

Wake County Locate Resolution Partnership Committee

Meeting Minutes
May 30, 2017
PSNC Energy
4211 Global St
Raleigh, NC 27610

Guy Smith – Chair
Sandra Johnson - Co-Chair
Donna Zuniga, Secretary

Guy Smith Called The Meeting to Order:
Introductions were made.

Guy had a great conversation with John Lecco about his retirement plans. We wish John the very best in his retirement from Charter Communications.

After much consideration Guy accepted the position of Chairman for this group. With this being said, “Guy asked what major projects do we have that might impact our work schedule? “

Robert Yu got with Wade Morrison with Spirit and went over a plan to schedule locating the tickets that are called in by Spirit Contractors. Lots of work has slowed down. Google and A T & T Light Gig has complete most of the work planned for Wake County at this time.

Ann Rushing wanted to know if Wade’s area was just Wake County or did he have other Counties he was responsible for?

Wade’s area of responsibility is throughout North Carolina. Andy Leviner stays in touch with Wade working on Spirit Projects. They will share maps with locators on where a project is starting and where it will end. They also plan to put together a file showing each project in progress and completed.

There was some discussion on a contractor scheduling work. This company called in locates for a month before work began. This young man had good intentions. We hear people say it doesn’t cost anything to call in a locate ticket. They think it is free. Each transmission does cost someone.

Ann rushing said this is why we have these Resolution Partners meetings to work together to reduce cost. If you will let us know when someone calls in a locate request a month in advance

or continues to update these tickets, NC 811 will get with the contractor and educate them in how to call in a locate request.

Ken Griffin stated it cost money to send someone to pre survey jobs. PSNC Energy has been able to fix the problem with our contractor. They hired someone to pre survey jobs. The contractor can do a better job calling in locate request.

Guy informed us that he struggled with the decision to take the Chair position. He took the position to help educate folks on calling in locates. It cost money to roll a truck to locate utilities

There was discussion about NC DOT being exempt from calling in locate request. NC DOT is not exempt in maintenance and calling in damages to a utility.

Ann has met with NC DOT in varies Dept. to educate NC DOT about calling in locate request. Each division has a coordinator. You can look this up on the NC DOT Web site.

If you call in a locate request and you find a utility that is not listed on the ticket, let NC 811 know.

Marc Worth tells us if there's a change in the Law NC DOT and there contractors will not be exempt. PHMSA does not want to see NC DOT exempt.

Ann tells us that Steve with NC 811 is putting together a video on White Lining. Hopefully it will be available at the next meeting in July.

The Minutes from April 25, 2017 was read and approved.

Our next meeting will be June 27, 2017.

Minutes submitted by Sandra Johnson

