

Wake UCC minutes

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Parrish Reddick

OK, thanks everybody for being here. First and foremost. If you haven't already done so in the chat section and that's going to be toward the top right of your screen just to the right of the two-little people. If you hover over it, it'll say show conversation and it's kind of populate some information.

Parrish Reddick

Please put your email phone number how you like to be contacted from anybody in this group or anybody who goes to the NCUCC website and looks this up at a later date?

Parrish Reddick

If you would please raise your hand Ann will identify you. You then can unmute, jump in there, say Parrish. We have a question and or comment at any time during the presentation. Obviously, these are informal. They are more informational than anything. We need input since I am just a facilitator from the audience. If you are not actually talking to the group, if you would, please put your microphone on mute. That way we do not get a lot of background noise and echoes in the system.

Parrish Reddick

Again, this will be recorded and there's a transcription also being recorded as well, and they will be uploaded to the NCUCC website in the library for future reference, so please go out and grab those. You can even go last months and use them if you need some PDF. The PDF is out there now, and you can use some of our slides as well.

Guy Smith

Alright thank you Parrish. Thank you so much for joining us this 29th of June the June.

Guy Smith

2021 meeting of the Wake County Utility Coordinating Committee, the Damage Prevention Forum for all of us to get to know one another and work toward the not just the physical safety of the underground facilities. Damage prevention, but also for the overarching public safety of our greater community. Thank you for joining us, and as Parrish has his first slide up there, June is National Safety Month.

Guy Smith

Uh, so I will open the floor to comments.

Guy Smith

With regard to public safety, I. Of course, I'm going to start with my.

Guy Smith

My call for, please be aware of us two wheeled enthusiasts. It is hashtag, look twice hashtag. Save a life that is a program that was initiated by NC Dot to help raise awareness for those of us in the motorcycling and bicycling communities so, you know, hashtag just drive hashtag, look twice, hashtag, save a life. We do appreciate it.

Guy Smith

Anybody have any, any any other public safety comments?

Parrish Reddick

So the ones I'm going to discuss a little bit later, or actually in the slides and they are, as you know, since she received a PDF as a chairperson.

Parrish Reddick

On heat safety.

Guy Smith

Absolutely.

Guy Smith

I must have to have to confess I was enjoying some.

Quality time at a lovely golf course nearby and heat safety that is absolutely something to be aware of. Had a had a few come close to heat symptoms.

Guy Smith

And I have to say this gently considering where I am in my life, but a few older folks that were out there on the on the links for six hours yesterday we had to ensure that they were taking care of with some.

Cool raps in. Also, plenty of fluids to keep them keep them safe so it's good stuff all right. Do we have any old business? Anything going on court? I see you are on the call. Got anything going on out there in the in the world of ITS?

Cort Bennett (Guest)

No, everything is good. I just got to get off the NC 811 the update list, but we're going to work on that. I think it is already in place. I do not know how we crept up on that. We have always been on it, but you know 15 and up but not one. So, we are just working on getting off of that and everything is just busy and well.

Guy Smith

Outstanding, you know, busy, busy. Any old business. Anything we need to talk about.

Sandra Johnson (Gas Distribution - 5P)

I cannot think of anything at all. I mean, we have gone over, you know, we have got these projects in Raleigh. The fiber, all the locators are dealing with that, trying to work together, And do it safely. So, we're just moving as each day goes by.

Guy Smith

Alright, thank you for that.

Guy Smith

I don't know if this is new business is a COVID new businesses, vaccines or vaccinations are moving forward. People are doing that. Looks like we may between vaccinations and.

Antibodies we may be at, at or close to herd immunity, so that's a very good thing. And so Sandra Mark.

Guy Smith

I heard rumor that NC DoT is going to be heading back to their offices in August.

Guy Smith

Are there plans to open up the Dominion Energy facilities for our in person meetings anytime soon?

Sandra Johnson (Gas Distribution - 5P)

I've not heard of that. A date or time that hasn't been discussed with me. I know we will return to the office July the 6th.

But as far as we're opening our meeting rooms to the public, I've not heard that yet. More, I don't know. Mark May have.

Marc Worth (Services - 6)

No, I have not. I would not be surprised to see it as early as September. Just the world changed. I am surprised how quickly the world changed. There will still be requirements that people that have not been vaccinated will wear masks.

Marc Worth (Services - 6)

I'm not so sure though, even be that much social distancing involved given to the last couple emails we received, but there has been nothing but talking about letting outside nonemployees into the building check. So I I don't even know if our locate be nice to have one of our contract locators in to see if they're back allowed to.

Guy Smith

Alright, well we'll just we'll just keep on keep on waiting for the powers to be to announce when, when and where we can do in person so I just thought I'd ask the question. Like I said, I heard rumors that NC D OT for example, is going to go back to in office.

