

WAKE COUNTY LOCATE RESOLUTION PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2017

PSNC Energy

4211 Global Street

Raleigh, NC

Guy Smith, Chair

Sandra Johnson, Co-Chair

Donna Zuniga, Secretary

Guy Smith called the meeting to order at 12:21pm, and began introductions of the group.

The minutes of the June 27, 2017, meeting were reviewed. Patrick Landreth made a motion to approve and Paul Carrico 2nd the motion.

Mark Worth corrected a report he gave in the June meeting, regarding legislative changes to the dig law: Reference Section 87-124, paragraph 6 – The change eliminates enumerated entities, however, exempt activities remain.

Kevin Bowers, Jeff Bartley, Robert Yu and the group discussed Single Address Tickets (SAT) – general consensus in the meeting is SAT's are only good for the stated address on the ticket. However, that can be debated.

Jeff Bartley offered for NC811 to reach out to educate excavators who are misusing SAT's, if they are identified. **Please bring examples of problem tickets to the next meeting.** He also reported 25-30% of RTE tickets are screened. Those misusing the RTE system are coached and their access can be revoked if necessary.

Guy Smith noted most contractors are committed to damage prevention. He recommends NC811 send a blast email to RTE users regarding SAT's. **Jeff Bartley requests examples of problem tickets be brought to the next meeting. 811 will address issues with the offending companies.**

Robert Yu explained USIC goes the extra mile for damage prevention. Often marking beyond the scope of tickets. Employees will stop and speak to excavators when they know they are working without located tickets.

Tim Yarbrow reported the AT&T Light Gig project is slowing down.

Mark Worth asked the group, "what is the charter of the WLRPC?"

Response: Reach out to upper management for support on emerging issues.

Several members recognized we need more contractor involvement. Utilities need to require their contractors to participate. The WLRPC needs to reach out to large contractors who conduct the larger projects to get them involved with our group.

Jody Kiker requests all issues with Charter's contractors be brought to their attention so they can be addressed.

Paul Carrico noted the number of 3-hour tickets is down, which may indicate locators are doing a better job locating tickets by the due date.

Tim Yarbro stated unnecessary update tickets on large projects waste locator's time. Robert Yu added large projects are a major concern. They often have more damages, subs are not known, and they require more time and communication.

Jeff Bartley explained white lining is not mandatory, the law does not require and limits white lining. He suggests major utilities require or encourage their contractors to white line.

Jeff Bartley asked if the WLRPC will meet during the months of October, November and December, when the Wake UCC does not have regular monthly meetings? ***Guy Smith will reach out to stake holders for consensus and advise the group at our August meeting.***

Our next meeting will be August 29, 2017, following the Wake UCC meeting.

Meeting adjourned 1:10pm

Minutes submitted by:
Donna Zuniga, Duke Energy