



**Air Victoria Community Advisory Panel Minutes
January 15, 2008
12:30 -2:00 p.m., Room 204, 700 Main Center**

Those in attendance:

Michael Fields	Joni Brown	Marie Lester
Jerry James	Angie Sherman	Ross Crysup
Charles Kulow	Tim Strawbridge	Bryan Ellis
Brent Kartchner	Dustin Blumenthal	Ross Spann
Scott Hansen	Glenda Sweric	

Joni Brown welcomed everyone and each person introduced themselves.

Marie Lester gave an update about the Blue Sky Initiative. 582 pledges were made in fall of 2007. That's 1164 pounds of pollution reduced per school day, which is 81480 pounds per year. Five more schools will implement Blue Sky Initiative in fall 2009.

Joni Brown gave an update about Victoria Transit on behalf of Lisa Cortinas. Ridership at Transit is steady. Transit will be adding a North Route. Environmental Services will not wrap a bus as advertising until Transit purchases new buses.

Bryan Ellis from Tex Dot announced that they had wrapped up their clean air plan for this years ozone season. 3500 people participated. NOx reduction based on program data was 20 tons per year and VOC reduction was 33 tons per year. Tex Dot was 1st place for the 4th year in a row based on participation and reduction in air pollution. A transportation commission meeting will be held at the Welder Center on January 31st and on January 29th a Town Hall meeting will be held at the Community Center Annex about the I-69 project. A public hearing for the I-69 project will be held on February 27th in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Jerry James discussed air quality legislation. TCEQ expanded their air quality program but additional funding is not for Near Non-Attainment areas like Victoria. TCEQ's expanded programs still benefit Victoria by reducing pollution in nearby cities such as San Antonio and Houston. The Speaker of the House issued charges for energy regulations. Jerry reviewed the article "New Laws Await Implementation." The City of Victoria meets with the NNA group quarterly and Texas Clean Air Working Group once a month to discuss legislation.

Joni Brown discussed the Air Victoria website found at www.airvictoria.org. She discussed how Environmental Services manages and updates the website. Joni showed links to air quality sites and highlighted City of Victoria programs on the website.

Joni Brown reviewed Air Victoria's work plan and budget for 2008-2009. The budgeted amount from TCEQ this year is \$92,500.00.

Joni discussed the 2008 Ozone season campaign. The City is implementing Channel 15, its own television station this year. The station will be utilized by all City departments to broadcast current information. Channel 15 will kick off in March of 2008. The yearly television budget is \$35,700.00. This funding goes to Victoria Television Group. Joni played

a selection of commercials planned for 2008. Air Victoria's radio budget is \$13,188.00. The outdoor budget is \$10,500.00. The print budget is \$7677.00. The public outreach budget is \$1000.00.

Thanks to Coletto Creek Power for funding lunch
Next meeting is a breakfast at the Patty Dodson Center
on May 3rd from 9:00-10:00