

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

Wednesday, May11, 2022 @ 4:30-6:00 p.m.

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE - Please email 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, Jacob Johnson

Agenda items:

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Approval of March 9th, 2022, meeting summaries – meeting minutes approved.**

Motion: Carl McDaniel

Second: Mark Schofield

Passed: Unanimous

- 3. Open public comment – None.**

4. Announcements – Open discussion about moving to a hybrid meeting. Decision was made to stay online for meetings until there is a reason for in person meetings.

Rebecca - The students from WWU have been getting feedback from the community, and they are finding the chipping event is well received by the public. The students are going to be coming up with a survey to get feedback from the community.

Rebecca - NW Clean Air will be tabling at the May 21st Health Fair.

5. Wood stove replacement update – Mark said so far during this grant cycle OppCo has completed 5 upgrades. They are having some supply line issues but they are working around it. Some recipients having to get the wood stove put in first then wait for the heat pump, but it is all getting completed. The list of qualified people is full for this grant cycle.

6. **Wood Bank update** – Dean/David were not present.
7. **Outreach opportunities** – Rebecca said 49 people signed up for the early April chipping event but 25 were completed due to poor weather limiting work. The crew ended up with 3 truckloads of chipped material with a total weight of 14 tons.

Carl said Summerfest is a go this year and we should table with the information, moisture meters, and maybe someone to show how to build and maintain a smoke-free fire.
8. **NWCAA update** – Seth said there were 4 woodstove complaints, but no excessive smoke was detected.

Adjusting meeting dates from July 13th, 2022, and September 14th, 2022, to June 8th, 2022, and August 9th, 2022, respectively.