

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

**Date:** Thursday, March 15, 2007    **Time:** 5:30pm – 7:30pm    **Location:** NWFRC, Oak Harbor

**Present:** Jim Patton (Acting Chair), Dave Macys, Chris Markle, Marie Piper, Celine Servatius, Carl Stephens, Elaine Woods

**Guests:** Sarah Schmidt, WSU Extension

**Staff Present:** Whitney Webber, Valerie Matazzoni

**Excused:** Phyllis Brett, Lisa Clark, Patty Folkestad, Katie Hicks, Kevin Rio Kiper, Reece Rose, Art Burke, RoseAnn Alspektor, Keith Higman, Tim McDonald, Leslie Stevens

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

**Agenda Items:**

**1. Review minutes from February 2007 meeting**

- a) Minutes approved as submitted.

**2. Year 2 Litter Assessment**

- a) Sarah Schmidt presented the Year 2 Litter Assessment results.
- b) There were overall fewer litter items in 2006 but determining trends in litter quantity would require more years of study.
- c) Fast food and snack food type litter ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 15 out of 18 sites.
- d) We will provide Sarah with the location of the LIWH signs to assess if the LIWH signs have made an impact on the litter in the areas where they are installed.
- e) Schedule a meeting with Janet Hall for Year 3 Litter Assessment.

**3. Officer nominations**

- a) We will hold the officer elections at the May 10 meeting.
- b) An email will be sent soliciting officer nominations.
- c) EHAT bylaws were reviewed to ensure that we were adhering to voting guidelines.

**4. Climate change speaker**

- a) EHAT will send a letter to invite the speaker to give a presentation on global warming (same as Al Gore's in *An Inconvenient Truth*).

**5. LIWH Signs: acknowledging ICPW**

- a) Jim Patton, Acting Chair, signed a thank you letter to Bill Oakes for ICPW's assistance in the installation of 20 LIWH signs around the county.

**6. Funding Opportunities**

- a) Funding applied for: Conservation Futures Funding, SCOG Non-motorized Transportation Project, WHF Major Grant.

**7. Sustainability: other funding opportunities**

- a) Take Action, Dairy Nutrition Program, EPA CARE, STIPDA SR2S Mini-grant.
- b) What can you do to help? Solicit letters of commitment from community partners, specifically the Board of Health.

**8. Update on recent events**

- a) Short course on planning went well. We reached our target audience.
- b) When sending out invitations for the second walkability forum, we need to invite more citizen advisory groups.
- c) City of Oak Harbor will be updating the transportation element of their comprehensive plan. They will be asking for EHAT support.

- d) The Active Communities conference in Spokane was well received by Elaine. She put together great notes; they are included as part of the minutes.

**9. Upcoming events**

- a) EHAT-sponsored work party at Duguala State Park on March 17 at 9 am.
- b) Board of Health meeting on March 19 – The solid waste code revision and the South Whidbey walkable community's contract will be presented.
- c) Annual CHAB/EHAT report to the community being held April 3, along with presentation of Health Hero Awards.

**10. Walking School Bus at Oak Harbor Elementary**

- a) OHE PE teacher, Holly Troyer, who attended the SR2S workshop, is starting a Walking School Bus program at OHE. She has already sent flyers home with OHE students and will be making a presentation to the PTA in April.
- b) Holly is partnering with the city engineers and planners from the city of Oak Harbor to get maps of school walking routes.
- c) It would be great to make this an intergenerational project ; we will be contacting the Oak Harbor Senior Center to see if there is any interest on their part.

**11. Closing business**

- a) The next EHAT meeting will be held April 12 from 5:30-7:30 PM, at the NWFRC.

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.**