

West Silver Valley Citizens Advisory Committee

The West Silver Valley Citizens Advisory Committee previously met on January 21, 2016 at Pinehurst City Hall, Pinehurst, Idaho.

February 18, 2016
Panhandle Heath Office, Kellogg

1. Introductions – In attendance were 12 residents; Maureen Gilbert, Jann Higdem, Bob Launhardt, Karen Maravilla, Carol Young, Brian Nansel, Scott Young, Larry and Linda Yergler, Sandy Podsaid, Bob Jutila, Andy Helkey, and DEQ staff member, Mark Boyle.
2. Committee Business – The preliminary results are in for the wood stove survey: 540 calls were made; 234 surveys were completed. 72% of the residents who completed the survey reported they have other sources of heat, 26% participate in open burning, and 85% of those surveyed were between the ages of 45 & 74.
The survey also indicates the following information in each area: Kellogg residents reported 50% use wood heat as their primary source of heat and 80% have an economic hardship; 48% of Pinehurst residents reported wood heat as their primary source of heat and 60% have an economic hardship; and 59% of Kingston residents use wood heat as their primary source of heat and 45% reported an economic hardship.
72% have other heating systems in their home. 18% catalytic
Highest ownership of stoves: 1) Blaze King Fisher, Homemade and Kuma tied for 2nd highest ownership
3. Action Items – February Pinehurst City Council Meeting and Fire Department: Mark Boyle reported he and Ralph Paul had the opportunity to speak at the Pinehurst City Council Meeting, he felt the council members now had a better understanding of what was to be expected. Pinehurst City Mayor, Bob Jutila agreed.
Mark also reported he had met with Fire District #2 and they were very interested in the wood stove replacement program. They especially like knowing residents with financial hardships would be able to participate in the program. Mark feels both groups were on board and our goals and ordinances were attainable.

Messaging: Mark Boyle provided the group with some information on Idaho's Administrative Rules 58.01.01, Open burning is covered under section 600-611.
4. Topic Discussion – Reasonably Available Control Measures (RACM): a fancy term for ordinances! The group had a very lively discussion about the effects an ordinance may have on the community under numerous scenarios including woodstove reduction and open burning limitations. Woodstoves 101: Brian Nansel, of Auto Rain, showed a short video about Blaze King wood stoves, along with the environmental and financial impacts of having an efficient wood burning stove, with up-to-date technology.
5. Comments – Mark Boyle stated the goal was to start implementing the wood stove replacement by this fall. DEQ is hoping to fill a position which would allow someone to be on the ground in the Silver Valley soon.

6. Prior to concluding the meeting Mark Boyle reminded the group about the Klamath Falls SIP document that was shared at the May 21 meeting and encouraged everyone to look at this again to refresh their memory about the RACM steps needed. He also handed out a copy of the Klamath Falls RACM ideas table for the group to mark-up with their ideas for acceptable ordinance ideas, questions on any that weren't clear and addition of any ideas they felt should be considered. These will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next meeting – March 17th, 2016 from 6 – 7 pm at Pinehurst City Hall.

Meeting Adjourned.