

**Meeting Minutes**  
Air Quality Committee  
Meeting of August 20, 2015

A meeting of the Air Quality Committee was held on Thursday, August 20, 2015 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Mayor Karen Cronin**, AQC Member, called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. Mayor Cronin welcomed committee members and guests.

**AQC Members and Alternates Present:**

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| Mark Allen       | Mayor, Washington Terrace     |
| Daryl Ballantyne | Council Member, Morgan County |
| Kip Billings     | WFRC                          |
| Bryce Bird       | UDAQ                          |
| Karen Cronin     | Mayor, Perry City             |
| Cory Pope        | UDOT                          |

**AQC Representatives and Others Present:**

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| Wayne Bennion      | WFRC                     |
| Elden Bingham      | UDOT                     |
| Michelle Bjorklund | WFRC                     |
| Julie Bjornstad    | WFRC                     |
| Steve Call         | FHWA                     |
| Kim Clark          | TravelWise               |
| Ned Hacker         | WFRC                     |
| Susan Hardy        | MAG                      |
| GJ LaBonty         | UTA                      |
| Linda Johnson      | LWV-SL & Breathe Utah    |
| Daniel Mendoza     | GCSC, University of Utah |
| Ashley Miller      | Breathe Utah             |
| Justin Morgan      | FHWA                     |

**Approval of Meeting Summary**

Cory Pope moved that the meeting minutes for May 21, 2015 be approved. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mark Allen and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**DAQ Update**

Bryce Bird gave an update on the wildfires and said that 106 western wildfires are currently burning and affecting Utah and the states to the west and north as well.

The state plan for PM<sub>10</sub> is on schedule to go to the Air Quality Board for the September 2 meeting. There will be a comment period during the month of October and then the plan will be brought back to the Air Quality Board for final adoption in December.

The EPA is expected to revise the ozone standard on or near October 1, 2015. Kip Billings asked if there was any possibility that the EPA will keep the ozone standard at 75 or are they required to make some reduction. Bryce Bird answered no, that the EPA proposed that if they took comments on leaving it where it is then they are able to leave the standard where it is if they choose to.

### **Proactive Air Quality Strategies**

Kim Clark with TravelWise gave an overview and slide presentation on what the program has been working on. The TravelWise program is a behavior change program that focuses on getting people in Utah to reduce their single occupancy vehicle trips. The benefits include reduction of energy, optimizing mobility from a transportation perspective and reducing air quality impacts.

### **Clear the Air Challenge**

Kip Billings gave an update on the participation of WFRC staff in the Clear the Air Challenge. Overall for the challenge there were 142,000 vehicle trips eliminated in the month of July with over 3700 participants. At WFRC the office was divided into two groups for the challenge, "The Young Guns" and the "Over the Hill Gang". As an office we improved our totals for trips reduced and miles reduced from last year totals.

### **Refinery Tour Event**

Kip Billings announced that a tour of the Tesoro Refinery has been set up and will take place in late September or early October. The tour would involve riding in a van and driving through the facility to learn of the refinery process. The invitation was extended to Air Quality Committee members and Council members. Mr. Billings asked who would be interested in attending by show of hands. There was a suggestion that the tour be held on October 15, the next regularly scheduled Air Quality Committee meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Linda Johnson of Breathe Utah suggested that with all of the road construction going on, she would like to see better signage with big letters on big signs. Ms. Johnson urged everyone to vote yes on the transit tax issue in November. Ms. Johnson also suggested that there be more bicycle racks available at grocery stores so that more people can ride their bikes and lock them up while they shop.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business

**Next Meeting:** October 15, 2015 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.