WAKE COUNTY LOCATE RESOLUTION PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

August 29, 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 12:34pm, and began introductions of the group.

The minutes of the July 25, 2017, meeting were reviewed. Jimmy Petrie made a motion to approve and Sandra Johnson seconded the motion.

Guy Smith opened the meeting by asking, "What is the purpose of the WLRPC?" His understanding of our mission statement is for the group to recommend changes within the marking process and to make the marking process more effective. He believes business process changes need to be made by management or to "make changes upward" and this group does not have the proper representation to fulfill our mission. He advised the group, at the end of this meeting, he will step down as the chair.

The majority of the meeting was basically a round table discussion of the mission and purpose of the WLRPC. The discussion is outlined below:

- Openly discuss challenges with utilities and contractors.
- Recommendations for changes to the UG law.
- Discuss challenges and ways to make improvements (update tickets, white lining, managing ticket volume).
- When you bring a problem also bring a solution.
- The WLRPC should go a step further than the local UCC meeting to address and make changes. The local UCC meeting is to share information, discuss damages, report on projects, build contacts and network.
- We need contractor participation.
- WLRPC needs executive level management/stake holder participation, how do we get these folks to the meetings? Each person present should contact management within our organizations to encourage them to attend the WLRPC meetings.
- Members provide manager's information to NC811 and NC811 can contact management to encourage attendance.
- Stake holders must accept responsibility.
- WLRPC can make recommendations for changes to the law and discuss state-wide issues.

Ann Rushing advised NC811 is really taking a close look at UCC's as a whole. What is the value of UCC meetings? Attendees should come with information regarding projects, damages and challenges. NC811 is looking at the possibility of adding Spanish language UCC meetings. They are testing Spanish Pipes Plus Training now. They are also going to begin training UCC officers. They will have the white line video available for review next month. After approval, the video will be available for distribution and training use. Ann reminded the group there is a link on the monthly meeting reminder email one can use to submit issues and concerns and the APP has a button you can use as well.

Our next meeting will be September 26, 2017, following the Wake UCC meeting.

Meeting adjourned 1:25pm

Minutes submitted by: Donna Zuniga, Duke Energy

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