

Air Quality Advisory Council
January 7, 2003
Minutes

Members present: John Garberson, Leif Griffin, Alexandra Gorman, Jan Hoem, Jim Leiter, Dan McCaffery, Ron Mueller, Ann O'Hagan, Ellen Porter, Sue Spanke, and Dick Shimer

Members absent: Dave Levinson, Mickey Reese, John Waverek and Garon Smith (Liaison)

Staff: Shannon Therriault

Others: Karen Wilson and Tony Tweedale

1. Minutes

The Council approved the September minutes with no changes.

2. Election of Officers

Sue nominated Ron Mueller as chair, and Alex Gorman seconded. No other nominations were offered. Ron was re-elected as chair.

Three people were nominated for Vice Chair: Jim Leiter, Mickey Reese and Alex Gorman. The vote was taken by secret ballot. Alex Gorman was elected Vice Chair.

3. Committees

Waste Oil Burners. Shannon indicated that the Council had not yet given a recommendation to the Air Board about whether or not waste oil burners needed to be regulated. Jim Leiter, the only remaining member of the Waste Oil Burner subcommittee, brought the Council up to speed on what information the committee was able to put together. Ron suggested that Shannon look at AP-42 for emission factors – maybe then the emissions could be compared to woodstoves. Shannon agreed to summarize the information in a report, and run it by Jim. At that point, the Council could make recommendations to the Air Board. No committee was formed to work on this project.

Transportation Committee. Leif, Sue, Ann and Jan all indicated they would be interested in working on this committee. Shannon indicated that there is a TTAC workshop regarding the options in the Transportation Plan update that is scheduled for January 9. She hopes to know more about the timeline after that meeting. It is not a public hearing, but the meeting is open to the public.

Membership Committee. Dick, Alex, Sue, John and Ellen were all interested in being on this committee. The committee will look at the voting/interview process for new candidates; propose how to make recommendations to the Air Board Chair, propose how to decide which alternate gets to vote during a meeting if members are absent, and will look at membership support opportunities. They will meet Thursday, January 16 at 1 p.m. at the Health Department. Shannon will send them the Charge and the rules.

Autobody Shop Emissions Committee. Dan, Alex and Ellen were interested in this committee. Dan asked that Don Nicholson, who attended the last meeting, be asked to participate. The committee will attempt to analyze the problem of autobody shop emissions and then the Council can decide if they should go any further. They will meet January 23rd at 5:30 p.m. at the Health Department.

Shannon suggested the Council might want to form a committee to look at alternatives to paving. She explained that the planning board had some concerns about how few alternatives there are to paving. She plans to attend the January Planning Board meeting to explain the rules and the process to them. Jan and Jim were both interested in seeing the off-street planning standards. The Council did not form a committee to address this topic.

Alex recommended a committee look at monitors – how could Missoula County get real-time PM_{2.5} monitors, and more of them? Instead of forming a committee, the Council decided to ask the state DEQ to come and talk about the monitoring system. Anne Acheson from the Forest Service would also be a good person to address how to better assess smoke impacts and problems. Shannon will invite them to come to a future meeting.

6. Announcements

Alex said she read about a cool program in Anchorage, Alaska. They used Federal Highway Funding to provide block heaters for residents to use when the temperatures dipped below 20 degrees.

Someone mentioned that a new catalytic convertor, using a different metal that can work at lower temperatures will be available by the end of the year.

Tony told the Advisory Council that they should be doing more about diesel emissions, because of how toxic they are.

7. Next meeting: Tuesday, February 4.