

Meeting Minutes: Burn Plan/Ban Subcommittee

Monday September 20, 2021

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

Start Time: 7:06 PM PDST

End Time: 7:58 PM PDST

- (1) Greg found out that FG IT was unable to host the data we talked about pulling down from the 3 available AQ monitoring sites that cover FG, it made no sense to pursue gathering and doing an analysis of the data especially since many of the monitoring stations other than the DEQ station, were technologically “consumer grade” and the scope, detail and precision of the measurements would be able to give us data in the depth of detail we require.
- (2) It was also felt by the team that an outright ban of backyard burning (as most other municipalities in the region have already done) would be far easier to implement than any kind of rotating burning plan that requires community members to monitor that daily status of whether they can burn or not.
- (3) We also discussed sever EPA and American Rescue grants dollars but Greg pointed out that the grants had short deadlines that FG would probably not be in a position to access in time. The documents have been saved.
- (4) Greg also clarified that his understanding of our mission was not so much about creating a body of supporting evidence to justify a burn ban, so much as to create a proposal to send to the city council as to why a ban is needed and to address the benefits of such a ban.
- (5) It was felt by the team that several elements of the compiled research documents (i.e. the Yamhill Fire Protection District's detailed policy statement) may have some value to the council once they are further down the road toward making a decision, it was broadly felt that we were presently wading in a much greater depth of research materials that was necessary to successfully complete our mission as requested by the City Council and that we should simplify our investigation and look toward to developing a list of points that will provide the necessary support for our recommendations to the City Council.
- (6) It was agreed that each team member would submit a list of bullet points in support of a ban recommendation by Sunday, September 26. The team further agreed to meet via ZOOM on Wednesday October 6th in order to discuss and compile items from those four lists into single document to send to the City Council.
- (7) The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM PDST

*Minutes prepared & submitted by Ed Uecker
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