Meeting Minutes: Burn Plan/Ban Subcommittee
Monday August 23, 2021

Members Attending:, Tonya Johnson, Johanna Peeters Weem Ed Uecker. **Not Attending**: Fallon Harris. Greg Arrigotti

Start Time: 7:06 PM PDST

End Time: 7:46 PM PDST

(1) Tonja reported that she had been in touch w/ FG Fire, but that she had been asked to call back later, person was not available when she called, so the "phone tag" there continues.

(2) Tonja further commented on how the deeper she digs, the more information needs to be read and the more questions arise.

(3) Ed informed the group that he had developed a list of questions that might be helpful in developing a more complete body of information in a single contact visit, so as to minimize the phone tag or the need for a series of calls to ask "follow up" questions. Ed said he would send his notes to all team members.

(4) Ed also reported that he had gathered info from 8 different sources including Fire Depts and FPDs (fire protection districts). Most info talks about the legal parameters of various types of burning, but little to no discussion about enforcement. The question also occurred that was enforcement really an issue: Did resident simply comply. Contact names within various entities are in hand, but because many of the contacts are volunteers nailing them down and establishing interview times is a challenge.

(5) Tonja looked at Oregon DEQs AQI monitoring station at Pacific U. (near Parr Lumber) and went back a full year and noticed that over the past year, except for those days we had all the smoke from fires, the numbers were pretty much identical for the rest of the year, regardless of field burning and backyard burning days (NOTE: We need to go back 2 and 3 years to look at the data AND we need to establish what AQ level is considered "good" and how and when that data varies from that, i.e. Do we even HAVE a problem created by backyard burning? Bearing in mind that the data comes from a single monitoring point, not from multiple stations throughout the community) Ed suggested that if we determine more monitoring station are needed could we possibly attach those additional stations to the existing AQI monitoring system in FG?

(6) Anna pointed out that much of FG is NOT under the Metro Ban on burning and few have yard debris pickup. Anna agreed to contact Waste Management and get a map of where WM does and not not make yard debris can pickup available. Part of FG is under a burn ban from METRO Part of FG is NOT . Anna will pursue more information on boundaries and the scope of yard debris p/u.

(7) Tonja suggested a need for a strategy to begin organizing all the information we're gathering. Ed suggested that we download any document that contains info that appears to, or definitely

contains useful info for our purposes. We agreed to use the strategy for “source citing” information we each gather (SJ-1, SJ-2, SJ-3, etc) so we can easily access and document that info for clarity and transparency. Tonja suggested a GOOGLE.DOC be created where we could each post info we gather so that we have awareness of what others are finding out and how those documents may inform each of our efforts. Tonja agreed to see if a GOOGLEDOC is OK RE our communications requirements.

(8) Team discussed the lack of enforcement policies and practices regarding violations.

(9) SUMMARY: Our input is still raw and not really in a form to begin delegating specific tasks. As we sort out what we need to pursue in further depth.

(10) Anna reported that there was not much new out of Hillsboro or Washington County whose policies and practices were first reviewed a couple of months ago.

(11) Discussed complications regarding next meeting date, so, as Greg had said that Mondays at 7PM are always do-able for him. Finally decided on Sept 6th at 7PM for our next “check-in” with the understanding that the date is flexible and can be adjusted to ensure that we're all able to attend. Johanna will not be keeping their Full ZOOM account, so we asked about either the City paying for a monthly account till our task is complete OR if Elizabeth

(12) Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM PDST

Minutes prepared & submitted by Ed Uecker