

**East Whatcom Community Council  
Clean Air Committee  
Meeting summary  
March 8, 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 Preston, Aly Robinson, Dean Zender.

**Agenda items:**

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

**2. Approval of January 11, 2023, meeting summary**

Mark Schofield moved to approve meeting minutes; Carl McDaniel seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**3. Open public comment – None**

**4. Announcements –**

Rebecca – Applied for a grant of \$3,000 from DNR and still looking for other grants.

**5. Wood stove replacement update:**

Mark – Grant is up at the end of June. So far, 17 projects have been completed or are in progress. Possible funds for 1 more installation. Three or four people on the wait list.

Seth – Agencies will be getting together to discuss the next grant cycle.

State Legislature is in session so we will know more soon about budget information.

**6. WOOD BANK update –**

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Dean Zender – Still have four cords and seeking \$230 per cord if they can pay. If not, it is free.

## **7. Possible Outreach Opportunities**

Carl – Outreach CVCC on May 8, Spring fair on April 8, Summer Fair on August 5, Catherine Mahaffey East Whatcom Wellness Fair on May 20.

Seth - Speaking with radio stations to put out a service announcement.

## **8. NW Clean Air update**

Seth – Only 1 exceedance on February 2, 2023. One garbage burning complaint on February 5, 2023.

## **9. 2023 Meeting schedule**

May - 10

July - 12

Sept - 13

Nov - 8