

West Silver Valley Citizens Advisory Committee

May 21st Meeting Notes

The West Silver Valley Citizen Advisory Committee met on Thursday May 21st at the Panhandle Health District Office in Kellogg. In attendance were 7 local residents. The meeting opened with introductions then moved to a discussion regarding the Letter to the Editor that had been submitted to the Shoshone News Press in April. That prompted the setup of a new Gmail account for the group at wsvcac@gmail.com. Discussion then moved to the new logo and the letter of support from the group for the grant DEQ was applying for. All members were encouraged to sign a letter of support. A brief discussion on the grant's status and application due date was provided by Mark Boyle. Discussion then moved to updates from various members regarding the Facebook page and media costs. The group also discussed attending the upcoming business forum at Silver Mountain.

1. Introductions

Attending the May 21st meeting were; Bob Launhardt, Cathleen Sanborn, Andy Helkey, Carol Young, Maureen Gilbert, Teral Ellis, Marlene Martin and DEQ Staff; Mark Boyle, Denna Grangaard, Ralph Paul.

2. Committee Business

- New Business

- Group email account – Ralph informed the group that he had set up an email account for the group on Gmail. He explained that when the letter to the editor was printed in the paper, it was listed as coming from him, not the group. In the future, official letters from the group will be sent using the Gmail account. Carol Young will monitor the account for activity.
- Group grant support letter – A support letter for the Community Improvement grant was developed and passed around with the sign in sheet for everyone's signature, Additional support letters will also be requested from the cities, county and other partners working to support improving air quality in the valley. DEQ clarified that the grant will be broad enough to support education, resources, and partnership ideas that the group discussed. DEQ will manage the grant and may have up to 5 years to spend any grant funds.
- Mark Boyle asked the group to utilize the Facebook page, the e-mail account, and the emails sent out between meetings so the group can continue to make progress. The group responded that no-reply back on e-mailed items should be taken to mean consent. The group agreed to visit task items between meetings.

- Regarding meeting attendance, the group will reach out to Mayor Pooler and Mayor Guardipee to ask them to attend meetings again.
- Members wanted to know if DEQ was able to get closer to defining the amount of air quality impact from diesel emissions. Mark replied, yes, and the contribution is minimal, but the information is not in a final format yet. The results do show a seasonal marker of lead and zinc. Lead and zinc are considered a “diesel emission marker” however in this instance the seasonality and potentially local sources of direct lead and zinc raise questions about interpreting the level of diesel emissions contributing to the lead and zinc results. The group agreed that this a major point of clarification needed for the whole community, and that they are eager to share that information. DEQ agreed to get it to the group as soon as it’s ready.

3. Action Items: The group celebrated other accomplishments in addition to the grant and new email account;

- Letter to the Editor (LTE) the letter published in the Shoshone News Press on April 22nd. Ralph apologized that his name was attributed to the letter, rather than the Committee, and that the Committee e-mail address should help clarify that in the future.
- The logo was finalized and will be utilized on the Facebook page and on the letter of support.
- Carol Young provided the Facebook page text content. The group approved the content and was appreciative of her efforts.
- Carol will develop the Facebook page with the Sub-Group before the Grant is due.

4. Topic Discussion

- Outdoor open burning – The group focused on education and messaging at this meeting.
 - Backyard/slash/prescribed – The group asked DEQ to follow up with Commissioner Huber regarding a year round permit requirement. Commissioner Huber was not in attendance to report on this progress.
- Outreach and Education, continued discussion
 - Messaging signs – Denna discussed the possibility of signage with the City of Kellogg Building Inspector, Mark Magnus. The city responded that the group could make a proposal for approval for signage including sign location, size, and maintenance plan. The city was generally agreeable. Denna recommended that additional cities are offered proposals as well.
 - Magnet messaging – An example of magnet messaging was presented to the group. The group also liked totes, notepads, can/jar

opening aids and carpenter pencils. The group decided to peruse magnet messaging on a larger than-business card size such as the 4x5" example. DEQ will revise the language and send it to the group for comment between meetings.

- Upcoming events – The upcoming business expo taking place at Silver Mountain on June 25th 5:30-7:30PM was discussed by the group. The group is planning to staff a booth at the expo.
 - The Sub-Group will meet Thursday May 28th at 9am.
 - Andy Helkey offered PHD's display board background.
 - DEQ offered to print display items that the group creates. (Send to Denna)
 - DEQ was asked to arrange the Facebook language onto to a Trifold brochure, include photographs, and print 100 copies. Carol agreed to secure a folder to complete the hand-outs
 - The Sub-Group will provide the Quiz Wheel themes and Q&A. Send to Denna to print.
 - Rene will set up a booth space and get the group registered for the Expo.
 - DEQ agreed to identify and procure woodstove pictures for use in the display. A picture of a good air quality versus bad air quality day will also be provided.

5. Comments –

- Mark Boyle expressed concern that the group may not reach its goal of producing emission reductions by having only monthly, hour long meetings. He impressed upon the group the need to respond to emails and continue working on projects between meetings.
- Mark mentioned a document produced by Oregon DEQ for the Klamath Falls nonattainment area that covers the SIP process and encouraged members to read through it. It will be sent out to members.

6. Next meeting – June 18th 6 - 7 PM
Pinehurst City Hall

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