

West Silver Valley Citizens Advisory Committee

The West Silver Valley Citizen Advisory Committee met on Thursday June 18th at the Pinehurst City Hall in Pinehurst. In attendance were 7 local residents. The meeting opened with introductions then moved to an update of the grants that had been applied for. Ralph Paul informed the group that he had sent the brochure "Wet Wood is a Waste" to all homes in the nonattainment area and that he had also had a press release about burning dry wood that was picked up by the Idaho Panhandler but not the Shoshone News press. Also discussed was the upcoming Expo at Silver Mountain and materials that the group wanted to use. The year round permit requirement for open burning was discussed and it was decided the group would attend an upcoming meeting with the Fire Chiefs then schedule a meeting with the commissioners. Additional messaging ideas were discussed and the group was asked to continue working on a magnate design and messaging. A good meeting with lots of collaboration occurring between meetings helped to keep things moving along.

Agenda June 18

1. Introductions

Attending the June 18th meeting were; Cathleen Sanborn, Andy Helkey, Carol Young, Kjell Truesdell, Commissioner Jay Huber, Maureen Gilbert, Steven Aubuchan, DEQ Staff; Mark Boyle, Ralph Paul Denna Grangaard and Mary Anderson.

2. Committee Business

Grant Update – Mark Boyle provided a brief update on the Targeted Airshed Grant that was applied for. Mark indicated that the grant had been submitted and totaled almost \$3 Million. Kjell Truesdell, IDL requested and received a copy of the Targeted Airshed grant. A copy of the diesel retrofit grant was also made available.

New Business – A brief discussion of the Diesel retrofit grant letter of support was discussed. Mary Anderson explained that this grant was for retrofitting equipment operating in the Valley and included both County and private trucks. Commissioner Huber noted that school bus traffic would increase in Pinehurst next year due to other school closures. It was noted that some of the Kellogg District school buses had been retrofitted with heaters under a different grant to reduce idling. Ralph Paul informed the group that he had sent out "Wet Wood is a Waste" brochure to residents of the nonattainment area. He also mentioned that he had sent out press release story about burning dry wood which was picked up by the "Panhandler". He also shared a copy of the MT/ID ASG brochure which the group decided to include at the upcoming Expo. He also inquired if the group would want to hear from Erin Law, USFS, MT/ID ASG at a future meeting. The group agreed that it would be a good topic to include. Mark Boyle agreed to inquire with DEQ fiscal if any support could be provided for mailing group materials.

3. Action Items

- **Sub-group reports** – Expo participation was discussed along with materials that will be displayed and handed out. Carol Young, Cathleen Sanborn and Mark Boyle will man the booth. The group also reviewed the new Committee handout and the questions and answers that will be used. The final display information and pictures to be used were also discussed. Prizes that are to be given out were also reviewed by the group.

4. Topic Discussion

- **Outdoor open burning**
 - **Permitting status** - Commissioner Huber explained that he had mentioned the possible ordinance with the other commissioners, but no further action had been taken. He suggested the group get on the commission calendar so it could be discussed. A discussion ensued regarding use of the IDL permitting system. Kjell Truesdell explained that the system could easily be adjusted for changes in local ordinances. It was brought up that a discussion with the fire chiefs would be a good first step. Kjell mentioned that the next meeting was July 8th at the 1313 Club in Wallace. Several members of the group were interested in attending.
- **Outreach and education**
 - **Continued discussion** - Magnet messaging; the group was tasked with working with the logo to try and finalize a magnet design and messaging. Other items and ideas shared with the group were T-shirts, beer can coolers, note pads, brush, bottle lid grip, can opener and floating key chain.

5. Comments

The publication “Strategies for reducing residential wood smoke” was mentioned as the next document that would be helpful for the group to read through to get some ideas about reductions techniques for woodstoves as we continue to move forward. The group asked if this document included success stories. DEQ will look for additional documentation that helps identify success stories associated with woodstove emission reduction strategies and will share with the group via e-mail. The documents will be sent to the group by the 26th. The group provided positive feedback about the Klamath Falls Advisory Committee Report shared earlier. It was helpful for the members to identify what the groups role is expected to be in the big picture.

6. Next meeting – July 16th 6 - 7 PM.

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