



AGENDA

LRAPA CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

January 26, 2021

Start promptly at 12:00 noon, adjourn at 1:00 p.m. or earlier

Via ZOOM - meeting information:

For Video & Audio

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- I. Call to Order/Agenda Review – (5 minutes – 12:00)**
- II. Public Participation (5 minutes – 12:05)**
- III. Board Meeting overview (5 minutes – 12:10)**
- IV. Review of alternatives to outdoor burning flyer (25 minutes – 12:35)**
- V. CAC Candidate - Robert Eric Burdette (20 minutes – 12:55)**
- VI. Round table (10 mins - 12:55)**
- VII. Adjournment 1:00 p.m.**

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This publication provides information on non-burning disposal alternatives for natural vegetation in Lane County.

Alternatives to Burning Yard and Garden Debris

What is yard and garden debris?

Yard and garden debris consist of garden trimmings, tree branches, grass clippings, leaves, needles, etc., that originate on the maintained, improved area of the property (i.e. lands immediately adjacent to a residence).

Why should residents consider using alternatives to burning?

Burning natural vegetation emits harmful smoke particles and chemicals that can damage the lungs. As rural areas become more populated, more people are impacted by smoke from burning. Alternatives to burning yard debris are more available and accepted.



What about recreational/cooking fires?

Many areas in Lane County permit recreational or cooking fires when used within particular guidelines. See LRAPA's *Outdoor Burning* pamphlet for more information. Bonfires are permitted with an approved LRAPA permit. For information on recreational fire guidelines within Lane County contact Lane Regional Air Protection Agency at 541-736-1056 or through the LRAPA website. <https://www.lrapa.org/177/Outdoor-Burning-Program>.



How can I manage yard and garden material?

For owners of partially or fully developed land, there are several alternatives to open burning available.

Grasscycling

For lawns and fields, the option to leave the lawn clippings in place (as opposed to collecting the clippings) has several benefits. First, the clippings act as a natural fertilizer. By leaving the clippings the nutrients contained in the clippings (the nutrients required to grow grass) are retained in the area of

the lawn and not removed. This may be accomplished simply by removing the bag/catcher, or other lawn clipping collection container, and letting the clippings fall where they are cut. Alternatively, you can also use a mulching mower designed to produce finer, less noticeable clippings that are meant to be left on the lawn or field.



Chipping and mulching

Individuals can use a chipper or mulcher to dispose of unwanted woody plants, bushes, and small trees. Wood chips and mulch may be spread around areas under trees, covering walk-ways, or around garden beds to prevent weeds, reduce mud, and help the ground retain moisture.

Composting

Yard debris, garden waste, and kitchen waste may be composted. Composting is a scalable option that can be done on the level of a single-family home or a multi-acre property. Composting transforms what would otherwise be waste materials into a rich soil amendment that can be used for any number of applications from home lawns and gardens to multi-acre farms and orchards.



Repurposing and Reusing

Fallen trees and large pieces of scrap wood may be useful. With some creativity, these waste materials may be used to create borders for walkways, driveways, or other areas of properties. Trees may be used to create tiered or raised garden beds, fences, benches, or other useful objects from fallen or recently cut trees. Reaching out through social media or internet-based classifieds may help connect property owners with people looking for wood waste for other projects.

Where Can I Compost or Recycle Yard Debris in Lane County?

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| Action Drop Box (Lane Forest Products) 541-345-9085 |  |
| Apex 541-607-2042 |  |
| Coburg Sanitary Service Inc. (Beginning May 2021) 541-683-5929 |  |
| City of Junction City 541-998-2153 |  |
| Lane County Waste Management (Transfer Stations in Cottage Grove, Glenwood, and Florence) 541-682-4119 |  |
| Republic Services (Delivers large containers in Junction City) 541- 928- 2551 |  |
| Rexius Recycling 541-342-1835 |  |
| Royal Refuse 541-688-5622 |  |
| Sanipac, Inc. 541-736-3600 |  |

*For more information visit <https://www.lrapa.org/177/Outdoor-Burning-Program>

Citizen Advisory Committee Application

Name: **Robert Eric Burdette**

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

I have been interested in air quality issues for several years. This interest of mine began when my family and I were living in a developing country and the U.S. Consulate turned on its public AQI monitor. Living in this developing megacity, I used AQI to inform daily activities (Should I exercise? Should we spend time inside or outside?). Ultimately, concerns over environmental issues led to my family immigrating to the U.S. and settling in Eugene.

In Eugene, I enrolled in the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program at the University of Oregon. My continuing interest in air quality issues led me to intern with LRAPA for approximately five months, and this internship developed into a capstone project for my MPA program.

More recently, in September 2020, the wildfire smoke in Lane County revealed some shortcomings in local jurisdictions' contingency plans for how to respond to air quality events. I would like to be in a position to offer my experience and expertise in air quality issues to assist the committee in making informed decisions and advice to LRAPA to protect the health of Lane County residents in the future.

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

-Helped develop a Twitter bot to automatically broadcast AQI numbers and summaries for Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, based on numbers broadcast from the U.S. Consulate there.

-Interned with LRAPA from June to November 2019 and installed Purple Air sensors at a number of locations throughout Lane County. Used preliminary data from these sensors to draft a short report for LRAPA showing the differences between indoor and outdoor air quality at a number of different locations.

-Assisted in coordinating an MPA capstone project at UO to recommend policies on cleaner air shelters for Lane County. Was a group member and was instrumental in coordinating with stakeholders, research, editing, and more.

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

I would love this committee to address the need for increased air quality monitoring in Lane County. Furthermore, I would love the committee to advise and assist with coordinating to develop cleaner air shelters in Lane County.

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 am a former board member for Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation (BEST).

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

Yes, I am currently an advisor for Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation (BEST).

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

I believe I can make time for this meeting once a month.

**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

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