

**East Whatcom Community Council
Clean Air Committee
Meeting Summary
June 12, 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; Mark Schofield - Opportunity Council (OppCo); Curtis Metz - Whatcom County Fire Marshal; Dean Zender & David Camp - Wood Bank; Erica Littlewood - Whatcom County Health and Community Services; Seth Preston - Northwest Clean Air Agency

Present: Seth Preston, Curtis Metz, Carl McDaniel, Rebecca Cayn, Mark Schofield, Erica Littlewood, and Aly Robinson - Health Department.

Started the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Agenda items:

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

2. Approval of May 8, 2024, meeting summary –

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

3. Open public comment – None

4. Announcements –

Curtis- stage 1 burn ban on all of Whatcom County starting July 1 and will end September 14. Other Counties will also have similar bans but may have different start and finish dates.

5. Wood stove replacement update –

Mark – There are currently 16 projects receiving services at various stages, and 1 application in the process. There are some on the waiting list. Eryn will be doing outreach at the EWRRC to find more people for the program. Also, if anyone would like to add their name to the list, they are still added to the waiting list.

6. Wood Bank update –

Dean – There are currently 4 cords of wood cut and ready for this year.

7. Possible outreach Opportunities and chipping event

Carl – 60 Homes participated in the chipping event and 2 of the ones on the waiting list.

Carl – Summerfest is scheduled in early August at Kendall Elementary.

Seth – Was at the Health Fair this year inside and saw a considerable increase in traffic over last year's outside location. Talked with many more people than either of the 2 previous years.

Carl – There will be a Firewise event on July 20 at the EWRRRC.

8. NW Clean Air update

Seth – There were zero exceedances and zero complaints since the Clean Air Committee's May meeting.

9. 2024 Meeting Schedule

August 14

October 9

November 13