

Meeting Minutes
Air Quality Committee
Meeting of March 20, 2014

A meeting of the Air Quality Committee was held on Thursday, March 20, 2014 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Welcome and Introductions

Mayor JoAnn Seghini, AQC Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m. Mayor Seghini welcomed committee members and guests.

AQC Members and Alternates Present:

Mark Allen	Mayor, Washington Terrace
Kip Billings	WFRC
Carmen Freeman	Mayor, Herriman
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Randy Lewis	Mayor, Bountiful
JoAnn Seghini, Chair	Mayor, Midvale
Matt Sibul	UTA
Justin Stoker	Councilmember, West Jordan
Kathy VanDame	Wasatch Clean Air Coalition
Ted Wilson	Utah Clean Air

AQC Representatives and Others Present:

Wayne Bennion	WFRC
Elden Bingham	UDOT
Kim Clark	VIA Consulting
Louis Cooper	Weber County
Nate Currey	Envision Utah/Clean Air Action Team
Kirsten Eliassen	TravelWise
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Susan Hardy	MAG
Jeff Harris	UDOT
Tracy Jackson	WFRC
Linda Johnson	League of Women Voters – Salt Lake
Tina Kelley	Councilmember, Morgan County
Sam Klemm	WFRC
G.J. LaBonty	UTA
Sean Murphy	SLC Council Staff
Deborah Sigman	Breathe Utah
Glade Sowards	DAQ

Members excused:

1. Approval of Meeting Summary

The meeting minutes for the October 17, 2013 were deferred until the next convened meeting.

Mayor Seghini requested that the Committee review the legislative session even though it is not on the agenda.

Andrew Gruber started the discussion by providing a handout of the Clean Air Legislation-Utah Legislature General Session 2014. This handout provided some background on the legislative session, along with the bills and appropriations requests that passed. More progress was made at this session on air quality than at any time in the past. The focus of this committee is on transportation issues related to air quality.

One very significant air quality related issue that did not pass is House Bill 388. This was a bill that would have authorized counties to put on ballot for voters to decide whether they wanted to increase funding for transit.

There were a lot of pieces of air quality regulation that did pass:

- Funding requests were adopted
- Additional funding for public awareness
- Infrastructure for electric vehicle charging stations

Mr. Gruber explained that what didn't happen at this legislative session was legislation guaranteeing Tier 3 fuels in Utah.

Matt Sibul talked about HB388. He indicated that we were optimistic. All clean air groups really came together to rally around it. It was a great shift in momentum for air quality issues.

Mayor Seghini suggested that the Committee send a letter to the editor of acknowledgement for those involved in legislative issues regarding air quality. The Committee agreed.

2. Proactive Transportation-related Air Quality Strategies

a. Air Quality Committee Background

Kip Billings presented a slide show providing a brief background on the WFRC Air Quality Committee. The slideshow is available on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org.

b. TravelWise Update

An update on the TravelWise Program was provided by Angelo Papastamos and Kim Clark. An important part of the program is to reduce single use vehicles. They have created kits for businesses and communities. They have teamed with interns, Kirsten and Christina, to focus on community outreach. The interns will work to introduce or reintroduce TravelWise to the communities.

Mayor Freeman requested that this be presented at the Salt Lake County COG.

3. Updates on Air Quality Improvement Activities

a. PM2.5 SIP

Glade Sowards provided an update on the PM2.5 SIP, which has been going on for over the past 2-1/2 years. The Air Quality Board approved it in December and January. Mr. Sowards explained that there was a lawsuit with the EPA. The SIP will be completed again and submitted by September 2014.

b. UCAIR

Ted Wilson gave a brief description of the UCAIR Committee which he chairs. Their mission is primarily educational, and they try to provide assistance through grants programs.

They have worked to develop partnerships and have expanded greatly. Their intent is to seek diversity, come to a common table, with a place to coordinate, as well as a place to work together. They really want businesses who want to clean up their act.

Mr. Wilson suggested going to UCAIR.org to see more detail for this program.

c. Clean Air Action Team

The Clean Air Action Team is working with UCAIR. They have been tasked with coming up with legislative policy. Two recommendations are the Tier 3 fuels and limiting wood burning stoves. They are working to determine what can be done better next time, legislatively, so that more items get passed.

4. Proposed Tier 3 Vehicle Emission Standards

Glade Sowards provided a slide show providing details on Tier 3 vehicles and fuel standards. There was some further discussion regarding this subject. The slideshow is available on the WFRC website.

Susan Hardy stated that the EPA Administration had already signed Tier 3 on March 3. She questioned why it was not published, yet.

Mr. Sowards indicated that it should not be long.

5. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

6. Other Business

Legislation regarding air quality issues was discussed at the beginning of the meeting. There was no other business.

7. Next Meeting: May 15, 2014 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.