

**East Whatcom Community Council  
Clean Air Committee  
Meeting summary  
May 12, 2021 - via video conference**

**CAC Charge:** The charge of the East Whatcom Community Council Clean Air Committee is to work jointly with the Northwest Clean Air Agency to develop a comprehensive, community-based, long-range plan designed to improve the air quality in the East Whatcom County Region.

**Chair:** Rebecca Cayen

**Co-chair Outreach:** Carl McDaniel

**Members:** Jerry DeBruin & David Moe - WCFPD #14; Aly Robinson - Whatcom County Health Department; Mark Schofield - Opportunity Council (OppCo); Curtis Metz, Gabe Nelson, Jacob Johnson - Whatcom County Fire Marshal; Viktor Vetkov - Slavic Church; Julie O'Shaughnessy - Northwest Clean Air Agency

**Present:** Rebecca Cayen, Carl McDaniel, Mark Schofield, Jacob Johnson, Seth Preston, Betty Zender, Dean Zender, Aly Robinson, Evan Bing, Curtis Metz PDS.

**Agenda items:**

- 1. Introductions** – All present introduced themselves and identified their role at work and in the community.
- 2. Approval of April 14, 2021, meeting summary**  
Carl moved to approve meeting minutes; Mark seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.
- 3. Open public comment – None**
- 4. Announcements –**  
Parks department update about possible place to put brush and branches in the future to remove the fuel and either be chipped or composted to be reused in the community.
- 5. Draft Video of Purple air Sensors –**  
Evan – Gave us an overview of what the video will entail then how they work and where they are placed. He also explained how they are far more cost effective than the sensors that were used prior. He then showed us a map and how to use it.

During the presentation he suggested to use the 1-hour data because it seemed to be more stable. Explained the discrepancy between the state data and local data.

When looking at the data you have to make sure you are looking at the same measurement scales and types. LRAPA and EPA are recognized as more accurate. It is best to use the U.S. EPA for doing analysis, but close to the LRAPA.

You can bring up a chart and look at how the minute-by-minute smoke has been affecting each sensor. You can also zoom in and look at specific data.

There is a built-in widget that you can look at for specific times.

Mark – Asked if there was a timeline on the video?

Evan – Stated they should have a draft in about a week.

**6. Wood stove replacement update:**

Mark – Almost completed, with just 1 place waiting for the heat pump. With that, they will be spent out for the entire current grant. There were 27 people assisted with this program through this grant cycle.

**7. FY21 – 23 wood stove replacement update –**

Seth – Legislators finished the 21–23 years budget, but Northwest does not know yet how much grant money it may receive. They should know within a month or two. There is \$3.5 to \$4 million is split between all the Department of Ecology and the local clean air agencies.

**8. Wood Bank Update**

Dean – Looking for new board members. They have lost most of their board members.

They have not sawed any wood yet because they are seasoning. They do have to get to cutting. Looking for the youth to get out of school because they help with the sawing/splitting and stacking.

Looking for 20x40 hoop building but have not found exactly what they are looking for.

**Chipping Event –**

Northwest Clean Air will provide funding for the September event. There is also an ask for the next April event. Should has an update by the next meeting. Will be asking the Foothills Community Alliance for funds to do a smaller event before the 4<sup>th</sup>.

**9. NWCAA update**

Seth - No exceedances for the last month. There were no reports to Northwest Clean Air about excessive smoke.

Rebecca – Next meeting will be July 14. 2021.