East Whatcom Community Council Clean Air Committee
Proposed Meeting Agenda
June 19, 2013

Members: Rebecca Boonstra, Rebecca Brown, Phil Cloward, Laura Curley, Jerry DeBruin, Wade Gardner, Wain Harrison, David Moe, Julie O’Shaughnessy, Lou Piotrowski, Mark Schofield, Katie Skipper, Kurt Thompson, Viktor Vetkov.

I. Introduction

II. Approval of Summary from May 15 Meeting

III. Proposed Charge of the Clean Air Committee (for discussion purposes)
   A. The charge of the EWCC Clean Air Committee is to work jointly with the North West Clean Air Agency to develop a comprehensive, long-range plan designed to improve the air quality in the East Whatcom County Region.

IV. Definition of a Stakeholder (for discussion purposes)
   A. A person who would be affected by a decision of a political nature or a representative of a group, organization or agency that would be affected by such decision, and are, therefore, interested in being involved in a reasonable process of arriving at that political decision.

V. Identification of Stakeholders and Stakeholder groups, organizations or agencies affected by a comprehensive, long-range plan designed to improve the air quality in the East Whatcom County Region.

VI. Identification of names of Stakeholders and Stakeholder groups, organizations and agencies who might be interested and willing to be involved in the creation of a plan.

VII. Staff Support for a Stakeholder Planning Group
   A. Is a staff support, i.e., meeting notes, agendas, preparations, required?
   B. If yes, what would be the cost of such staff support?
   C. Where might a source of funds be found to offset the cost of staff support?

VIII. Facilitator for a Stakeholder Planning Group
   A. Is a facilitator required?
   B. If yes, what would be the cost of obtaining a facilitator?
   C. Where might a source of funds be found to offset the cost of a facilitator?

IX. Next Meeting

   Wednesday, July 17 @ EWRRC, 4:30 PM
Columbia Valley wood smoke reduction focus group
Draft meeting summary

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<td>Location:</td>
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| Attendees:   | - Community - Kurt Thompson, Davie Moe, Lou Piotrowski, Rebecca Boonstra, Jerry Debruin, Viktor Vetkov, Phil Cloward  
- Whatcom County - Wain Harrison, Fire Marshal  
- Opportunity Council – Mark Schofield  
- NWCAA staff – Laura Curley, Rebecca Brown, Katie Skipper, Julie O’Shaughnessy |                |              |
| Purpose:     | Address community’s concerns from previous meeting - listen to understand  
Identify areas of agreement  
Clarify Agency’s obligations and resources  
Identify next steps |                |              |
| Action:      | Rebecca Boonstra stated that the subcommittee was going chair the meeting and give NWCAA staff an opportunity to speak. She said that they formed the group as a subcommittee of the EWRRC and that they want this group to continue as a part of the EWRRC. |                |              |

“Areas of Agreement” presented

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| Columbia Valley has a serious air quality problem | Questionable | - Efforts should be regionally inclusive to bring in Foothills area, not just Columbia Valley  
- Not convinced that present air quality needs improvement or that it’s a serious problem (worse when shake mills were running)  
- Find ways in which to address broader issues, multiple emission sources (outdoor burning, woodstoves, garbage burning, etc.)  
- Sounds exaggerated, problem intermittent |
| We all deserve to breathe clean air               | Questionable | - “In a perfect world”  
- Not all community members deserving |
| We need to be able to keep our families warm     | Questionable | - Wood burning is a way of life, provides income and is a free and accessible resource  
- Should be a goal or objective (e.g. wood bank managed by community members)  
- Much discussion around this topic |
| Chimney smoke contributes to local air pollution | Yes         | - Agreement reached after community emphasized existence of other sources. This is just one contributor  
- Need more monitors to compare air quality to other areas with similar topography and meteorological conditions, not Bellingham or other areas that have marine influences. Rockport and Marblemount suggested.  
- What level of reduction is necessary to meet federal standards? Need incremental targets with specific |
Dry wood program – Phil proposed developing a permitted, community-based dry wood program. Through community members’ existing relationships with state and private land owners, wood could be harvested and staged so it had time to dry before being distributed by the community and for the community.

**Agency Obligation and Resources:**
- Government agency
- Duty to the public to address air quality issues
- Governed by and report to a Board of Directors
- Duty to enforce air quality laws
- Expertise, funding and capacity
- Resource to evaluate solutions

**Next Steps:**
- Identify stakeholders facilitator to run meetings
- Identify person to organize meetings, develop agenda and disseminate information
- Identify areas of interest to be represented by a task force that would be formed to develop a JOINT PLAN between the East Whatcom Community Council subcommittee on clean air and NWCAA.