

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

Date: Thursday, October 11, 2007

Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Location: NWFRC

Present: Celine Servatius (Vice Chair), Dave Macys, Terri Arnold, Carl Stephens, Katie Hicks, Marie Piper

Staff Present: Tim McDonald, Keith Higman, Carrie McLachlan, Whitney Webber

Absent: Leslie Stevens (Chair), Elaine Woods, RoseAnn Alspektor, Phyllis Brett, Lisa Clark, Chris Markle, Patty Folkestad, Kevin Rio Kiper

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

Agenda Items:

1. **Reviewed minutes from September 2007 meeting** – Minutes approved as submitted.
2. **CHAB/EHAT merger** – The merger will become effective in January with current EHAT members attending their first CHAB meeting in January. CHAB meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month in Conference Room A of Whidbey General Hospital from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.
3. **Second walkability forum** – The forum will be held Friday, December 7, from 8:30 to 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room of the Oak Harbor School District. Whitney asked EHAT members to meet separately to discuss the details of the agenda, invitees list, packet contents, etc. Katie, Marie, and Leslie volunteered their time.
4. **Quarterly report to the Board of Health (Oct 15)** – Whitney asked Dave to give the quarterly report since EHAT's Board of Health liaison, Jim Patton, resigned. Dave agreed to give the report, but asked for bulleted points prior to Monday. EHAT members reviewed suggested materials that Dave might showcase to the Board of Health, including the Island County Trails Pocket Guides and the 25 parks handout. The group offered their suggestions for improving the handout. Celine, Terri, Carl, and Tim asked for electronic copies, and Celine suggested the handout be added to EHAT's website.
5. **Recent events** – Whitney briefed the group on Children's Day and Walk to School activities. Whitney shared that Leslie attended the Whidbey Island Farm Tour Reception to promote EHAT and the trail guides, and encouraged EHAT members to speak to her for more information on the event. Terri asked to borrow the 25 parks poster and some of the poster displays that Leslie created on EHAT and the guides at the upcoming Cranberry Festival.
6. **Upcoming events** – Carrie spoke about the CHAB legislative meeting held the first Tuesday in December at CHAB's regularly scheduled meeting time and location. Tim brainstormed issues with EHAT for topics that might be discussed during EHAT's presentation, such as the Public Health Improvement Plan (PHIP), SB5930 public health funds, and promoting walkability/bikability for SR20.
7. **Updates** – Whitney mentioned that nearly all 4,000 pocket guides have been distributed in the community and that her plan was to order more. EHAT responded favorably and Terri asked if South Whidbey Parks and Recreation could place a joint order with the Health Department. Whitney told Terri that she would work with her on placing the order. Carl shared information on and pictures of the recently installed trail markers at Dugulla State Park.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.