

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

Date: Thursday, November 9, 2006 **Time:** 5:30pm – 7:30pm **Location:** NWFRC

Present: David Macys (Acting Chair), Art Burke, Jim Patton, Marie Piper

Guests: Jill Wood, Island County Health Department

Staff Present: Tim McDonald, Keith Higman, Whitney Webber, Valerie Matazzoni

Excused: Phyllis Brett, Lisa Clark, Patty Folkestad, Katie Hicks, Kevin Rio Kiper, Chris Markle, Linda Rhodes, Reece Rose, Celine Servatius, Carl Stephens, Leslie Stevens

Call to Order: David Macys called the Environmental Health Assessment Team (EHAT) meeting to order at 5:40pm.

Agenda Items:

1. Review Minutes from October 2006 Meeting

- a) Minutes approved as submitted

2. Review Minutes from Walkability Forum

- a) Minutes approved as submitted
- b) Forum was an overwhelming success. Five out of six Board of Health Commissioners attended. There seems to be a shift in thinking; elected officials are offering more support than in the past.

3. 2nd Walkability Forum

- a) Target solutions – EHAT staff will work on strategy plan for next EHAT meeting
- b) Need to take opportunity to grab “low-hanging fruit”
- c) Discussed developing the 3 E’s similar to those used for the dumping forum: Economics, Engineering, Education
- d) Discussed having a keynote speaker: Howard Frumkin (Director, National Center for Environmental Health) or Liz McNett Crowl (Mount Vernon Healthy Communities Project). The date for the next forum will be contingent on scheduling a keynote speaker.
- e) Having different groups write a newspaper article highlighting their favorite trail, submitted for release into local newspapers
- f) Short term – connectivity; long term – “share” your land (altruism)
- g) Discussed holding next forum at a different venue
- h) Discussed having press coverage

4. Updates

- a) Thank you letters were prepared and sent out to Mayor Cohen, for support with the LIWH signs; CAPT Abernethy, for support with NAS security personnel passing out LIWH car litter bags; Mayor Conard, for the trail connecting Broadway and Main streets
- b) Whitney will be working with Tim to establish new threshold for dumping vouchers
- c) It was discussed whether EHAT wanted to reestablish subcommittees to work on walkability issues. Since there aren’t enough active participants and there isn’t enough time left on the grant to recruit new members, it was decided not to pursue subcommittees.
- d) Dave brought up having EHAT make informational presentations at Whidbey/Camano 101 to recruit and advertise.
- e) It was suggested that EHAT approach the BoH to bring up West Nile Virus as the next area of focus for EHAT.
- f) Valerie will contact Clark County to inquire about the pocket maps – possible backers for the pocket maps: Group Health, Regence Blue Shield, Whidbey General Hospital
- g) EHAT staff will work on updating work plans
- h) Journal article submitted

5. Closing Business

- a) Steering Committee did not meet, but will meet next month.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.