

Outdoor Venues Workgroup meeting minutes of 5/14/15

Attendees: Kirsten Ingersoll, Steven Blakesly, Ashley Baggett, Shannon Durkee, Kris Williams, Kristen Davis, Belinda Ballah, Kristen Wils, Christy Inskip, Diana Dockey, Emily de Hayr, Shellie Campbell, Erik Vidstrand, Mathew Stevenson, Jim Becraft, Janet Jones, DeAnne Mansveld, Leslie, Kay Roberts, Pieter L., Steven Brown (Lane), Tara Weston

Introductions and welcome by Emily.

Committee Updates:

Oregon Fairs Association conference: Still need volunteers

Oregon Parks and Recreation Assoc. conference – Erik submitted an abstract proposal for a breakout session to include 3 panelists, Laurie Stern from Hood River, Richard Wilkosky with Oregon Parks and Recreation and the safety and security manager from the Oregon Zoo. The theme this year includes equity and diversity and the session would build on last year's presentation and focus on implementation of policy. Erik will send Emily a copy of the proposal outline.

League of Oregon Cities: Still waiting to hear back from them on whether we are able to submit an article for their September newsletter.

Association of Oregon Counties: Nothing new to report

Gold standard parks policy: Ashley had asked if there was such a policy through HPCDP. HPCDP has copies of all policies that have been adopted around the state but does not have a Gold Standard policy recommended by them. Rede Group has developed a Gold Standard properties policy. Tara will take our request for a similar parks policy to HPCDP. The Tobacco Legal Consortium has a new toolkit available titled Regulating Tobacco Use Outdoors.

Diana has offered to update the parks and tobacco free fairs brochures. Please check the list Emily sent out on 5/11/15 to assess accurateness and send any corrections to Diana. Brookings has smokefree parks and needs to be added and La Grande will have tobacco free parks as of 30 days from their second reading on June 3rd. It was suggested that we share the list with all TPEP coordinators to confirm statewide accuracy.

Group Updates:

Steven B. – Last night Clatsop County heard second reading of tobacco free parks policy which includes e-cigarettes. The policy passed and went into effect today covering all parks in Clatsop County.

Christy – Veneta city council drafting policy for tobacco free parks policy which includes e-cigarettes and will go into effect in July.

Steven (Lane) – WillamaLane parks are meeting tomorrow to discuss tobacco free parks including e-cigarettes in Springfield. Possible exception for certain rental contracts. Eugene city parks are on the verge of adopting tobacco free policy. Lane county moving forward with tobacco free properties including parks and fairgrounds.

Kristen (Curry) – Brookings parks which are now smokefree will be going tobacco free.

Belinda – at the Fair Association meeting the sheriff tied in e-cigarettes to concerns of marijuana use. Belinda is looking for examples of “fun” tobacco free event signs for their Farmer’s Markets.

Emily – F.Y.I. – the Marion county Fair department has approved a vendor contract with an e-cigarette vendor to sell vape products at the fair. She recommends making sure that all policies adopted locally have language to prohibit this type of sale.

Shellie – Wasco Parks and Rec are strengthening their tobacco free policy to include e-cigarettes.

Kristen (Klamath) – Currently they have smokefree parks and playgrounds. County is trying to align with city parks for consistency. Reconnecting with fair board to determine their intention to continue smokefree fair as the fairgrounds does not have a policy. Monday the downtown association will be requesting that the “Third Thursday” events go smokefree. The hope is that all of the downtown events will eventually be smokefree.

Mathew – The fair board included e-cigarettes in their smokefree fairs policy. The fairgrounds do not have policy.

Erik – an evaluation team has formed to ensure their parks policy is equitable and does not target specific groups. Every spring there is an event titled “Whiskey Town”. Kretek who manufactures 12 clove Djarum cigars (small cigarette-looking cigars) sets up a tent similar to the old Marlboro tents. Erik asked that we watch our own communities for this type of promotion. Emily indicated that a store in Marion County had a table display out in front with similar merchandise. When she questioned them she was told it was legal because they are “cigars”.

Ashley – Presented to St. Helens city council. They are moving forward with tobacco free parks.

Kris – Presented to Crook County fair board last month on adopting a tobacco free fairgrounds policy. They have formed a committee to explore options.

Next Outdoor Venues Workgroup call is scheduled for 11-12, on June 11. We will continue discussion on Gold Standard policy for parks and info on what the committee participation looks like.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Williams, Crook County