



AGENDA

OPEN BURN POLICY COMMITTEE

May 24, 2011

4:00 p.m.

FIRE BAY CONFERENCE ROOM
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 17, 2011
3. REVIEW DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING BURN BARRELS
4. DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING OPEN BURNING
5. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting conducted in a handicap accessible room.

Prepared by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk



MINUTES

OPEN BURN POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
OF
MAY 17, 2011
4:00 P.M.
FIRE BAY CONFERENCE ROOM
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Russ Brown

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair Chris Zukin, Dan Hammel

STAFF PRESENT: City Clerk Julie Krueger

GUESTS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

Russ Brown called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Pashek and seconded by Murray to approve the meeting minutes of May 3, 2011. The motion carried unanimously, Zukin and Hammel absent.

CONTINUE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVES TO BURNING IN BARRELS

Karen Murray reported that Tri-County Hazardous Waste and Recycling agency was launching a pilot program to include residential shredding services at each of their monthly events for the remainder of the year. She said staff would evaluate the pilot program at the end of the year.

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Following discussion, the Committee agreed to combine the previously developed recommendations into four broad recommendations to forward to City Council: a recommendation regarding education; developing programs to discontinue the use of burn barrels; considering alternative garbage services; and to consider expanding the ban to the urban growth boundary. Staff was directed to prepare a draft of these recommendations for Committee review at the next meeting.

Karen Murray volunteered to investigate yard debris removal for special needs citizens.

RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING OPEN BURNING

Russ Brown noted the DEQ had rules and burning seasons in place that would fit well for The Dalles, allowing for two seasons, March 1 through June 15 and October 1 through December 15.

Heitkemper said burning was a health concern and needed to be stopped.

The Committee agreed to discuss the impediments and alternatives available if there was a ban on open burning, at the May 24th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Submitted by/
Julie Krueger, MMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:

Chris Zukin, Chair

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OPEN BURN POLICY COMMITTEE TO CITY COUNCIL

1. Ban burn barrels.
 - A. Education. Develop an informational document and method for broad distribution that will inform citizens about existing recycling, composting and hazardous waste disposal programs; information regarding reduced garbage fees for senior/low income residents; and consider expanding the Community Clean Up Day event to provide information regarding alternatives to burning and to involve service organizations to help residents who are unable to bring yard debris to a drop off site.
 - B. Alternatives to Burn Barrels. Develop a phase out period (90 days) for burn barrels and develop a program to allow residents to trade their burn barrel for a shredder (for those who normally burn confidential papers) or a certificate for a month of garbage service in trade for the barrel. The Committee recommends seeking a grant to fund this program.
 - C. Upgrades to Garbage Service. Direct The Dalles Disposal to prepare information regarding alternative programs including, but not limited to, universal (mandatory) garbage service; service that would include garbage, recycle and yard debris pick up for one set fee; options for various can sizes; options for bi-weekly pick up; offer a free yard debris drop off day once per week.
 - D. Burn Ban Boundary. Dialogue with Wasco County regarding extending the City burn ban to the Urban Growth Boundary.