

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

**Date:** Thursday June 8, 2006  
**Time:** 5:30pm – 7:30pm  
**Location:** North Whidbey Family Resource Center

**Present:** Art Burke, David Macys, Chris Markle, Jim Patton, Linda Rhodes (Chair), Carl Stephens, Leslie Stevens

**Staff Present:** Nancy Farnsworth, Keith Higman, Tim McDonald

**Excused:** RoseAnn Alspektor, Phyllis Brett, Lisa Clark, Patty Folkestad, Katie Hicks, Mark Lathrop, Marie Piper, Celine Servatius

**Call to Order:** The Environmental Health Assessment Team (EHAT) meeting was called to order by Linda Rhodes the chair at 5:35 pm.

**Agenda Items:**

**1. Review Minutes from May 2006 Meeting**

- a) Correction noted in the attendance. Last month Tim McDonald was excused.
- b) Minutes approved as corrected.

**2. Subcommittee Updates**

a) Communications

1. David Macys represented EHAT at Camano 101. There was a good attendance, and he handed out EHAT information and litter bags.
2. Dave received a request from an employee of the Camano transfer station, who asked for Litter and It Will Hurt bags to give to patrons. Contact information was passed on to staff.
3. Discussed ways to approach the school age population about littering.

b) Illegal Dumping

1. The solid waste code revisions are still in the process.
2. Discussed the recent article in the Whidbey News Times on the findings of the litter assessment.
3. Discussed ways to partner with the community to address litter in Island County.
4. EHAT agreed to write a letter to the school district superintendents, regarding the assessment findings of litter being a problem close to the schools.
5. EHAT unanimously agreed to contact NAS Whidbey CMC, and request attendance at next month's meeting for a briefing on the litter assessment. EHAT requested that Keith give a presentation on the data from the litter assessment survey. Then they will discuss ways of partnering with the navy to address the litter issue around the base.
6. Jim discussed the dumping on the Port of Coupeville property at Greenbank Farm. Keith will ask EH staff to start the process for removal.
7. Leslie created posters from the litter brochure, which will be laminated for posting.

c) Walkability

1. Linda discussed the Board of Island County conservation funds, and how they are dispersing it to obtain land. Contact Linda for more information.
2. The walkability assessment checklist is going to the printer.
3. Update on Vision 25/25 – Freeland working to improve walkability and set priorities.
4. Dave shared an article in the AARP newsletter titled "Building Livable Communities".
5. Art discussed the studies that document how vandalism and illegal activity is decreased, where utility easements are used as walking trails.

**3. Discuss the Litter Assessment Survey**

- a) Discussed this item earlier in the meeting.

**4. BOH Update**

- a) Jim gave the EHAT update to the Board of Health. In the same meeting Keith gave a brief presentation on the litter assessment findings. A WNT reporter was in attendance, and this generated the article in the newspaper.
- b) Next BOH presentation is August 2006.

**5. Update on the Grant Coordinator Position**

- a) The health department is still advertising the grant coordinator position, and it won't be filled until they find the right person for the job. It is hopeful that the position will be filled soon.
- b) The next grant report is due at the end of August, and EHAT has requested to see the matrix the CDC has sent for reporting. Staff will forward the matrix to EHAT members.

**6. Discuss the Summer Meeting Schedule**

- a) Agreed to meet in July if a representative from the base can attend for a presentation. The schools will be contacted for a presentation in September.
- b) Agreed to meet in September.

**7. Closing Business**

- a) Tim informed EHAT of an evaluation that has been requested on the grant by the CDC. They have hired a Battelle, a research organization in Seattle to evaluate the grant and PACE process. Battelle's employee, Carlyn Orians would like to interview staff, and EHAT members.
- b) Jim, Leslie, Marie, Dave, and Linda volunteered to be interviewed for this process. Staff will coordinate the date and interview location, and inform these individuals.

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.**