

MINUTES

REGIONAL AIR QUALITY COUNCIL

Thursday, July 1, 1999

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shirleen Tucker, *CHAIRMAN*
Dennis Arfmann, *Holme Roberts & Owen*
Theresa Donahue, *City & County of Denver*
Jane Norton, *Colo. Dept. Public Hlth & Env.*
Tom Norton, *Colo. Dept. of Transportation*
Don Parsons, *DRCOG*
Jim Scherer
Melanie Worley, *Douglas County*

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Sharon Votruba, *City of Thornton* (Excused)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ken Lloyd, RAQC; Misty Howell, RAQC; Jerry Dilley, RAQC; Annmarie Jensen, RAQC; Michele Majeune, RAQC; Gerald Gallagher, APCD; George Gerstle, CDOT; Jim Ives, City of Aurora; Jeff Holwell, Town of Superior; Erin Vadney, Boulder County Health Department; Ron Gallegos, City of Longmont; Dan Painter, City of Longmont; Richard Fritz, NOAA; Amy Mueller, City of Boulder; Dan Corson, City of Boulder; Mike Silverstein, APCD; Alice Guthrie, City of Boulder; Mary George; Mark Fox, New Century Energies; Clark Griep, City of Broomfield; Doug Lempke, AQCC; Spenser Havlick, City of Boulder; Clark Misner, Boulder County; Dickey Lee Hullinghorst, Boulder County; Tom Mayer, City of Louisville; Jim Brandon, Environmental Systems; and Margy Christiansen.

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. at the Meadows Branch Library in Boulder. A quorum was present.

Welcome and Introductions

Shirleen Tucker welcomed everyone to the RAQC meeting. Council members and members of the audience introduced themselves.

Approval of the Agenda

Jim Scherer moved to accept the agenda. Seconded by Melanie Worley. Motion passed without objection.

Approval of the Minutes

Dennis Arfmann moved to accept the minutes, with the correct spelling of Jim Scherer's name on page 3. Seconded by Jim Scherer. Motion passed without objection.

Informational Items

Chairman:

Shirleen Tucker informed Council that the meeting with the City of Westminster was very productive. Westminster City Council and staff are willing to continue their participation with the RAQC.

Executive Director:

Ken Lloyd gave Council an overview of the ozone advisory program. The first ozone advisory was called on June 25th. While the area did not have an exceedance on that day, a high value occurred on the following day, June 26th.

There was discussion on how local papers are covering the ozone alerts. The Rocky Mountain News is including the alert on its weather page. Council asked Michele Majeune to follow up with the Denver Post.

Members:

Don Parsons presented recognition awards to former RAQC members and alternates who were present at the meeting - Spenser Havlick, City of Boulder; Dickey Lee Hullinghorst, Boulder County; and George Gerstle, Colorado Dept. of Transportation.

Committees:

No Reports.

Boulder County Community Initiatives

Boulder County Health Department - Pollution Prevention Program

Erin Vadney, Boulder County Health Department, gave an overview of the County's current pollution prevention programs. The PACE program provides technical information and assistance to small businesses. This program is mainly pollution prevention for auto body, auto repair and printing shops. Currently, there are 90 partially certified businesses and 60 fully certified business in the program. This program is mostly funded through grants.

Boulder County is also involved in the NCP3 (Northeastern Colorado Pollution Prevention Partnership) program. This is a cooperative effort with counties north of Boulder to Wyoming and northeast of Boulder to Nebraska.

Boulder County Health Department is also working cooperatively with the City and County of Denver to implement some pollution prevention programs.

Boulder County Intergovernmental Affairs - County wide Transportation Planning

Dickey Lee Hullinghorst, Boulder County Intergovernmental Relations Director, gave an overview of important issues facing citizens in Boulder County. According to a Boulder County poll, growth management and transportation issues are top concerns.

Ms. Hullinghorst handed out a summary of the Northwest Parkway Agreement of 1999 as a sample of how governments are working together to solve land use and transportation problems. Tom Mayer, City of Louisville, interjected the agreement provides surrounding road updating.

Clark Misner, Boulder County Transportation, gave an overview of the Regional Transportation Task Force's final report to the consortium of cities. Population and employment estimates were used to create a computerized traffic model to project future traffic volume on the region's roads. He explained that the Task Force evaluated alternatives to reduce trips.

Tom Mayer, City of Louisville, said the participants agreed on what needed to be done, but now they need to look at what is affordable. He appreciated the elements that came together in the process to work in good faith to come to this compromise.

City of Longmont - New Urbanism Development

Ron Gallegos, City of Longmont, introduced the new urbanism development being used in Longmont.

Dan Painter, Longmont Planning Department, distributed a blueprint for a new urbanism development. He explained the development is mixed use which is heavy on residential. Architectural style is important. This type of development is supposed to create a sense of community.

City of Boulder - Ozone media spots for Cable Channel 8

Alice Guthrie, City of Boulder Environmental Affairs, briefed Council on Boulder's ozone awareness campaign. The environmental affairs department works with city departments on environmental programs. She showed Council the 30 second Eco-tip that will be run on Channel 8. The Boulder Daily Camera has agreed to print the ozone ad as a filler when there is space available. Boulder also has four-minutes on a 30 minute show that runs on Channel 8.

Public Comment and Discussion

Spenser Havlick, Boulder Councilman, thanked the Council for their outreach effort by coming to Boulder. He suggested Council consider the transit options available when selecting their next meeting location.

Regarding the ozone program, he expressed that voluntarism is great, but it is not going to get the region out of its dilemma. Some of the best projects have been done with some nudging.

Mr. Havlick stated that if the population reduced their driving by one day a week, there would be a 20% reduction in tailpipe emissions. This is something that may capture the attention of the citizens. It is important to share and emphasize the health impacts with citizens.

He will send a detailed letter to Council outlining 15 actions that can be taken.

Status of Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan

Jim Scherer summarized the work of the Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan Subcommittee. The main focus of discussions was what can be done that will be acceptable to EPA.

Ken Lloyd gave a detailed overview of the Subcommittee's June 16th meeting. The Subcommittee made the following recommendations:

- Reduce oxygen content to 1.5%
- Retain transient, biennial test
 - Can be centralized, decentralized, test-only or test-and-repair
 - Evaluate options for transient test
- Retain 4 model year exemptions
- Evaluate up to 80% of fleet with remote sensing to "clean" screen or "dirty" screen vehicles.

There was discussion on clean versus dirty screening with remote sensing.

Dennis Arfmann moved to accept the Subcommittee recommendations and direct the Subcommittee to evaluate enforcement options, conduct further analysis of dirty screen tools and evaluate initial costs for the August meeting. Seconded by Tom Norton. The motion passed without objection.

EPA's Proposed Tier 2 Vehicle Standards and Gasoline Sulfur Standards

Ken Lloyd gave Council a brief overview of EPA's proposed Tier 2 and gasoline sulfur standards. He explained that the auto industry generally supports the air quality goals of the new standards. The petroleum industry advocates a regional program, excluding most of the West where ozone problems are not widespread. Environmental and health groups strongly support the new standards.

Council discussed the cost-benefit relationship of these standards. Council decided to not take a position on the standards, but to submit a letter to EPA with specific comments regarding the standards. Specifically, Council would like EPA to

- Review regional analysis in the West
- Look at small refineries to be included with small refiners
- Look at the timing of standard implementation

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.