

CENTRAL TEXAS AIR INFORMATION AND RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 10:00 AM

Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) 2180 North Main Street Belton, TX 76513

Voting Members Present

Marsha Hardy—San Saba County
Bill Petersen—Panda Temple Power
Gene Mikeska—Bell Co. Public Health
(Proxy for Cathy Brem)
Bob Harrell—Coryell County

Kara Escajeda—City of Nolanville
Joseph Molis—Chair, City of Harker Heights
David Olson—City of Killeen
Angellia Points—City of Belton
Ana Borchardt—Belton EDC

Others Present

John Weber—CTCOG/KTMPO Cheryl Maxwell— CTCOG/KTMPO Jennifer Lawyer--CTCOG

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Joseph Molis called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no public comment.

III. ACTION ITEM—APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 31, 2017 MEETING:

Bob Harrell made a motion to approve the minutes. David Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEM REGARDING CTAIR BILLBOARDS

Jennifer passed around concept art for each billboard noting they the final product would be developed by professional artists. She further stated that CTAIR had enough funds for three billboards, and that the TCEQ would like to see more positive imagery.

The Committee engaged in discussion of billboard ideas and decided upon the good versus polluted scene (Choice is Yours), a kid friendly Good Up High, Bad Nearby, and Keep Our Air Clean featuring alternative transportation. Modifications would be made to the concepts, and the final choices would be voted upon by the Committee online.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEM REGARDING:

A. Ozone Advance Program

Jennifer reminded Committee members that the Ozone Advance Program is a voluntary program that promotes local action in attainment areas to reduce ozone, or to keep from reaching nonattainment status. CTAIR would not have to undertake anything new in order to join Ozone Advance. Once accepted, a Path Forward Plan would be submitted. This plan has already been completed by Ramboll-Environ. The EPA recommends committing to this program for five years with an option to renew.

There was a brief discussion on different ways to publicize the CTAIR program and its messages.

Joseph Molis asked for a motion to join the Ozone Advance Program. Marsh Hardy made a motion. Bill Petersen seconded. The motion passed.

B. FY 18/19 Work Plan

Jennifer stated that the draft work plan outlines what will be happening in fiscal year 2018/2019. The final work plan is due to TCEQ on August 15, 2017. Jennifer asked the Committee what type of education and outreach programs they would like to include for FY 2018/2019.

The Committee liked the idea of distributing and planting trees throughout the region in order to help with air quality. Motion to adopt the FY 18/19 work plan with a tree program as the main educational project was made by David Olson. Kara Escajeda seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Jennifer stated that only 24 bike docks remained from the bike rack program.

VII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting was scheduled to be held in July or August. Jennifer will send out a Doodle poll for a specific time and date.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

These minutes were approved by a quorum of the CTAIR advisory committee at their meeting on August 10, 2017.

Joseph Molis, CTAIR Chair

Cheryl Maxwell, CTCOG Planning Director