

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

**Wednesday, June 8, 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, Jacob Johnson

## **Agenda items:**

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Approval of May 11, 2022, meeting summaries – meeting minutes approved.**  
**Motion:** Carl McDaniel  
**Second:** Aly Robinson  
**Passes:** Unanimous
- 3. Open public comment – None.**
- 4. Announcements – None.**
- 5. Wood stove replacement update –** Mark said no changeouts have been completed since May 11; there are 7 eligible projects somewhere in the process. There should be more to report at the next meeting
- 6. Wood Bank update –** Dean/David were not present.
- 7. Outreach opportunities –**  
**Seth –** The turnout was good at the EWRRRC so handed out lots of information.  
**Carl –** 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. Kendall Summerfest is scheduled for August 6, 2022, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**8. NWCAA update – Seth**

**Seth** – There were no wood stove complaints. No exceedances of the national PM2.5 standard were detected.

**Jacob** – Doing regular rounds because of Red Mountain estates, so checking for smoky areas but has only seen 1 or 2 small outside fires. The conversation with the people with a fire burning garbage is to give them information and show them they can be fined up to \$1500.00. They did understand and put the fires out.

Next meeting will be August 10, 2022.