

West Silver Valley Citizens Advisory Committee

The West Silver Valley Citizens Advisory Committee met on October 15th at the Pinehurst City Hall in Pinehurst. In attendance were 7 local residents and DEQ staff. The meeting started out with a breakdown of the grant funding and an explanation by Mark Boyle of how the funds were to be allocated. He also indicated that the actual funds are expected in December which would allow some planning time for the woodstove changeout. He also gave an update regarding the woodstove survey. Ralph briefly went over the ordinance and informed the group of a scheduled meeting with the commissioners on Monday 10/19 and the group were encouraged to attend the meeting. Ralph also inquired if more “No idling” signs were needed and if everyone obtained what they wanted. He also reported back to the group about speaking to the Silver Valley Chamber of Commerce. He asked the group if they still wanted to pursue brochures and magnets. The group still wanted to proceed with the messaging and Denna would work up a brochure for review. Mark indicated that the no idling stickers should be available shortly. Ralph then moved the conversation to woodstoves and gave a brief history of changeouts that have occurred over the years in the Pinehurst area. He also handed out copies of Sandpoint’s woodstove ordinance. The meeting adjourned at about 7:05 PM.

Notes October 15th

1. Introductions - In attendance were 7 local residents; Maureen Gilbert, Bob Launhardt, Joe and Karen Maravilla, Steve Aubuchon, Carol Young and Jann Higdem. DEQ staff included Mark Boyle, Denna Grangaard and Ralph Paul.
2. Committee Business
 - New Business** – Mark Boyle provided a breakdown of the grant funding and areas addressed in the grant. He also explained that the funds were expected in December. He provided an update on the survey and informed the group that comments regarding the survey had been passed along to Boise State. Ralph went over the final draft of the open burn ordinance that the group developed and a meeting was scheduled with the commissioners for Monday 10/19. Jann Higdem requested a wording change in the ordinance’s purpose to better explain what it changes.
3. Action Items (10 min)
 - **No Idling signs** – Ralph inquired if any more signs were needed and if all that requested them had received them. Denna also reminded the group that a list had been started for additional places the signs might be placed. Denna has additional signs available and Ralph indicated more can be obtained.

- **Meetings** – Ralph reported that he had spoken with the Silver Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Shoshone News Press ran a story on it. Overall the meeting went well.
- **Messaging – Brochure/magnet/sticker/seasonal message** – Ralph inquired if the group still wanted to develop a brochure and magnet. Denna reported to the group she had developed some short messaging which would work for the brochure or magnet. Denna will develop a brochure using the information and send it to the group for review. Mark informed the group that the “No Idling” sticker had been printed and should be available soon. Carol reported that two seasonal messages had been printed in the SNP.

4. Topic Discussion

- **Woodstoves** – Ralph began the discussion by reporting to the group the history of woodstove changeouts in the Pinehurst area from the 1990's to the last one conducted in 2012. Time ran short for additional discussions. Ralph passed out copies of Sandpoint's woodstove ordinance for the group to review and discuss at the next meeting.

5. Comments – Bob Launhardt mentioned the importance of radon and combined with wood smoke, it could have an enhanced effect on residents' health.

6. Next meeting – November 19th 6 - 7 PM Panhandle Health District Office, Kellogg

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