

Minutes
Health & Environmental Protection Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 27, 2022
6:00pm

The York County Health & Environmental Protection Committee met on the above date for a Health & Environmental Committee Meeting at 6:00pm in the conference room at 6 South Congress Street, York, South Carolina. The following Council members were present: Council member Tom Audette, Council member Allison Love, and Council member Robert Winkler. Also present was Assistant County Manager Mike Moore; County Attorney, Michael Kendree, and Clerk to Council, Karen Brogdon.

Staff present: Ron Pompey, Lisa Hagood, and Teresa Bass

Meeting called to order by Committee Chair, Tom Audette.

1. David Keely, MD addressed the Committee regarding the overall health findings of citizens in York County. Mr. Keely provided key information about the public health sector, primary care sector, and overriding themes for York County such as, equity in health, social determinants of health, health literacy, rapid population growth, rural connectivity, household wealth gap, and zip code level data/census tract data trends.

Dr. Keely requested that York County attend the York County “data walk” event on March 25, institute a public health element in the next York County Comprehensive Plan, establish a York County Parks and Recreation Department, and have an update with the Health and Environmental Protection Committee annually in advance of the County’s annual planning retreat.

The Committee took the information under advisement and thanked Dr. Keely for his time and the valuable information.

2. Watts Huckabee addressed the Committee regarding the York County Agritourism and Education Working Group. Mr. Huckabee provided an overview of the group and their accomplishments to date:
 - a. July 2017 – Committee Reinstated by Council Chairman Britt Blackwell
 - b. July 2018 – Crossroads Consulting hired by County Manager Bill Shanahan
 - c. March 2019 – Met with South Carolina stakeholders in Columbia
 - d. May 2019 – 6 hour AG site visit at Spartanburg County Community College; concept of 5 rings of development was discussed;
 - e. June 2019 – Meeting with Hugh Weather in Rock Hill
 - f. June 2019 – Watts Huckabee provided an overview to the YC Farm Bureau Board of Directors
 - g. August 2019 – Presentation given to State Delegation at Clinton College
 - h. October 2019 – Meeting with Interim County Manager David Hudspeth and Kevin Madden to discuss locations for Agritourism site
 - i. February 2020 – Met with representatives from all 4 York County School Districts

- j. March 2020 – Due to COVID, second meeting held by Zoom took place with school districts (Clover School District committed to taking the Ag Education lead on behalf of all 4 school districts)
- k. January 2021 – Meeting with Nancy Paschall of H.A.L.T.E.R. in Spartanburg
- l. April 2020-December 2021 – discussions were still held but action was halted due to COVID.

Mr. Huckabee requested that County Council reinstate the York County Agritourism and Education Working Group, then hire a qualified consultant such as Populous, to create a visual of the project, financial proforma and define the ideal site with collaboration from the working group and county staff. Once this is finalized, the group would need to identify land that is centrally located for all four school districts, master plan design, engage stakeholders and hire a third party estimator, define funding sources, and create a campaign to sell the project or hire a contractor.

The Committee took this information under advisement and Chairman, Tom Audette stated that he would report it back to full Council for consideration.

3. Lisa Hagood, County Engineer led a discussion regarding the Nanny's Mountain Masterplan. Ms. Hagood provided maps of the proposed renovations that could be done at Nanny's Mountain in phases. Ms. Hagood stated that Phase I would be for the Entry Node - parking area, welcome area and kiosks.

Council member Allison Love stated that there may be an opportunity for the County to obtain surrounding parcels and this may alter where the main entrance could be located. The Committee would like to have public feedback prior to proceeding with any improvements. Staff will gather more information about the surrounding parcels; update the masterplan and move forward with public meetings and public input prior to moving forward with the design contract.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Committee member Robert Winkler and seconded by Committee member Allison Love. Motion Carried.