

**LRAPA CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(CAC) Meeting Notes
VIA ZOOM**



January 25, 2022

Attending: Jim Daniels (Chair), Kelly Wood (Vice Chair), Terry Richardson, Paul Metzler, Evelina Davidova-Kamis, Shane Ruddell, Eric Burdette, Jeffrey Carmen, Jack Carter.

Staff: Debby Wineinger, Steve Dietrich, Max Hueftle, Travis Knudsen, Julie Lindsey.

Call to Order: 12:00 p.m.

Public Participation – none

Board Meeting Overview – Jim Daniels:

There were representatives from the public who spoke about toxic levels in the West Eugene area and asked for more representation on the advisory committee from their area.

Resolution passed by the board to start the process with PERS.

Oakridge Air report – they have 670 homes serviced with their contractor program.

Continued Discussion - Gas Powered Tools:

Kelly Wood commented that she had done research on the topic of gas powered tools and found most information was opinions only, without compilation.

Paul Metzler agreed that no solid information was available (i.e. decibels, battery life expectancy, etc.). Additionally, there would be fire danger with lithium ion batteries and their disposal, which is a global issue.

Eric Burdette said research showed lawn and garden engine disbursement carry large share particle emissions.

Kelly Wood also reported that battery operated mowers leave lawn looking like it had been mowed by drunken goats as they do not have the weight and power to mow evenly.

Jeff Carmen noted that he had reviewed information regarding neighborhood tool libraries where neighbors could collectively store and check out lawn care tools.

Jack Carter asked who would be targeted first for compliance, businesses, or individual homeowners.

Steve Dietrich added that the public is confused in their thinking that their current gas tools would be taken from them; however, new regulations would apply to sales and replacement of tools. In addition, while the public would take their used gas tools to a recycle center they would not actually be recycled but sent to a foreign country where they would be buried.

Paul Metzler questioned if LRAPA had the authority to regulate emissions which. **Steve Dietrich** confirmed acknowledging that regulations could be equal to those of the state, or stricter.

Jim Daniels noted that there would not be an outright ban of gas tools, anytime soon, as technology has not caught up with regulations. The discussion concluded that an educational pamphlet should be compiled to get information to the public so they would have pros and cons and make purchase decisions accordingly. Of interest to the committee was the idea of using buckets to lump together common themes.

Kelly Wood indicated she would be willing to spearhead a committee of 2 or 3 to work on the pamphlet.

The committee agreed that for the February meeting, interested committee members will prepare an outline. The goal will be to compile the best aspects of the presented outlines into a single document during the meeting.

Roundtable:

- **Paul Metzler** informed the committee of a suicide that took place in downtown Springfield, last month, in which the victim used a container of industrial poison which was released into the environment and noted security is something else LRAPA would need to address.
- **Kelly Wood** updated the committee on previous issues with online forms stating she had relayed the problem and it had been resolved.
- **Jim Daniels** in the bylaws he was unaware a report needed to be submitted to the Board prior to year-end. Debby compiled a report from the year's minutes, which can be presented to the Board. The report will be timely in the future. **Copy of report attached.**
- Jim Daniels also suggested that at some future meeting the committee may want to invite Beyond Toxics to discuss air issues and West Eugene toxic concerns.

Adjourned 1:06 p.m.

Next Meeting Tuesday – Tuesday, February 22, 2022

(Recorded by Marlene Hockema)

LRAPA Citizens Advisory Committee

2021 Summary of Activities

January 2021

Flyer for Outdoor Burning Alternatives. Discussion and suggestions. Good start and major effort by the subcommittee, Kathy Lamberg, Kelly Wood, Jeff Carmen, and Travis Knudsen. The subcommittee will revisit with the recommended edits. And bring that revision back to the CAC.

February 2021

Continued - Flyer for Outdoor Burning Alternatives: Kathy Lamberg outlined the CAC committee's suggestions on edits. They changed the first paragraph and changed the position of the first and second paragraphs from the previous flyer. They deleted the recreational burns and cooking fires paragraph. They also beefed up the information about the advantages of recycling versus burning. Kelly Wood reworded a couple of sentences so that they flow better. And Kathy Lamberg incorporated all the recommendations. Jim Daniels will take the flyer to the Board for their reviews and comments

March 2021

Continued - Flyer for Outdoor Burning Alternatives - Board Feedback: The contact information that the board requested for the listed businesses has been added. The revised version will be presented to them at their next meeting.

April 2021

April meeting was meet and greet CAC members and new LRAPA Director Steve Dietrich.

May 2021

CAO-Cleaner Air Oregon Presentation Q & A (LRAPA staff - Travis Knudsen, Max Hueftle, and Steve Dietrich)

June 2021

Asbestos Overview, Presentation and Q&A – LRAPA staff Robbye Robinson

July 2021

No Meeting

August 2021

No meeting

September 2021

Review Board meetings July and September. Website Redesign

October 2021

Continued discussion Website redesign and started discussion on gas powered tools.

November 2021

Continued discussion gas powered tools - different members will look into the varying aspects regarding this issue.

December 2021

No meeting