

**CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
AIR QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD  
Memorandum to City Council**

**DATE:** January 14, 2004

**TO:** Mayor Martinez and City Council Members

**FROM:** Linda Stanley, Air Quality Advisory Board Chair, and the Air Quality Advisory Board

**SUBJECT:** Annual Report for 2003

The following represents a summary of board actions and discussions for the year 2003.

***The Board sent the following recommendations to Council:***

- pass the proposed Electric Energy Supply Policy, but increase the percentage of renewable energy to 15%, develop intermediate milestones, and develop a policy to ensure compliance with the energy code.
- require active radon mitigation in new residential construction.
- accept Characteristics TR1, TR2, TR4, TR5, TR6 and TR7, RE2, and DRP5b, leaving out TR3 in City Plan.
- direct staff to conduct a full analysis of passive and active radon mitigation
- approve the proposed ordinances revising the functions of the Air Quality Advisory Board and Natural Resources Advisory Board as presented memo dated April 29, 2003 from City Attorney, Steve Roy.
- vote no on the I-25 Subarea Plan.
- secure funding of the Mason Street Corridor in a timely fashion.
- adopt transportation strategies for Downtown Fort Collins that will reduce the need for parking while at the same time increasing the attractiveness and viability of the downtown area.
- adopt 1.5% annual increases in electric rates, with the requirement that the money be used only on effective energy conservation and renewable energy programs.
- approve the Transportation Master Plan with some serious concerns about the lack of funding for alternative modes of transportation and thus the continued emphasis on the auto.
- adopt the proposed amendments to the following sections of the international residential code: interior moisture control and ventilation, energy conservation, and radon (active mitigation).

***The Board took an active role in developing the Air Quality Plan, with several discussions of the Plan throughout the year. In addition, a subcommittee was formed to meet with staff several times to give detailed input to the Plan.***

***The Board also received information/updates and discussed the following programs and issues:***

- Transportation Demand Management – Youth Program
- Climate Wise Program
- Mason Street Corridor Plan
- Inspection and Maintenance Feasibility Study
- Executive session protocol
- Sustainability Indicators Report
- CSU Foothills Campus Master Plan
- Air Quality Communication Marketing Plan
- Alternative fuels in Transfort buses and other City vehicles
- Ozone Levels in Fort Collins and Colorado
- 2003 regulatory drivers at the state and federal level concerning air quality
- Smoking ordinance enforcement efforts

***The following actions were also taken by the board in 2003:***

- The Board recommended 8 issues for inclusion in the City Council Policy Agenda.
- A board retreat was held in February to discuss the Air Quality Plan, how to better communicate with council, and other items of interest to members.
- The board “appointed” liaisons to the Transportation Advisory Board and the Natural Resources Advisory Board.
- A joint ad hoc task force with NRAB was convened to study and make recommendations to the respective boards on policy concerning response to West Nile virus increases in Fort Collins.
- A joint meeting with NRAB was held to discuss possibility of merging the boards. Both boards were unanimously against the idea.
- The board adopted as one of its goals we review studies that impact air quality and health.

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