

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

Date: Thursday, February 8, 2007 **Time:** 5:30pm – 7:30pm **Location:** Jim Davis House, Greenbank Farm

Present: Leslie Stevens (Acting Chair), Dave Macys, Jim Patton, Kevin Rio Kiper, Celine Servatius, Carl Stephens, Elaine Woods, Art Burke

Guests: Jill Wood, Island County Health Department

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

Excused: Phyllis Brett, Chris Markle, Lisa Clark, Patty Folkestad, Katie Hicks, Reece Rose, Marie Piper, RoseAnn Alspektor

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

Agenda Items:

1. Review Minutes from December 2006 Meeting

- a) Minutes approved as submitted.
- b) Minutes will be posted to the website after they have been approved at the next EHAT meeting.

2. Updates on EHAT membership/recruitment

- a) Unfortunately, Linda Rhodes has resigned as a member of EHAT. Whitney read Linda's resignation letter. Linda had tried to resign in August but was dissuaded since EHAT was in such a transition at that time. She will be sorely missed.
- b) In response to Leslie's question about ongoing recruitment for EHAT, Tim and Whitney said that staff's focus has shifted to finding new ways to fund the project and to work on sustainability. EHAT member's are asked to think about who they know in the community that might be an asset to the EHAT team and to try and recruit them to join.
- c) Dave suggested that EHAT should focus on getting more media attention to get the word out to the community about who EHAT is and what we are working on.
- d) Jim mentioned that the Coupeville Examiner is now the Whidbey Examiner and that they have a new reporter. We will set-up a time to meet with the Whidbey Examiner to try and get some media coverage for EHAT.
- e) Elaine asked how much money was in the EHAT budget. EHAT does not have a budget per-se, there is a pool of federal funds that was granted for use in promoting environmental health, and EHAT is using only a portion of that money.

3. Multi-modal Walking Campaign: Trail Signage and Promotion

- a) Reviewed meeting minutes from Trail Signing meeting, Z-Cards® and sample trail intersection signs proposed for the Four Springs Lake Preserve.
- b) Keith asked who would install and maintain the signs.
- c) Island County Trails Council already has projects in the works for trailhead signs.
- d) Leslie asked if there were any rules on "in memoriam" signs, Celine said that the Friends of Camano Island Parks is working on have benches "donated by" rather than "in memoriam", Art said that from a parks perspective, too many signs start to clutter parks and that having signs, benches, etc., "donated" rather than "memorialized" generally works better.
- e) Celine asked if there was funding available to purchase trail signs. Keith said that the discussion would be raised with the program manager at CDC.

4. South Whidbey Walkable Communities Workshop

- a) Dan Burden event will identify solutions to meet community needs.
- b) The scope of work submitted might need to be changed to focus on those communities that are ready to implement. Which areas are ready?
- c) Whitney mentioned that some of the targeted communities might be able to contribute funds to cover the expense.
- d) Of the communities that have been submitted for review, only one is a town, the rest are in the county. It was discussed that Freeland and Bayview should be combined, Langley stands alone since it's a town and Clinton should be removed from consideration unless the South Whidbey Port and the State Department of Transportation is involved.

5. Safe Routes to School

- a) Workshop attended in Mount Vernon contained more information for urban areas.
- b) Outstanding showing from Island County!
- c) Need to identify situations where we can succeed: partner with groups that have resources; focus on one "pilot program"
- d) Create intergenerational Walking School Bus where children are dropped off or walked to a satellite hub, then a group of volunteers walk with the children to school. Work with senior groups to be the volunteer groups that walk the children to school.
- e) How can EHAT help districts obtain SR2S funding? Does ICPW have the capability? According to Jill Wood, yes, from grant writing through implementation.

6. Litter Assessment/Outreach

- a) Reviewed LIWH call statistics graphs.
- b) The graphs will be posted on the EHAT website in the near future.

7. Measuring Success

- a) Reviewed logic model.

8. Upcoming Meetings

- a) Transportation to the physical activity seminars/workshops in Seattle will be available on February 15th, Physical Activity and the Built Environment and on February 20th, Community Design and Health Promotion. Please email or call Valerie the day prior to confirm arrangements.
- b) We will be registering for the Active Communities workshop by the end of the week. Elaine, Katie and Jim are scheduled to attend, if anyone else is interested in attending please let Valerie know as soon as possible.

9. Nominations for Linda Lee Martens Health Hero Award

- a) The call for nominations is due to Carrie McLachlan on March 3, 2007.
- b) EHAT members are invited to the annual award ceremony on the first Tuesday in April

10. EHAT Profiles

- a) EHAT members were asked to provide a biography to post on the EHAT website. Photos will be taken at EHAT meetings of those who are willing.

11. Closing Business

- a) The next EHAT meeting will be rescheduled for March 15 at the NWFRC.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.