

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



LRAPA
Lane Regional Air Protection Agency

February 22, 2022

Attending: Jim Daniels (Chair), Kelly Wood (Vice Chair), Terry Richardson, Paul Metzler, Evelina Davidova-Kamis

Absent: Shane Ruddell, Eric Burdette, and Jeffrey Carmen.

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

Others: CAC Applicants - Mysti Frost, Peter Dragovich, Ronnie Joll, Christopher Cline

Call to Order: 12:00 p.m.

Call to Order/Agenda Review:

Jim Daniels, Chair, called the meeting to order and asked for Public Participation.

Public Participation:

Dennis Hebert expressed his desire to comment regarding gas power-driven tools and the air pollution created by them, indicating that one hour of exhaust would equal 1,000 miles of driving emission. He further stated that Multnomah County started the gas engine regulations in 2021 with a phase out to battery or electric tools by 2025, indicating he would like to see the 2025 date as a goal for Lane County but admitted there would be a need for sustainable technology, adequate charging, and a campaign to educate the public.

Board Meeting(s) Overview:

February:

Travis Knudsen presented a report from the LRAPA Board Meeting held February 12, 2022, yearly nominations for new chair and vice-chair. Joe Pishioneri was reappointed as chair, and Jeannine Parisi appointed as Vice Chair. Five new budget committee members were appointed, and Julie Lindsey was appointed as Budget Officer.

Interview CAC Candidates:

Jim Daniels informed the group that Jack Carter had resigned so they would be down to eight members. He explained to the committee that interviews would take place today, and final determination sent to the candidates via email.

Christopher Cline:

Christopher Cline (ODF) Oregon Department of Forestry stated that he currently covers private BLM (Bureau of Land Management) land, as well as Eastern Lane county and most of Linn county. When queried as to his availability to attend meetings Christopher stated he had stepped away from some obligations and would have more time now; however, should there be a long fire season he may be otherwise occupied.

Peter Dragovich:

Peter Dragovich relayed his extensive history of urban planning and indicated to the committee his desire to be considered as a planning community development representative. He relayed that he had, most recently, served as a general public representative on the Contra Costa County (CA) Hazardous Materials Commission and on the Planning and Policy Development subcommittee of the Commission.

Veronica (Ronni) Joll:

Ronni Joll informed the committee that she has her master's degree in health education at (OSU) Oregon State University and had experience in retail management, fund raising, and community outreach. She indicated that she had visited the LRAPA website but had not reviewed the by-laws.

Misti Frost:

Misti Frost has been a Eugene resident for 20 years and was a former member of the LRAPA Board. She added that she is currently employed at 211 info as a COVID-19 hotline information specialist for the state of Oregon. She indicated that she is also bilingual in Spanish.

Jim Daniels called for a motion to accept all four applicants. Paul Metzler made a motion and Kelly Wood, seconded. Unanimous vote to recommend them to the Board for appointment.

Kelly Wood encouraged the committee not to lose sight of their goal as the committee size grew or focus on personal agendas. Jim Daniels added that he would like to see additional geographic diversity (coast, hills), within the committee.

Steve Dietrich emphasized if needed additional education outside of the monthly meetings could be set-up with staff for new members.

Continued Discussion: Gas Powered Tools:

Jim Daniels asked the committee how educational materials, for gas powered tools, would be utilized. Travis Knudsen responded they would be similar to the outdoor burning pamphlet and could be handed out at the home and garden show and possibly available at retail outlets. Travis Knudsen indicated Air Quality Awareness Week would be 5/22/2022 and a good time to make the information available although a short lead time. Kelly Wood reported that her research had not turned up reliable information sources for small gasoline powered tool emissions.

Roundtable:

- Kelly Wood stated batteries have an average live of two to three years and could be costly.
- Paul Metzler affirmed her findings adding that backpack batteries could cost as much as \$1,200 each.
- Travis Knudsen asked if anyone had reviewed the study referenced in the battery versus gas leaf blower flyer; Jim Daniels responded that he had read the listed reference, which was a study from Taiwan. It referenced an EPA document that may be useful.

Adjourned 12:59 p.m.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 29, 2022

(Recorded by Marlene Hockema)

Citizen Advisory Committee Application

Name:

Mysti R. Frost

This advisory committee represents several segments of the community. Please check the box which best describes that segment of the population you wish to represent. For full descriptions of each segment, please visit:

<http://www.lrapa.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/2688>

General Public

Why do you want to become a member of the committee?

I have a strong interest in the air quality of Lane County. I am a mother who is concerned for the well-being of my child and the health of my community. To engage with community members, elected representatives, and industry/business owners to work together to resolve complex issues affecting us all. Assist and support Environmental Justice issues in Lane County

Please give a brief description of any experience or training that qualifies you for this position.

