

**East Whatcom Community Council
Clean Air Committee
Meeting summary
January 11, 2023 - 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; Dean Zender & David Camp, Wood Bank; Seth Preston - Northwest Clean Air Agency

Present: Rebecca Cayen, Mark Schofield, Seth Preston, Curtis Metz, Aly Robinson.

Agenda items:

1. Introductions – All present introduced themselves and identified their role at work and in the community.

2. Approval of November 9, 2022, meeting summary

Mark Schofield moved to approve meeting minutes; Curtis Metz seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

3. Open public comment – None

4. Announcements –

Rebecca – The current vendor who has been doing the chipping event has declined to continue and the other vendors are astronomically high. Curtis mentioned the county work crew may be able to do this.

5. Wood stove replacement update:

Mark – Not a lot of change from last meeting. Completed 12 projects through this grant cycle and have another 12 on wait list, along with 4 projects still to be completed.

Seth – Contacted David Grant to see where we are in this biennium budget. They will be looking for \$3 million to \$4 million this cycle. NW Clean air will know more when the budget at the state is completed.

6. WOOD BANK update –

Woodland Co-operative – Dave Camp message to Seth was they still had wood. Need to do more outreach.

7. Possible outreach Opportunities

Seth – Carl mentioned a Spring fair on April 8 and Summerfest is on Aug. 5. Those are opportunities for NW Clean Air to get the information out.

Aly – Health fair is May 20 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Possibly add some information to the Health Minder that will be going out in March and that way it will get out to the community before the Communication hub comes online.

Rebecca – NW Clean Air needs to be out on the forefront of getting the information out to the new people and stay on top of the outreach message.

8. NW Clean Air update

Seth – One woodstove complaint, prior to the November meeting and one on Nov. 15. There have been 17 exceedances of the standard Nov 14 through Nov 22. That is a big number, possibly the most Seth can remember since he started. But a lot of the days were borderline, like 35.4, which barely exceeded the 35 standard, and the highest was 60. Most of them were in the 30s. There was a burn ban on most of that time. There were exceedances on the holidays, Christmas Day, and Jan. 1 and 2. Not far above 35 but still enough to exceed the standard.

1. 11/11: 48.7 ug/m3
2. 11/12: 50.1 ug/m3
3. 11/13: 51.1 ug/m3
4. 11/14: 48.4 ug/m3
5. 11/15: 48.5 ug/m3
6. 11/16: 37.7 ug/m3
7. 11/19: 53.9 ug/m3
8. 11/20: 60.7 ug/m3
9. 11/21: 36.2 ug/m3
10. 11/24: 35.4 ug/m3
11. 12/5: 38.2 ug/m3
12. 12/14: 35.6 ug/m3
13. 12/15: 49.2 ug/m3
14. 12/16: 35.5 ug/m3
15. 12/25: 39.4 ug/m3
16. 1/2: 39.4 ug/m3
17. 1/3: 35.2 ug/m3

9. 2023 Meeting schedule

March 8
May 10
July 12
Sept. 13
Nov. 8