

**East Whatcom Community Council  
Clean Air Committee  
Meeting Summary  
May 8, 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, Aly Robinson, and Seth Preston.

Started the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

**Agenda items:**

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

**2. Approval of March 13, 2024, meeting summary**

Mark moved to approve the meeting minutes; Rebecca seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**3. Open public comment – None**

**4. Announcements –**

Carl – The Neighborhood Watchdogs met with David Moe, the Fire District assistant chief, and he explained to us about the Firewise program. Peaceful Valley and Campers are already a Firewise community; the NWD group will be meeting with the Conservation District to see if the whole UGA can become Firewise.

**5. Chipping event summary:**

Carl – We heard back from DNR and we do have the grant for the chipping event. We currently have it scheduled for the end of the month and have about 60-plus people already signed up. Richard and I will be moving the branches that people cannot move.

**6. Wood stove replacement update:**

Mark – There are currently 11 projects completed, 3 in some phase of being completed, and 1 application in process. There are some on the waiting list. Also, if anyone would like to add their name to the list, they are still added to the waiting list.

**7. WOOD BANK update –**

Dean – Not present

**8. Possible outreach Opportunities and chipping event**

Carl – Summerfest in early August, and Health Fair on May 18, 2024.

**9. NW Clean Air update**

Seth – There were zero exceedances and zero complaints.

**10.2024 Meeting Schedule (subject to change)**

June 12  
August 14  
October 9  
November 13