I was on the LRAPA Board of Directors recently. I have a pretty solid understanding of the issues facing us. BA in General Social Science from the UO. Currently employed at 211info as a Covid-19 hotline as an information specialist for the state of Oregon. This work also included supporting Oregonians during the 2020 forest fires by providing non-emergency information on evacuation routes, shelter locations, and fire locations. I have lived in Lane County for over 15 yrs. My grandparents owned a farm just outside of Cottage Grove. I know this area very well and feel connected to the land and people. I am bilingual in English and Spanish, and my

father is an enrolled member of the Crow tribe of Montana. I am culturally competent and aware of the various issues affecting marginalized communities.

Please list the community concerns or topics you would like to see addressed by this committee.

Air quality related to forest fires and fire suppression. Community outreach and education. Regulation enforcement of industrial pollution that negatively affects our community. Farmworker health.

Briefly describe your present or past involvement in relevant community groups. Please note that having no previous involvement will not disqualify you for appointment.

Besides my role on the LRAPA board of directors, I am also a member of the River Rd. Community Org, I have also worked with Beyond Toxics in the past, organizing and assisting West Eugene communities advocating for cleaner air in their neighborhoods.

Are you currently serving on any advisory boards or committees? If so, which ones?

No

This committee meets over the noon hour once a month. Are you available during this time?

Yes

Please upload any additional information you wish to include in your application, such as a resume.

Field not completed.

Applications are accepted on roll-in basis. Thank you for your time.

Citizen Advisory Committee Application

Name:

Chris Cline

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Fire Suppression

Why do you want to become a member of the committee?

As a leader and manager within the Oregon Department of Forestry, I have a vested interest (and duty) to maintain a relationship with a broad range of individuals and organizations that represent the citizens and communities of Lane County.

Please give a brief description of any experience or training that qualifies you for this position.

I have been in wildland fire suppression, forestry, prevention, and fuels reduction work for over 30 years in western Oregon. This includes the last 5 years as District Forester for the South Cascade District of the Oregon Department of Forestry.

Please list the community concerns or topics you would like to see addressed by this committee.

Wildfire smoke caused by campaign fire events during the summer months. We have, at times, had the WORST air quality in the world over the last several summers. This is driven by fuels conditions as well as suppression tactics of local fire efforts and organizations. I feel there is a need for broad discussion and interaction with effected community members.

Briefly describe your present or past involvement in relevant community groups. Please note that having no previous involvement will not disqualify you for appointment.

I have been active with local charities and faith based organizations it trying to reach the needs of the homeless community. I have also been active in public service as a

member of an incident management team responding to local emergencies nationwide.

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**General Public
Planning Community
Development**

Why do you want to become a member of the committee?

To leave future generations with a healthy and sustainable environment.

Please give a brief description of any experience or training that qualifies you for this position.

Masters in Urban Planning
University of Washington 1978,
Masters in Public Administration
Golden Gate University 1991.
Associate Planner, Ketchikan
Gateway Borough, Ketchikan
Alaska 1983-1989. City of
Concord CA, City Manager's
Office 1989- -2008 retired. I
retired as the Director of City
Management (Department Head
for the City Management
Department).

Please list the community concerns or topics you would like to see addressed by this committee.

Public outreach and
engagement is critical to
shaping decisions that reflect
the needs of the community and
that draw upon the variety of
viewpoints and expertise in the
community. My main concern is
assuring Lane County and the
greater area follow a path of
sustainability and environmental
health that will leave future
generations with an improved,
not degraded environment.

Briefly describe your present or past involvement in relevant community groups. Please note that having no previous involvement will not disqualify you for appointment.

2015-2019 I served as a general
public representative on the
Contra Costa County (CA)
Hazardous Materials
Commission and on the
Planning & Policy Development
subcommittee of the
Commission. The Hazardous

Materials Commission is an advisory body to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors. This current webpage for the Commission is <https://cchealth.org/hazmat/hmc/> it lists issues similar to those I worked on as a member 2015-2019. I am a volunteer with 350 Eugene. I volunteer with Lane County Community Television CTV29.org and I do volunteer work with the Raging Grannies of Eugene as a videographer for the group. My wife and I moved to Eugene in 2019.

Are you currently serving on any advisory boards or committees? If so, which ones?

I am not currently serving on any advisory boards or committees.

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**Veronica (Ronni)
Joll**

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General Public

Why do you want to become a member of the committee?

I want to make everyone's voice is heard

Please give a brief description of any experience or training that qualifies you for this position.

I have a masters in health education and retail management work experience

Please list the community concerns or topics you would like to see addressed by this committee.

Crime; affordable housing; clean water air and soil

Briefly describe your present or past involvement in relevant community groups. Please note that having no previous involvement will not disqualify you for appointment.

I have been involved in fundraising for Greenhill humane society; Relay for Life; American foundation for suicide prevention and awareness

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