

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

Wednesday, October 12, 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, Curtis Metz, Mark Schofield, Aly Robinson, Jacob Johnson, Seth Preston, Dave Camp, Dean Zender

Agenda items:

1. **Introductions - None**
2. **Approval of August 10, 2022, meeting summary – meeting minutes approved.**

Motion: Carl McDaniel

Second: Mark Schofield

Passes: Unanimous

3. **Open public comment – None.**
4. **Announcements –**

Aly was contacted by a professor to do a student run panel and having one person addressing air quality issues in east county, with 1 to 3 other panelists from noon to 1:30 on November 16, 2022. Mark will try to find someone to attend as a panelist. Aly will connect the professor with Mark via email.

5. **WWU Air Quality Report issues–**

Aly – Woodstoves are used as primary sources of heat as well as power outages. Her citation was from another source and would like that source to be cited instead of her. She will take all of our inputs and send it to the authors and ask them to make the changes. She will also invite the Authors to the next meeting and discuss the findings.

Seth – The report stated there was no chipping events in 2022 but there was in April so that

needs to be corrected.

6. Wood stove replacement update –

Mark - Currently working with the last of the funding to try to finish out the current grant but getting close. Getting referrals from Energy assistance as well.

7. Wood Bank update –

Dean/David 11 cord cut, split and ready to go out, there is another 30 cords but it is not ready yet.

8. Outreach opportunities –

Carl – possibly going door to door in the very smoky areas and let them know about the program.

David - Possible outreach through wood bank.

9. NWCAA update –

Seth – No complaints. 2 exceedances on September 10 and 11, which was during the air quality burn ban that was issued from September 9 through 12.

Next meeting will be November 9, 2022.