, rather than having a blanket removal of particular type of device.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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



Commissioner Hook, Chair, FNSB Air Pollution Control Commission

DATE: 8/9/16

