



Advisory Council Minutes
January 24, 2008
Regional Health District
Environmental Health Conference Room

Members Present:

Peter Williams
Tom Brattebo
Ray Kelleher
Mark Roberge
John Hjaltalin

Staff Present:

Bill Dameworth
Ron Edgar
Matt Holmquist
Debbie Naccarato

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m.

1. Approval of the November 29, 2007 Minutes:

Ray Kelleher moved to approve the November 29, 2007 minutes and Mark Roberge seconded it. Minutes approved.

2. Update on New Air Monitors – Ron Edgar:

Ron stated that Spokane Clean Air is establishing three sites for monitors. We have contracts for PM_{2.5} sites with Cheney School District for Sunset Elementary in Airway Heights, Central Valley School District for Broadway Elementary in Spokane Valley and Avista Corporation for Deer Park. The shelters and TEOMs are in at their proper locations. We are still working out the telemetry system to be online and real-time. Ron then gave an overview of the systems installed and how they operate. We are planning to go out for a bid on some ozone precursor and ozone monitors for the Freya and Ferry monitoring site. The shelter is approximately \$5,000; the system is just under \$20,000; and then \$1,000 to \$2,000 for the telemetry. When the telemetry is up, it will be logging one minute data.

3. Update on Open Burning – Matt Holmquist:

Matt handed out a document listing concerns about smoke impacts from outdoor burning, what Spokane Clean Air is doing and what Spokane Clean Air could do, followed by a verbal overview of the document. There was some discussion by the Council and Staff. Spokane Clean Air would still respond to outdoor burning complaints and still conduct enforcement on open burning. Even if Spokane Clean Air keeps the yard and garden burning program, under State Law, Spokane Clean Air is required to do an evaluation every three years to determine what areas exist where they have reasonable alternatives to burning (i.e., transfer stations, hauling, chipping and composting options, etc.). The difference between silvicultural and yard waste burning is improved/maintained and

unimproved/unmaintained property. Peter Williams stated that he thinks it makes sense to get out of the yard and garden burning program and go back to Spokane Clean Air's mission statement and trying to tie in what you're dealing with initially. Matt added that he will talk to the Board about it next month, but the next step will be talking to more of the Fire Districts about their thoughts on it and that may happen by going to one of the Fire Chief's meetings and talking to all of them at one time. Bill added that Spokane Clean Air is trying to open up the lines of communications with the Fire Districts. Also Spokane Clean Air has been discussing exempting the Fire Districts from fire training permit fees for training their staff members because that is part of their job. Bill would like to have a better working relationship and have Spokane Clean Air understand their role which is fire protection and the Fire Districts understand our role which is air quality. We should let them decide if what they are doing is important and they can decide to do it or not. We do not need to be telling the Fire Districts what is or isn't a fire hazard, they are the ones that have to deal with fire hazards and Spokane Clean Air should not be the ones making those judgments. John Hjaltalin stated that it is important to keep it simple; having many different agencies to contact over different kinds of burning makes it confusing to the public.

4. Update on Burn Ban Legislation – Bill Dameworth:

Bill briefly added that the burn ban legislation that the Wood Smoke Advisory Group got for Spokane County last year has a proposal to extend that to the rest of the State. There are a few changes in the way they have written up the Stage I and II bans, but it dovetails in with what Spokane Clean Air is doing now and we wouldn't have to change anything. This is partly sponsored by the Hearth Products Association and there are a House and Senate bill up now that are going forward. The Realtors have put forth a House bill to change the disclosure when you sell your house to include a statement of whether or not you have an uncertified wood burning device in it. These bills are in the proposal stage right now.

5. Other Items of Interest:

Peter Williams stated that Tom Brattebo's position has expired. Bill replied that on the next agenda for the Board, there will be a motion to reappoint Tom for a second term. Peter would like a new board and advisory list when it is updated. Tom added that he is the AmeriCorp person working for Spokane Clean Air on the "No Idle Zone" program.

John Hjaltalin moved to adjourn the Advisory Council meeting and Ray Kelleher seconded it. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER

WILLIAM DAMEWORTH, DIRECTOR