

**East Whatcom Community Council
Clean Air Committee
Meeting Summary
October 11th, 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: Carl McDaniel, Jacob Johnson, Mark Schofield, Aly Robinson, and Seth Preston.

Agenda items:

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

2. Approval of August 9, 2023, meeting summary

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

3. Open public comment – None

4. Announcements –

Seth – Discussed meeting back-to-back in October and November, as the Committee did in 2022. The members present agreed. We tentatively will follow the same schedule in 2024, with the understanding that meetings can be scheduled and added as members want.

5. Chipping event summary –

Aly – Possibly shift the chipping event to the Committee from Rebecca due to her new position with the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Seth – NWCAA could possibly help with some of the efforts in finding grants or some paperwork, as well as provide some funding for events as it has in the past.

Aly – Possibly set up a front end via Google Docs to generate a form and limit the number of people who sign up for chipping events.

6. Wood stove replacement update –

Mark – OppCo and NWCAA are finalizing a new agreement for the latest round of grant funding for the woodstove replacement program. They will start projects as soon as that agreement is complete.

Seth – NWCAA has received a 2-year grant totaling \$350,900 from the Washington Department of Ecology. Agreements will be finalized and signed with Ecology and with OppCo.

7. WOOD BANK update – None

8. Possible outreach opportunities –

Carl – Communication Hub should be up and going soon for outreach.

Seth – Promotions around the chipping event talking about the woodstove changeout program.

Seth/Aly – Possibly going to the Halloween event on October 31st from 5 to 7 p.m. at the EWRRRC.

9. NWCAA update –

Seth – Not able to get into the database to check if there are any reports but will add it to the minutes when he can get into the database. Two PM2.5 exceedances near the end of August (8/29-30), which were just barely above the threshold of 35 micrograms per cubic meter of air.

Jacob Johnson – nothing to report.

Carl McDaniel – There are possibly 3 new places to put PurpleAir sensors – Water District 13, Golden Valley, and Little Big Horn.

10. 2023 Meeting Schedule –

November 8

2024 schedule (tentative)

January – 10

March – 13

May – 8

June - 12

August - 14

October – 9

November - 13