Work and probably. Again there. Depending on who you listen to, maybe October November back to in person meetings, perhaps it is a big maybe. I think everybody is playing it day by day.

So. We will just, we will just to wait.

Guy Smith

Betty, what is happening in the world of Google?

Betty Chang – G-Fiber (Guest)

You know, just the just what we've been doing for the last couple of quarters, of course, is our last two days left in this particular quarter to meet our goals, and we've appreciated everyone's, you know, cooperation and patience while working with us on getting a production in. And of course, same thing for the rest of the year. We have got the same amount of footage that we were expecting, you know, to complete our build plan this year. So, looking forward to it.

Guy Smith

Glad to hear those things are moving forward. And sounds like we're.

We're making some headway on locates and as court was saying, the list, of the infamous list so.

Betty Chang – G-Fiber (Guest)

Yes, absolutely.

Guy Smith

Tim, playing in traffic again.

Tim Yarbrow (Guest)

Man, I tell you what I have had some trouble with it sooner and I must be in a bad connection after I just trying to call in on the phone and it just won't go through that one number that parishes email come through what I got from the, you know, the constant contact. Yes, that is what it is.

Guy Smith

Gotcha, how are how are things with the world of ANSCO?

Tim Yarbrow (Guest)

Extremely busy, extremely busy.

Tim Yarbrow (Guest)

We've definitely got a lot going on in Wake County. One of the things that I spend more challenging here lately is definitely the locates getting locates done.

Tim Yarbrow (Guest)

Seems like as far as getting the job located within the 72 hours. I personally not seen anything like that even come close. I've noticed that a lot of the jobs I look at you look at the locate tickets on there. I've got 30 codes on, you know which is not located, which obviously in 999 means the same thing. I don't quite understand why we're putting 30 codes on the tickets or whatever, but.

Tim Yarbrow (Guest)

Uh, and 60 codes were seeing 60 codes aware saying the locator and the contractors had a mark in agreement, which there's been no marking agreements. An H. It is just challenging for, you know, for contractor right now to get locates. I mean I know everybody is busy and all that, but it's definitely time consuming and costly as well for us so.

Tim Yarbrow (Guest)

We're just trying to work through those challenges and seems like a lot of times with a 3 hour notices you call in a 3-hour notice. Nothing happens, nobody shows up. You are going to map to make phone calls directly to get somebody to come out from what I've been experiencing personally.

Guy Smith

All righty and presumably you're working through that with the specific locators involved.

Tim Yarbrow (Guest)

Yes, that's correct, and the utility companies as well.

Guy Smith

Yes, please. Now you want to go ahead and share your presentation with us.

Parrish presented numbers for Wake county

Ann Rushing

August 18th will be the meeting date. Dan Bare is the new chair and we are going to hopefully meet at the Event Center in for 811 and then we'll do a hybrid meeting as well.

Sure, I'll be more than happy so the state meeting we will host elections for secretary. And of course, that is a progressive. I guess for you to come in as Secretary, then you'll move up the food chain, you know through the process. So that's a three-year commitment, and currently I know we have Tim Yarbrough on the call. I think you're one of the nominees and the other nominee we have so far is Ralph Murphy. He is with Onslow, water, water, and sewer and so and then of course that day. To vote you will have to be part of that meeting. Either signed in that morning and provide us your email and if you have to jump out of the meeting we will email you the link to vote, otherwise you will receive the link in

the chat that day in Tami will be handling that meeting in my absence and we will take those votes and I think we're going to allow to 8:00 PM for all of those votes to come in, and then the next day we will provide that to the chair. Who is the elected secretary? So that's pretty much how that's going to work, Ann. Once again, if you do want to vote, you will have to be a part of that meeting that day on the 13th, and it is a team's meeting.

Thanks.

Guy Smith

Alright, alright, I will open the floor they well anyone who has anything they want to want to share.

Ann Rushing

Hey guys I cannot mention just one more little thing that we've kind of we've got. We have created safety posters there, I guess for lack of a better term there almost like an OSHA poster, so to speak, but they're about the steps to safe digging and we have those. Each liaison has posters that we can provide to your teams. Whether you want to put them.

Ann Rushing

In your work areas, maybe in your warehouse areas, wherever any of the workers are coming through, we would love to provide you those on there. There really nice heavy posters that you guys can you know place there. So please reach out to us. Will be glad to drop some off to you and that you guys can share that information to your excavators. And employees so.

Parrish Reddick

Hey, this is this is the FY. The next meeting is going to be July 27th. I will put the presentation together, but must Ann Rushing will be leading you because I will be in the eastern part of North Carolina visiting safety Sam at an elementary school.