

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



**January 26, 2021**

**VIA - ZOOM**

**Attending:** Jim Daniels (Chair), Kathleen Lamberg (Vice-Chair), Kelly Wood, Evelina Davidova-Kamis, Link Smith, Terry S. Richardson, Link Smith, Shane Ruddell, Steve Pelkey, Jeff Carman, Jack Carter

**Absent:** Gery Vander Meer

**Staff:** Merlyn Hough, Travis Knudsen,

Call to Order: 12:01 PM

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**Public Participation – None**

**Board Meeting Overview:**

- New Board Member Eugene City Councilor, Matt Keating. He is replacing Betty Taylor who retired this month.
- Some discussion about paying for a new vehicle with Airmetrics funds which now has a negative balance, they expect that to improve later in the year.
- Member dues, pausing 10-ten plan on increasing and only approved increase for CPI. .
- Discussion on DEQ assessment with the soil in neighboring areas around J.H. Baxter in west Eugene. There will be more to report on this in the near future.
- Travis Knudsen said the board went into executive session to discuss the recruitment efforts for Merlin's replacement. We are organizing zoom meetings for stakeholders, staff, and the CAC group, we look forward to the feedback because all of your opinions are valued. The specifics on who, what, when, where, why, and all those details have not been figured out yet.

**FLYER FOR OUTDOOR BURNING ALTERNATIVES:**

Lots of discussion and suggestions. It is a 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.

**ROUNDTABLE:**

**Jack Carter** – asked about staff working remotely, was there any thoughts when there will be public access to the office. Travis Knudsen said you can call and request an appointment to meet with staff, LRAPA would make sure all COVID precautions are taken. And we do have someone here full-time and she's makes sure mail, and deliveries or other in person needs are taken care of. And most other staff stagger their time when they do need to come in, to make sure there is an enough distancing between people. We are following all the Governors guidelines.

**Jack Carter** – Does LRAPA have any thoughts or feedback on the issue of vehicle owners that were installing defeat software and so forth for performance enhancements on engines. Max Hueftle said that we don't regulate tailpipe emissions. Generally, those tampering devices and that entire issue is done at the criminal level of EPA so it's a federal effort.

**Kathy Lamberg** – asked if there was an update on the Director's search. Merlyn Hough said his understanding was the board has narrowed it down to three finalists. And they're planning to do interviews during February. And in advance of that, there will be a couple meet and greet sessions. One will be with stakeholders, including the Citizens Advisory Committee, you'll all be invited to that. Also, there will probably be a meet and greet with staff. Stay tuned, it will be happening fairly rapidly.

**INTERVIEW – ERIC BURDETTE**

Eric discussed his experience, education, and his time interning with LRAPA. Jim Daniels said there was another application that was just received, and they would probably present both candidates during the March Board meeting if possible.

Adjourned 1:07 PM

**Next Meeting March 30, 2021 – VIA ZOOM details will be listed on the agenda**