

Present:

Anne Norman, Eatonville	Robert M Zable, Graham
Bud Rehberg, Friends of Pierce County, GAC (Graham Advisory Committee?)	Russ Crutcher, Puyallup
George Wearn, Graham	Ruth Nelson, Ohop Grange #812
Heather Allred, Spanaway/Graham	Sharon Gustafson, Puyallup
Janet Byrd, Puyallup	Steve Pruitt, Nisqually River Council
Kelda Miller, Puyallup	
Lynn Abegglen, McKenna	Marianne Seifert, Coalition Staffer
Marilyn Ellis, Buckley	Marilee Root, Recorder
Marilyn Sanders, Graham	

Marianne Seifert began the meeting at 5:30 pm with introductions. She distributed March 6 meeting notes, explained the EPA grant and a previous EH Indicators project. She'll keep group informed on the indicators project. Questions:

- What is the Coalition's scope, what is meant by environmental health (EH)? Marianne described her definition is physical, chemical and biological hazards in the environment, as in the *Pierce County: Your Environment – Your Health* booklet, and asked for other definitions. It's up to the group what we focus on.
- Is there a limit to group size? No, the more the better, although there's a trade-off: smaller groups have better discussions, generally, but larger groups have a wider range of ideas and give a better picture of the entire county.

Marianne reviewed ground rules, intended to foster a respectful environment. Suggestion was made to add: Turn cell phones off or on vibrate. Marianne reviewed project goals, no changes made. She'll post grant application on web page: www.tpchd.org/ehpriorities

Ranking Worksheet

Marianne distributed copies of a draft ranking worksheet for EH concerns and asked for input. Group discussed how to take into account duration of impacts, positive impacts and prevention, not just negative impacts, and indirect impacts when ranking issues. See Central Pierce County Regional Workgroup ranking worksheet.

LIST OF ISSUES

Issue	Possible Speaker
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Landfill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Possible tour of facility ○ Impact on drinking water – how do we know drinking water is safe from landfill contamination? ○ Consumption of water by landfill operations? ○ How do we manage our waste? Reduce waste, recycle? Send it out of county (Eastern Washington?) ○ Are toxins coming from landfill measured? How? 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impacts of sprawl, land use planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Water quality ○ Fire prevention, emergency access ○ Air quality - outdoor ○ Quality of life issues 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor Air Quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Construction practices ○ Mold 	Russ Crutcher, Industrial Hygienist at Fort Lewis? Janet Primomo on asthma triggers?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Warming 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fossil Fuel consumption/supply 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire retardants: PBDEs (poly brominated diphenyl ethers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ecology web info: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/eap/pbt/pbde/index.html - Washington Toxics Coalition info: http://www.watoxics.org/issues/pbde 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wastewater, stormwater <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Septic systems ○ Municipal treatment plants 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disclosure in labeling, honesty by manufacturer 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio Frequencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EMFs (Electric and Magnetic Fields) ○ Cell phones - CDC/NIOSH web info on both: http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/emf/ 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial pollution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Air ○ Water 	Mike Gallagher, Dept. of Ecology
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic accidents: death, injury 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternate and safer transportation routes 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Sustainability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Safe walking routes 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Access to health services ○ Food security ○ Energy security ○ Waste management security 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Accessibility to alternate transportation (bus, biking, etc) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Noise Pollution 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visual Pollution 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Energy Sources 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Food Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allergies ○ Environmental triggers? ○ Chemicals/pesticides ○ Growth hormones, steroids 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Salmon – why are they important? 	Jeannette Dorner, Nisqually Tribe and Nisqually River Council

Gift Cards

Marianne distributed forms for this meeting, and reviewed the rules about who can receive them. Gift cards will be distributed at each meeting for previous meeting participation. McLendons Hardware was suggested as a local alternative to Fred Meyers gift cards.

Next Meeting

The next meeting: May 16, 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the same place: Graham Fire & Rescue Headquarters, 23014 70th Ave, Graham. Invite Mike Gallagher from Washington Dept. of Ecology to talk about toxic releases.

“Do you care...” flyers were handed out for participants to post and distribute to others who might be interested.

Meeting Evaluation & Food

Good discussion, great location, whole wheat pita bread request, want to learn more. Question if food at every meeting, so they don’t have to eat before they come? Yes – please take home extra food, courtesy of EPA grant.