

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

Date: Thursday October 12, 2006 **Time:** 5:30pm – 7:30pm **Location:** NWFRC

Present: Linda Rhodes (Chair), Celine Servatius, Katie Hicks, Jim Patton, Marie Piper, Carl Stephens

Guests: James Kissee, Moses Lake Healthy Communities Project; Liz McNett Crowl, Mount Vernon Healthy Communities Project

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

Excused: RoseAnn Alspektor, Phyllis Brett, Art Burke, Lisa Clark, David Macys, Chris Markle, Patty Folkestad, Kevin Rio Kiper, Reece Rose, Leslie Stevens

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

Agenda Items:

1. Introductions

2. Brief presented by James Kissee

- a) EHAT viewed a PowerPoint presentation and received handouts. Mr. Kissee gave an overview of the Moses Lake Healthy Communities project, the first pilot program in the state, and shared anecdotes from the implementation phase of the project.
- b) Mr. Kissee identified how to distinguish policy in its different forms and at different levels.
- c) Mr. Kissee addressed the new amendments to the Growth Management Act (GMA) under ESSB 5186 to require: "1) communities to consider urban planning approaches that promote physical activity, and 2) require a bicycle and pedestrian component be included in the Transportation Element of a comprehensive plan."
- d) Mr. Kissee will be organizing a workshop in January/February 2007 utilizing the Active Community Environment (ACE) assessment tool. The workshop is FREE. Attendees will be asked to pick a project and to work through the steps of how to implement it.

3. Brief presented by Liz McNett Crowl

- a) EHAT viewed a PowerPoint presentation and received handouts. Speaking on behalf of the Mount Vernon Healthy Communities Project (MVHCP), Ms. McNett Crowl identified how she worked to gain political support for policy changes on walkability issues and what lessons she learned during the process. Main points: 1) Have Action Plan adopted into the Comprehensive Plan, 2) Recruit your members wisely, and 3) Keep local government involved.
- b) Additionally, Ms. McNett Crowl outlined the vision, goals, and priority recommendations for MVHCP and identified how she worked with the community to put the plan into action for each of the priority recommendations. Specifically, she summarized the action plans for the Healthy School Pilot, Urban Trail Committee, and Safe Routes to School.

4. Updates

- a) The Walkability Forum is now scheduled for Friday, October 27, from 8 to 10 AM in the Coupeville Recreation Hall. Commissioner Shelton will be the Chair. An invitation letter and a statement summarizing the link between overweight/obesity and walking in Island County has been sent out to all invitees.
- b) Katie Hicks, Celine Servatius, and Linda Rhodes volunteered to hold a separate meeting to finalize the forum agenda.

5. Closing Business

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.