



CITY of THE DALLES

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THE DALLES, OREGON 97058

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AGENDA

OPEN BURN POLICY COMMITTEE

May 3, 2011

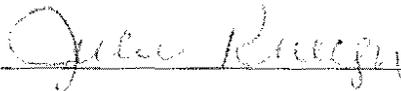
4:00 p.m.

FIRE BAY CONFERENCE ROOM
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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 26, 2011
3. DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVES TO BURNING IN BARRELS
4. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting conducted in a handicap accessible room.

Prepared by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk



MINUTES

OPEN BURN POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
OF
APRIL 26, 2011
4:00 P.M.
FIRE BAY CONFERENCE ROOM
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Chair Chris Zukin

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pierce Louis, Doug Tumilson

STAFF PRESENT: City Clerk Julie Krueger

GUESTS PRESENT: Jim Winterbottom, The Dalles Disposal; Sandra Ihrig

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Zukin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to approve the meeting minutes of April 19, 2011. The motion carried unanimously, Louis and Tumilson absent.

REVIEW OF HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Sandra Ihrig provided handouts regarding open burning and health conditions associated with dirty air.

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Chair Zukin said after reviewing the 2006 Air Quality Task Force information, it appeared the scope of that group had been much larger than the tasks assigned to this committee. He said it appeared the group didn't follow through with their recommendations.

Fire Marshal Hammel briefly reviewed the information he had provided regarding burn permits and violations.

Russ Brown said he had reviewed the DEQ rules and they were very specific about what could be burned. He said it seemed the real issue was enforcement.

Karen Murray said it would be important to educate citizens to learn how to find information regarding alternatives to burning. There was discussion regarding how to provide information to people to make the process of disposing of debris easy. It was noted the Tri-County Hazardous Waste agency did provide periodic information. It was the general consensus that alternatives to burning were available but information needed to be easily available to people.

There was a discussion regarding the cost of yard debris pick up service. Jim Winterbottom said the cost for weekly pick up was \$7.63 and bi-weekly service was \$5.24. He said an annual contract was required for yard debris pick up. It was noted that if all customers used yard debris pick up service, the rate could be reduced, possibly \$2 or \$3 per customer.

It was suggested the Committee recommend to the City Council to investigate adding yard debris service to regular garbage service for all customers in order to determine if there would be a change in cost for yard debris pick up when spread over a large customer base.

DISCUSSION REGARDING BURN BARRELS

It was moved by Pashek and seconded by Brown to recommend to the City Council that burn barrels be banned.

The Committee agreed to provide additional recommendations, to be determined at a future meeting, of alternatives to burning. The Committee members were asked to provide lists of what people currently burn.

The motion to recommend a ban on burn barrels was voted on and carried unanimously, Louis and Tumilson absent.

NEXT MEETING

It was decided to discuss alternatives to burning in barrels at the next meeting, May 3, 2011.

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Staff was asked to provide information regarding cost of shredding. Karen Murray said she would invite Terry Goss from Gorge Security Shred to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:

Chris Zukin, Chair