

Vector and Code Enforcement Advisory Committee Minutes

SE Health Center, March 17, 2009, 1-3 p.m.

01/13/09 MINUTES

MOTION A motion was made to approve 01/13/09 minutes.
SECOND The motion was seconded.
MOTION PASSED The 01/13/09 minutes were approved.

Introductions:

Old Business Updates:

Budget: Chris Wirth discussed submitted cuts; \$155,000.00. Cost savings steps include: reducing fleet budget and acquisition of Go-4 scooters from City of Portland to use for storm water mosquito control services, Portland Parks and Recreation will have their own staff perform their own rodent control, a Vista application will be submitted for environmental health education including bed bugs and Community Gardens outreach September 2009 through June 2010, and support of SB 637 which requires integrated pest management into schools.

Additional updates include Chris Wirth will follow up for accuracy with City of Portland who is sponsoring educational opportunities for constituents where content is inaccurate or misleading on vector and code enforcement issues. Additionally, Vector Control and Columbia County Drainage and Vector Control District may proceed with a contract for adult mosquito surveillance on North Sauvie Island. This would be an additional revenue of up to \$8000.00/annually.

Animal Services Recommendations: Commissioner Randy Leonard and Chair Wheeler started the task force. The task force is made up of community people, animal shelter employees, attorney, and financial persons. They did a lot of work on demographics of animals in Multnomah County. With each problem, they tried to identify an opportunity. The problem is that the animal population is continuously growing and how we can work with that. Animal Services support is supposed to be coming from license fees and that is not happening. A proposal was given to put the animal shelter over by I-205. All the recommendations were agreed upon by both sides and were budget neutral except for the animal shelter being moved over by I-205. Lila Wickham will report back on the final outcome.

New Business Updates:

RID Patrol: Tiffany Gates from Metro discussed the RID Patrol. Rid Patrol has been in Metro for the past 15 years which stands for Regional Illegal Dumping on public property. Response time is usually same business day or next day. They will not cleanup illegal dumps on private property but can do the investigative part. Private property transient camps are not handled by Metro but are addressed if they reside on City of Portland public property in cooperation with City of Portland police presence.

Rodent Surveillance Update: Was initiated in August 2008. The goal of the study was to trap 200 rodents in two years to determine the risk and prevalence of Hep E, Toxoplasmosis, Leptospirosis and Seoul virus testing. Target species include the Norway rat and Roof rats (*Rattus spp.*). There are 45 trap sites throughout the county. Blood and urine samples are collected along with other biological data and observations and sent to Oregon State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory for testing. Thus far, 72 rats have been collected; more females than males. Carl Pierce will present on findings in Fall 2009.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 19th from 1-3 pm at Vector Control

Suggested Agenda Topics:

1. Final Budget Update
2. Vector-borne diseases and how they affect humans such as toxoplasmosis, hanta virus
3. Presentation on Catch basins bioswells with City of Portland.
4. City of Portland-Oaks Bottom-natural space; Metro-Natural space
5. On-site meeting, Smith/Bybee Lakes (Oak Bottom), meet at Smile Station, tour Oaks Bottom
6. East Multnomah County, Troutdale business park (partner), Port of Portland-loss of revenue with man time issues\

What	Who	When
Send Ruth and David copies of Budget documents	Lynn	March 31, 2009
Schedule rodent findings presentation in Fall 09	Lynn	Fall 2009
Group will meet in July	Lynn	July 2009