

**East Whatcom Community Council
Clean Air Committee
Meeting Summary
January 10, 2024 - 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: Seth Preston, Carl McDaniel, Curtis Metz, Jacob Johnson, Mark Schofield, and Aly Robinson.

Agenda items:

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

2. Approval of December 13th, 2023, meeting summary

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

3. Open public comment – None

4. Announcements –

Seth - Possible time of day change for our meetings? Change the time to the second Wednesday at 4:00. Starting with the March 2024 meeting. Committee members agreed to make the change.

5. Chipping event summary:

Carl – The Columbia Valley Park and Recreation District is willing to take on the chipping event but will need more details before making their final decision.

6. Wood stove replacement update:

Mark – There are 9 households already in the application process and 10 on the waitlist. There are 7 on the wait list that need to get started. Regarding the Alaska stove mandate, they are working to get the stove with the proper stove specs in.

7. WOOD BANK update – None

8. Possible outreach Opportunities and chipping event

Seth – Possible outreach during the chipping event, and Catherine Mahaffey Health Fair, as well as via direct mailers.

9. NW Clean Air update

Seth – There were exceedances on the 13th, 16th, and 17th of December. The 17th was the worst going into unhealthy for sensitive groups.

10.2024 Meeting Schedule

March - 13

May - 8

June - 12

August - 14

October - 9

November - 13