

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

Date: Thursday, April 12, 2007 **Time:** 5:30pm – 7:30pm **Location:** NWFRC, Oak Harbor

Present: Dave Macys (Acting Chair), Celine Servatius, Carl Stephens, Art Burke, Katie Hicks, RoseAnn Alspektor, Elaine Woods

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

Excused: Jim Patton Phyllis Brett, Lisa Clark, Chris Markle, Marie Piper, Patty Folkestad, Kevin Rio Kiper, Reece Rose, Leslie Stevens

Call to Order: Dave Macys called the Environmental Health Assessment Team (EHAT) meeting to order at 5:35pm.

Agenda Items:

1. Reviewed minutes from March 2007 meeting

- a) Minutes approved as submitted.

2. Trail mapping and signing

- a) Rhododendron County Park will now be signed.
- b) After the initial Z-Cards are produced, there are no plans for reproduction at this time
- c) Z-Cards will be contacted to see if we can retain the sets once the cards are produced, so that if we decide to reproduce we won't have to pay for set-up fees again.
- d) If the trail mapping and signage program is expanded, other parks have already been identified by the working group.
- e) We will email trail signs and maps to all EHAT members. We need a "sanity" check on the directional arrows of the trail signs. We need the trail signs returned by April 23. Sanity checks have been volunteered by:

Carl Stephens	Dugualla State Park
Katie Hicks	Kettles Trail and Property; South Whidbey Community Park
RoseAnne Alspektor	South Whidbey Community Park; Four Springs Lake Preserve

Anyone else that could take an afternoon to walk the trails would be greatly appreciated. Trail signs and maps have been emailed to all EHAT members.

3. Officer nominations

- a) Some nominations have been received. Those nominated have been contacted to see if they are able and/or willing to act as an officer for EHAT.
- b) Final officer nominations will be sent out for a vote via email on April 26 with a final count taken at the May 10 meeting.

4. Global warming presentation

- a) Dave Macys will approach CHAB to see if they want to co-host Cheryn Weiser for the global warming presentation.
- b) Elaine Woods mentioned the ongoing Lyceum series being held in Bayview addressing the same issue. The Lyceum series has been placed on the EHAT website in the "Events" section.

5. Funding opportunities

- a) Whitney Webber gave an overview of the funding opportunities that have been applied for:
 - i. Conservation Futures Funding - \$5,000 to assist with the trail signing project at Four Springs Lake Preserve.
 - ii. SCOG (Skagit Council of Government) - \$5,000 to assist with the trail signing project at Kettles Trail and property. As an aside, Bill Myhr, the current superintendent of Coupeville School District, gave EHAT permission to install a kiosk on school grounds, near the entrance of the Kettles Trail.

- iii. Washington Health Foundation, Healthiest State in the Nation - \$50,000 to encourage Island County residents to engage in healthy lifestyles
- iv. Take Action - \$2,000 to \$5,000 to assist with an intergenerational Walking School Bus program between Oak Harbor Elementary and Oak Harbor Senior Center. Program also partners with City of Oak Harbor Planning and Engineering departments and local law enforcement.
- v. EPA CARE - \$150,000 to \$300,000 to sustain the current illegal dumping and littering efforts by utilizing EPA's WasteWise and Make a Difference campaign and revitalizing the Keep Island County Klean campaign.
- vi. CDC Healthy Communities – Up to \$135,000. We will check to see if this is round three funding. We will need letters of continued support from all EHAT members. We will need letter of support from many, varied community partners.

6. Update on recent events

- a) "Connecting the County" minutes will be emailed to EHAT as soon as they are available.

7. Upcoming events

- a) Earth Day celebration at NAS Whidbey Island on Friday, April 20, from 10:30 AM -12:00 PM
 - i. Focus is on recycling. We will showcase EHAT's efforts on illegal dumping and littering. Celine Servatius, Katie Hicks and Dave Macys have volunteered to assist with the booth.
- b) South Whidbey Walkable Communities Workshops featuring Dan Burden on Monday, April 30, and Tuesday, May 1, in Langley, Bayview, Freeland and Clinton.
 - i. We need assistance with working on publicity. Email with distribution lists will be forwarded for inclusion of additional names.
 - ii. RoseAnn Alspektor has volunteered to update the flyer for the event.
- c) Walking School Bus Planning Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27, at 1:00 PM at the Oak Harbor Senior Center.

8. Closing business

- a) Waste Code revision is still with the prosecuting attorneys.
- b) Freecycle will be added as a link to the EHAT website.
- c) Linda Rhodes and Carl Stephens were named as Linda Lee Martens Health Heroes.
- d) Dave Macys mentioned that the Key Indicators are available on the CHAB website.
- e) Question was raised about the progress of the Public Health Funding bill. Everyone was encouraged to call their elected official to show their support.
 - a) The next EHAT meeting will be held on Thursday, May 10, from 5:30-7:30 PM, at the Jim Davis House, Greenbank Farm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.