

**East Whatcom Community Council
Clean Air Committee
Meeting summary
May 10, 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, and Jacob Johnson.

Agenda items:

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

2. Approval of March 8, 2023, meeting summary

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

3. Open public comment – None

4. Announcements – None

5. Chipping event summary:

Rebecca – Stated that 20 tons of materials were chipped and 79 people served during the early May chipping event. The contractor did get to everyone on the wait list. In the 5 years of doing the chipping events a little over 170 tons have been chipped.

6. Woodstove replacement update:

Mark – 18 projects and another 6 in various stages of completion that should be done by the end of the grant cycle this June. They have exhausted their wait list for clients in the area, so more outreach is needed.

Seth – May 18th the NWCAA will be meeting to discuss the ask of \$300,000 more for clean air.

State budget is in session so we will know more soon

7. WOOD BANK update –

Dean Zender – All the wood from last year was handed out and we have started to rebuild. The Weather has dried up and they will be started refilling the sheds soon.

8. Possible outreach Opportunities

Carl – Summer Fair August 5, Southfork Summerfest, Kathrine Mahaffey health fair on May 20.

Seth - Speaking with radio stations to put out a service announcement. Will be at the health fair on May 20.

9. NW Clean Air update

Seth – No exceedances for the past 2 months.

10. 2023 Meeting schedule

June 14

Aug. 9

Oct. 11

Nov. 8