

**East Whatcom Community Council  
Clean Air Committee  
Meeting summary  
June 14, 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, and Aly Robinson.

**Agenda items:**

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

**2. Approval of May 10, 2023, meeting summary**

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

**3. Open public comment – None**

**4. Announcements –**

Seth – Forest service has funds for wood banks and he will send it out to the group.

Curtis – Stage 1 Burn ban went in on June 9, which is really early. They usually try to not put it out until after July 4. But very dry conditions prompted the move.

**5. Chipping event summary:**

Rebecca – Has a lead of funds for the chipping event next year.

**6. Wood stove replacement update:**

Mark – The current Ecology grant is winding down at the end of month. At this point, 15 changeouts have been completed and 5 more are still open. Hoping 4 will be done by the end of June 2023.

**7. WOOD BANK update – None**

## **8. Possible outreach Opportunities**

Seth – Health Fair went well. He spoke to about 18 people and 4 of them were interested in learning more details about possible woodstove changeouts. He hopes they follow through.

Carl – Kendall Summerfest is August 5.

## **9. NW Clean Air update**

Seth – No exceedances or complaints for the past months. Wildfires are burning in Eastern Washington, but the smoke is not coming in this direction for now.

## **10. 2023 Meeting schedule**

Aug – 9

October – 11

December - 13