



Advisory Council Minutes
November 29, 2007
Regional Health District
Environmental Health Conference Room

Members Present:

Peter Williams
Ray Kelleher
Nancy Enz-Lill
Tom Brattebo

Mark Roberge
Jana McDonald
John Livingston

Staff Present:

Bill Dameworth
Lisa Woodard
Mary McDermott

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m.

1. Approval of the October 25, 2007:

Tom Brattebo moved to approve the October 25, 2007 minutes and Ray Kelleher seconded it. Minutes approved.

2. Agency Calendars – Lisa Woodard:

Lisa presented the new Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency calendars. These calendars are created in lieu of a periodical report that we do not do every year. We work with local photographers and purchase their stock photography. The opening page is a letter from the Director, a little about the agency and how it is funded and then key information about our programs. Every month there is a little bit about the air quality program or a clean air tip. These calendars will be sent to Spokane Clean Air's regulated sources and many other groups of individuals. The State Auditor's Office recommended we do a suggested donation of \$6.00 for people who want to purchase the calendar and that money would help offset the cost recovery.

3. Making A Difference DVD – Lisa Woodard:

Lisa showed a DVD that was produced as a private effort with a group on the west side and is called "The Georgia Basin Puget Sound Collaborative Air Shed Group". The DVD has the flexibility to show one of the four different segments to different audiences or to show them all. Some Council Members suggested it be shown or given to every City Council, Spokane County Commissioners, County Planning, schools, etc. Lisa added that Spokane Clean Air would pursue the Community Access Channel and Channel 5 to air the DVD. Tom added

checking into Channel 7 “Profiles Northwest”. Peter added that some local supporting documentation to go with the DVD would be great.

4. Update on Wood Smoke Advisory Group – Bill Dameworth:

Bill stated that the Wood Stove Advisory Group is wrapping up its report to the legislature. They have been spending a lot of time discussing burn bans with the wood stove retailers and realtors. The Group is trying to get things that the retailers and realtors can support because without their support, this will probably not go anywhere in the legislature and their support got the burn ban legislation we are operating under right now. It looks like the burn ban will be more restrictive than the one that Spokane Clean Air has adopted. They are looking at Stage I being at 25 micrograms and we are at 30 micrograms. Stage II is a little more along the lines of meteorological predictions. If meteorological conditions are deteriorating rapidly, you can go directly to a Stage II; it doesn't have a number in it, but they are looking at putting this in some legislation for the legislature to consider next year. There was also the concept of the two-stage versus the one-stage. Some people on the west side thought that they would just ban all burning; the retailers are not in favor of that. A two stage burning ban is an incentive for people to change-out their old device or stove to a pellet stove or a cleaner burning stove. The Group has gotten the realtors to support the idea of a disclosure upon the sale of a house whether or not there is an uncertified wood burning device in the house. The legislature must approve changes to the form so they can go forward with this idea. Rather than the State doing it, there is an option for communities to be more restrictive locally in areas where they're going to be in non-attainment or already are. There wasn't enough time or opportunity to collect data and see how the burn bans are working here in Spokane. The group likely will reconvene next spring to do some additional work and come up with some follow-up recommendations. The Director of the Department of Ecology will sign this wood stove document.

5. Other Items of Interest:

Lisa added that Spokane Clean Air employees will be at KHQ's station for the “Call in Center” for wood stove questions on December 12th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Two Advisory Council Members volunteered to help out with this effort. Also the wood stove/insert grant program is starting in December. Nancy would like to be updated on grass burning (Idaho) and agricultural burning (who, when and where).

Jana McDonald moved to adjourn the Advisory Council meeting and Tom Brattebo seconded it. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER

WILLIAM DAMEWORTH, DIRECTOR