

ICEHI/PACE-EH
Environmental Health Assessment Team (EHAT)
MINUTES

Date: Thursday June 9, 2005

Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Location: Monroe Road Fire Station, Oak Harbor, WA

Present: RoseAnn Alspektor, Patty Folkestad, Mark Lathrop, David Macys, Kristy Miller, Laurie Mosolino, Jim Patton, Marie Piper, Leslie Stevens,

Staff Present: Nancy Farnsworth, Keith Higman, Celine Servatius

Excused: Phyllis Brett, Lisa Clark, Joline DeVos, Kevin Rio Kiper, Chris Markle, Tim McDonald, Bob McNeill, Linda Rhodes, Rob Voigt

Unexcused: Reece Rose

Call to Order: The scheduled meeting of the Environmental Health Assessment Team was called to order.

Agenda Items:

1. Introductions & Review Minutes from May 2005

- a) Changes to the minutes: Item 1. b) Change spelling of "Assessable" to Accessible. Item 1. c) Add in the word "Cost" after Reduced. (Note: 2. RoseAnn Alspektor attended the NW Sustainability Conf.)
- b) Minutes approved as changed.
- c) Announcement: Active Community Environments Workshop – June 16th; Non-motorized Trail Plan Meeting with Public Works and Trail Consultants – June 20th. (Need 3 EHAT members to attend and offer input). Board of County Commissioners Meeting – June 20th (WRAC presents on the water resource management plan). Board of Health Meeting – June 20th (Proposed changes to drinking water recharge areas).

2. Discuss Electing EHAT Chair/Vice Chair (voting @ end of meeting)

- a) Review of Bi-laws in notebook, tab 6, article 4. EHAT has a Chair and Vice Chair nominated and selected by EHAT.
- b) Reviewed the responsibilities of the positions, and the commitment to attend Steering Committee meeting. Staff will provide support.

3. Subcommittee Reports

- a) Dumping: The subcommittee met and discussed forming community partnerships. Discussed utilizing property management groups to help target the renting population. Have them include in their mailing: resource contact numbers for large item disposal, discount coupons. Discussed partnering with schools, and involving the local students. County to establish an illegal dumping hotline. EHAT to complete site characteristics for the WSU litter assessment survey. Staff has contacted DOT regarding posting signs. Education on securing loads. Determine origination of litter and target the source.
- b) Walkability: Reviewing Island County Comp. Plan. Take on policy review and education. Learn how the Planning Committee works and determine their role. Understand what "built environment" is and how it impacts health. Provide incentives to develop standards.
- c) Communication: Discussed goals including: Facilitate message in format and reaching target audience to bring about behavior change. Communicate with elected officials, and with community in general (newspapers). Provided the subcommittee groups with a list of questions to help them better understand their goals, and asked for information by June 27th. Requested that each subcommittee group nominate one person to be the point of contact. List potential community partners, what is their role and what do they do. Host a

Legislature's night where EHAT updates officials of progress, community concerns, and suggest solutions. Look into forming partnership with So. Whidbey Youth Connection and establish neighborhood network for disseminating information.

4. Update on Physical Activity Grant

- a) Funding is questionable due to the budget deficit, and might need to look for funding elsewhere for implementation. Will host forums in September, and draft plans in December.

5. WSU Contract & Litter Assessment Survey

- a) WSU will conduct 16 litter assessment surveys, identify litter along the roadways. Help to determine where to target efforts.

6. Election

- a) Reviewed Bylaws and nominations where noted for positions. Voting occurred.
- b) EHAT voted the chairperson to be Linda Rhodes, and Vice Chair Leslie Stevens.

7. Closing Business

- a) Mayor Patty Cohen withdrew her resignation to the BOH.
- b) EHAT discussed sending a letter to BOH thanking them for their support.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.