

**East Whatcom Community Council
Clean Air Committee
Meeting Summary
March 13, 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 - Whatcom County Fire Marshal; Viktor Vetkov - Slavic Church; Dean Zender & David Camp, Wood Bank; Erica Littlewood, Whatcom County Health Department; Seth Preston - Northwest Clean Air Agency

Present: Rebecca Cayen, Curtis Metz, Carl McDaniel, Mark Schofield, Erica Littlewood, Seth Preston.

Started the meeting 4:03 PM.

Agenda items:

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

2. Approval of January 10, 2024, meeting summary

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

3. Open public comment – None

4. Announcements –

Curtis - Region 3 is looking at solid burn ban dates rather than the weather and conditions. New building codes are in place and pushing toward heat pump and other sources but not fireplace.

Erica – Do-it-yourself air quality kits from the Health Department. These are box fans with air filters attached to them.

Curtis – Motion to present a budget proposal to NW Clean Air from Erica at the Health Department; seconded by Carl. Approved unanimously.

5. Chipping event summary:

Carl – Currently, we have not heard back from DNR as to the grant but ready when it comes through.

6. Wood stove replacement update:

Mark – No current updates of how many were completed. Currently, 13 recipients are at different stages of the changeout program.

7. WOOD BANK update –

Dean relayed to Seth prior to the meeting that the Wood Bank has 3 cords on hand and plans to build it up to 20 by next Fall.

8. Possible outreach Opportunities and chipping event

Carl – Possible outreach during PTA Spring Fair. Also, information in the Communication Hub.

9. NW Clean Air update

Seth – These are the exceedances of the PM2.5 standard since 1/10/2024:

- 1/21: 37.5 ug/m3
- 1/22: 51.7 ug/m3
- 1/23: 37.5 ug/m3
- 1/24: 38.2 ug/m3
- 2/19: 36 ug/m3

There were 6 complaints for 1221 Hopeful Valley Lane in February 2024.

10.2024 Meeting Schedule

May 8
June 12
August 14
October 9
November 13