



CITY of THE DALLES

313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON 97058

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AGENDA

OPEN BURN POLICY COMMITTEE

April 26, 2011

4:00 p.m.

FIRE BAY CONFERENCE ROOM

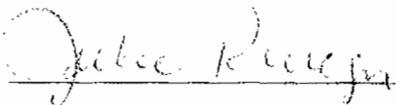
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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 19, 2011
3. REVIEW OF HISTORICAL INFORMATION
4. DISCUSSION REGARDING BURNING BARRELS
5. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting conducted in a handicap accessible room.

Prepared by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk



MINUTES

OPEN BURN POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
OF
APRIL 19, 2011
4:00 P.M.
CITY HALL SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Chair Chris Zukin

MEMBERS PRESENT: Russ Brown, Teresa Myers, Doug Tumilson, Pierce Louis, Kathy Heitkemper, Barbara Pashek, Bruce Lumper, Karen Murray, Dan Hammel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jaime Van Den Bosch

STAFF PRESENT: City Clerk Julie Krueger

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Mayor Wilcox welcomed the members of the Committee and thanked them for volunteering to serve on the Committee.

ELECT CHAIR

By unanimous ballot, Chris Zukin was elected to serve as Chair of the Committee.

REVIEW WORK SCOPE OF COMMITTEE

Chair Zukin asked for an overview and history of how this issue came to be assigned to the Committee for recommendations.

Kathy Heitkemper provided a review of the work done by the 2006 air Quality Task Force and said she had made a presentation to the City Council in July, 2010 requesting a burn ban in the City to protect public health.

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Staff was directed to obtain copies of the Air Quality Task Force minutes and information, and a copy of Mrs. Heitkemper's proposal to the City Council and to disseminate them to the Committee.

Fire Marshal Hammel was asked to provide information to the Committee regarding the number of burn permits issued annually and the number of complaints received.

In response to a question regarding disposal of yard debris, Pierce Louis said The Dalles Disposal provided free yard debris drop off during the months of April and October. He said he believed the fee for residential yard debris pick up was \$8.00 per month, but only approximately three percent of the residents used the service. Louis said it would be interesting to learn the universal rate impact if all residents used the service, saying it would likely be much more affordable if more people used the service to spread the cost of the service.

Chair Zukin asked if there was consensus that recreational and/or ceremonial fires would not be addressed by the Committee. There was unanimous agreement to not address the use of recreational and ceremonial fires.

There was agreement that the Committee would focus on open burning of yard debris and burn barrels.

Fire Marshal Hammel explained that the Fire District issued burn permits according to State statute and were not allowed to cite offenders, but could use a cost recovery fee. He said if the crews respond to complaints or there are fires caused by non-controlled burns, the District would assess the cost of the time and/or suppression to the offender.

SET FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee agreed to meet each Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:

Chris Zukin, Chair