

March 7th, 2014 AMATS Air Quality Advisory Committee Meeting
11:30AM- 1:00PM Department of Health & Human Services, room 423

AMATS Air Quality Committee Members in Attendance:

Kimberly Morgan	Health Profession Representative
Jedediah Smith	Public Transit Advisory Board Representative
Jim Brown, Ph.D.	Environmental Professional
Marge Stoneking	American Lung Assoc. of Alaska
John Laux	Health & Human Services Commission
Neil Thalaker	Public member
Bruce Lee	Public member

Staff and Public in Attendance:

Craig Lyon	MOA Transportation Planning / AMATS MPO
Aaron Jongenelen	ADOT&PF Planning
Steve Morris	MOA Department of Health & HS Deputy
Matt Stichick	MOA DHHS Air Quality Section
Christopher Salerno	MOA DHHS Air Quality Section
Anne Schlapia	MOA DHHS Air Quality Section

Meeting began with roll call at 11:35am.

Approval of May 20, 2013 minutes: Brown / Lee, unanimous without changes.

Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, Representative to Technical Advisory Committee

Prior to nominations and voting, members reviewed the AAQAC By-Laws which describe terms, voting, attendance and such. Marge Stoneking nominated **Jed Smith** for Committee Chair; John Laux 2nd, all in agreement. Jim Brown nominated **Kimberly Morgan** as Vice-Chair; unanimous agreement. Marge was nominated by Jim Brown for AAQAC representative to the AMATS TAC. **Craig Lyon** brought out that TAC meets on the second Thursday of each month and also frequently holds work sessions. Ten of the eleven-member committee are staff of various organizations; depending on employer, the AAQAC representative may not be compensated for this service. John Laux was also interested in the position but withdrew. **Marge Stoneking** was approved by acclamation and **John Laux** will serve as first alternate.

Discussions: Jedediah asked if the TAC had expanded membership to include a Bike and Pedestrian Committee representative as noted in the minutes reviewed today from May 19, 2013. Craig said the TAC had not. Steve Morris clarified that members serving the unexpired portion of a predecessor's term would be eligible to remain on the committee for a second term.

AMATS – an overview of the Anchorage MPO and responsibilities of AAQAC

Craig Lyon used the presentation he supplied to explain the purpose of an MPO, the various AMATS committees, funding sources used for transportation and the role of the Air Quality Committee.

Anchorage Air Quality – an overview of the Program and pollutants.

Matt Stichick gave a presentation describing the work of the MOA Air Quality Section, showing the monitoring sites used by the municipality, and naming the criteria and non-criteria pollutants monitored. He gave a brief overview of the carbon monoxide trend in Anchorage and drew attention to the critical need for control of coarse particulate (PM-10) in order to avoid exceeding EPA's standards for the pollutant. He said that EPA does not combine exceedances in Eagle River with those of Anchorage. Steve Morris discussed the use of magnesium chloride brine to control dust emissions from major arterial roadways.

Update on revision of Anchorage Air Quality Ordinances (AMC,15.30 & 15.35)

Matt explained that Air ordinances had not been revised in many years, but updating was now underway by the Department. He provided a handout briefly summarizing the process to implement AQ regulations that are more stringent than those of the State. He explained that a justification and review must be conducted that includes an analysis of economic impacts as well as provision for public input. In view of the numerous complaints the Section receives about wood smoke and increasing housing density, Anchorage is proposing conservative standards for wood boilers and for the opacity of wood smoke. While AMATS is not involved in these standards, Steve Morris asked whether the Committee would consider reviewing and commenting on new ordinances on an ad-hoc basis. John made a motion to convene the Committee for this purpose / Bruce 2nd and support was unanimous.

Rather than scheduling standard meeting dates for AAQAC, the Committee agreed to meet when necessary. A preference for use of online polling as the preferred tool for planning was expressed, and ones requested that the date be set well in advance. Members requested a microphone at the next meeting.

Marge moved to adjourn at 12:55pm; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.