

Air Quality Advisory Council
June 4, 2002
Minutes

Members present: Jim Leiter, Dan McCaffery, Ron Mueller, Pat Murdo, Sue Spanke, Tony Ward and Garon Smith

Staff: Shannon Therriault

Others: Tony Tweedale and John Gaberson

1. The Council approved the April 2 minutes.

2. Committee Reports.

Transportation: Pat Murdo reported on the Stakeholder's meeting that she attended. The Stakeholders, which are primarily made up of bike, walk and transit advocates, didn't think the air goals were strong enough either. They recommended adding NOx and other green house gases, and using TDM practices to improve air quality.

3. Department Report.

Smoking Vehicles. The Department is putting up four billboards urging people to "Report Smoking Vehicles" and will also do a press release and buy some ads in the Independent. John asked if the regulation applied to the whole county – yes, it does.

Fees. The department is working toward revising its air quality permit fees – they have not been increased for a long time. Shannon reported that it appears some sources may be paying fees to the state, when they should only have to pay for county permits. She has called the state to ask about it.

Redesignation. Shannon and Ben continue to work with the state to accurately assess woodstove numbers in Missoula. Shannon and Ben also continue to catalog unpaved parking areas and roads in the air stagnation zone.

4. Committee membership.

The council talked about how to fill vacancies left by several resignations, and how to get the council appointments on the proper cycle (with three members being appointed every year.) Shannon suggested that an alternate be appointed to fill Tony Ward's position, and then the Council could advertise to fill Bruce Ammons' position. Two other 2004 members could be reappointed for a term to end in 2005. Members whose terms are up in 2004 include Dave Levinson, Jim Leiter, Pat Murdo, Ellen Porter and Sue Spanke. The Council asked Shannon to talk with Ellen about whether she is still interested in being a member, since she has missed so many meetings. The Council also asked Shannon to contact John Waverek and Steve Earle, to see if they want to continue to be alternates given that the Council wants alternates to attend meetings. Sue recommended that the Council establish duties of alternates – which are primarily the same as regular

members – they are expected to come to a majority of the meetings. Shannon will advertise the openings and invite applicants to the next Air Quality Advisory Council meeting.

5. Paint shops. Dan McCaffery has noticed a couple of paint shops that aren't dealing with their wastes appropriately – one of them just leaves paint cans in the open to evaporate and another vents fumes, with no emissions controls, right on the jogging path. Emission control systems exist, although they certainly aren't free. The Council felt that it was reasonable to require some sort of controls and asked staff to research what rules are in place in other states dealing with this issue.

6. Announcements. This is Tony Ward's last Council meeting – thanks for all the hard work, Tony!

Tony Tweedale announced that the Wall Street Journal reported that truck companies have gone on a buying binge after the Courts upheld an October 1 deadline for new engines. Sunday's Missoulian had another report on cancer caused by air pollutants and is frustrated that the Board is only interested in priority pollutants.

7. Next meeting: Tuesday, July 2, 2002.