

# East Whatcom Community Council Clean Air Committee (CAC) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 @ 4:30-6:00 p.m.

**VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE** - Please email [sethp@nwcleanairwa.gov](mailto:sethp@nwcleanairwa.gov) to receive your link to attend.

**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.

## **Committee Guidelines:**

1. Listen to understand, not to respond; seek clarity.
2. Voice opinions and questions openly in the meeting and not after; speak for yourself; everyone's opinion is valuable and worthy of attention.
3. Conflict over a topic is healthy; take nothing personally; engage in debate.
4. Do not expect consensus or certainty.
5. Explain why you don't agree with a proposal, but when a decision is made, buy in.
6. If people look like they have something to say, encourage them to speak.

**Co-Chairs:** Rebecca Cayen, Carl McDaniel

**Members:** Jerry DeBruin & David Moe – WCFD #14; Aly Robinson – Whatcom County Health Department; Mark Schofield – Opportunity Council; Curtis Metz, Jacob Johnson, Gabe Nelson – Whatcom County Fire Marshal; Viktor Vetkov – Slavic Church; Dean Zender & David Camp – Wood Bank; Seth Preston – NW Clean Air Agency

**Present:** Rebecca Cayen, Carl McDaniel, Seth Preston, Mark Schofield, Aly Robinson

## **Agenda items:**

1. **Introductions**
2. **Approval of September 8, 2021, and January 12, 2022, meeting summaries – meeting minutes approved.**
3. **Open public comment** – Please limit comments to 3 minutes per person
4. **Announcements - Carl McDaniel** – Discussed outreach that has been going on since Julie left. There is a community Google map that has resources in the area listed. One of the sites is the PurpleAir sensors site so they can see the air quality. When an air quality alert comes out it is posted on both Nextdoor and the Kendall/Maple falls Facebook page, and questions are answered as they come up. Wood moisture testers are still given out as a way to break the ice to discuss a smoke issue.  
**Ali** – Can a homeowner still get a PurpleAir sensor? Seth will check into it.
5. **Wood stove replacement update – Mark Schofield** – Enough qualifying to do the ones on the list. People can still get on the list. Seven projects are currently in the process; 3 completed. Concerns about sizing but are working to resolve that issue. Through June 2023 for this grant cycle. They are trying to stay at a pretty steady pace. Costs are going up and that may affect the number of people who can be served.
6. **Wood Bank update – Dean/David** – Not present.
7. **Outreach opportunities** –
  - Rebecca – The list for the chipping event is ½ full and was just posted 2 days ago. It

is scheduled for April 4. There will be more space on the wait list but it will only be space available. Normally 50 to 57 sign up; last April there were 74 on the list.

- Rebecca – May 7 is Wildfire Awareness Day.
- Seth – Looking into something to do for wildfire awareness, possibly work with Conservation district wildfire awareness coordinator Jenny Coe.
- Aly – Might be able to coordinate with the Health Services fair on, May 21, 2022, at the EWRRRC to put on a class or outreach.
- Summerfest – The group discussed getting a table at Summerfest if it is held this year.

#### **8. NWCAA update – Seth**

CV 24-hr exceedances since early January as follows:

- 1/9, 58.6 ug/m<sup>3</sup>
  - 1/10, 60.4 ug/m<sup>3</sup>
  - 1/12, 35.4 ug/m<sup>3</sup>
  - 1/13, 37.4 ug/m<sup>3</sup>
  - 1/25, 36.9 ug/m<sup>3</sup>
  - 1/26, 42.5 ug/m<sup>3</sup>
  - 1/27, 49.7 ug/m<sup>3</sup>
  - 1/28, 74.4 ug/m<sup>3</sup>
  - 1/29, 58.5 ug/m<sup>3</sup>
  - 2/6, 43.2 ug/m<sup>3</sup>
  - 2/12, 57.2 ug/m<sup>3</sup>
  - 2/13, 76.4 ug/m<sup>3</sup>
  - 2/25, 49.6 ug/m<sup>3</sup>
- There are some funds that are earmarked for signs so NWCA will be getting more signs for air quality.

