

WAKE COUNTY LOCATE RESOLUTION PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2017

PSNC Energy

4211 Global Street

Raleigh, NC

John Lecco, Chair

Sandra Johnson, Co-Chair

Donna Zuniga, Secretary

John Lecco called the meeting to order at 12:30pm

WHITE LINING / LOCATE TICKETS

- John Lecco discussed white line expectations. Pre-mark the area to be located at the location where excavation will be performed. Do not over white line. Some utilities in Mecklenburg County require white lining.
- Shawn Baumgardner noted white lining helps locators tremendously. It also helps if excavators label their white lines as there are sometimes multiple excavators at a location.
- Chris Russ advised survey tickets should be used to design a project. This would reduce or eliminate “both side of the road tickets”. He also suggested update tickets should only be used when necessary. Unnecessary update tickets require a lot of locator’s time, which could be spent on valid tickets.
- Ann Rushing offered for NC811 to partner with USIC to produce a video of best practices for white lining. The video can be used to educate contractors, utilities, local UCC’s, etc. on proper white lining.
- Sam Velasquez reported Ansco is very successful with white lining.
- Kevin Comalander expressed it is the responsibility of utility owners to enforce white lining with their contractors and require pre-construction meetings to communicate with locators.
- Robert Yu offered USIC’s service in assisting excavators with white lining and providing white paint.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Chris Russ informed the group there is a stake holder review group currently meeting to obtain guidance in amending excavation laws regarding “emergency tickets” and “¼ mile / 5 address tickets”. He also advised the group formal complaints should only be filed after you have tried to resolve your issue with no response or result.
- John Lecco asked if anyone knows of others who would benefit from or could contribute to our meetings, please provide their contact information to Jeff Bartley. We need NCDOT representation.

- Donna Zuniga offered to assist if there are any issues or concerns regarding Duke Energy contractors. Please provide the contractor's information to Donna and she will communicate to the appropriate folks to assist in resolution.
- Robert Yu requested Spirit Communications to provide a list of their contractors.
- Chris Russ asked Spirit Communications to give ample notice prior to beginning projects so companies can adequately staff for the project.
- Kevin Comalander requested everyone interested in attending their Raleigh fiber project kick-off meeting to provide their contact information to him. He also stated their contractors will be requesting their own locate tickets.

OLD BUSINESS

- David Woodlief mentioned the City of Raleigh critical infrastructure issue. Ann Rushing is still working on this.

John Lecco announced he is retiring as of June 8, 2017.

Our next meeting will be April 25, 2017, following the Wake UCC meeting.

Meeting adjourned 1:20pm.

Minutes submitted by Donna Zuniga