

Minutes of the Heavy Metals Remediation Committee (draft) 3/5/04 3:30 p.m. at the Vashon Island Library

Present: May Gerstle, Shaheeda Pierce, Rita Schenck, Dan Scheuler, Adam Rawson, Brian Smith, Marian Abbott (Department of Ecology,) Bonnie Meyer (Public Health – Seattle & King County.)

- Approved agenda and minutes from last meeting.
- Brian reported on dumping into the waters on Maury – looks to be illegal – Marian will check and report back.
- Upcoming HMRC activities-
 1. Symposium in October “Dirt III”
 - a. focus on pets and wildlife
 - b. Asthma and allergiesWHO: Shaheeda, Adam, May, Rita
 2. Phytoremediation
WHO: Adam, Dan, Shaheeda
 3. Soil Building Project
 - a. Tofu Factory
 - b. Vashon Sand and Gravel
 - c. DIGS
 - d. Island Meadow
 - e. Wax OrchardWHO: Rita
 4. Clean-up Dockton Park
WHO: Shaheeda
 5. Camp Sealth, Morningside,/Mormons
WHO: Rita
- Rita has moved to the Beall Greenhouse Property and it will be used as a demonstration site to make Vashon a Sustainable Island.
- She’s hoping to use part of the Ecology grant (via IRPPC) to look into the soil building project which includes doing a business plan.
- Marian’s Ecology report: Ecology sent letter to ASARCO saying they are a potentially liable party and we’ve waiting for their response- Money would help with long-term education and outreach – opens up the possibility for a third party lawsuit, for example the Mormon Church has an undeveloped property outside the Superfund site where arsenic levels of 1000 ppm were found.
- Shaheeda and Nan will work on the edits to the video.
- Bonnie’s Public Health report: Distributed “Dirt Can Hurt” brochures that are being distributed on Vashon and in the areas of concern.
 - Presented information at Master Gardeners training. They will use the PH materials and distribute to interested parties.
 - Planning two STARS childcare provider trainings this year to teach about soil safety.

- Went to Chautauqua today and gave them nail brushes. Planning more school outreach.
 - Working with IKEA where they sell shoe racks, help to promote taking off shoes inside.
 - Articles about the King County campaign to take off shoes appeared in the UTNE Reader and Natural Home magazines.
- Healthcare Practitioners Handbook Report- Shaheeda- Received \$360.00 from the VMICC and \$140 from Jolene's Ambulance Company – Unanimous vote
 - Dan and Allison Jones will help with the grant writing. Both VMICC and Jolene will need invoices for the work.
- Rita talked about the Heavy Metals in the Garden brochure and what's going to the vendors.
 - Database on contaminants in the fertilizers will be going to the vendors who are selling them on Vashon.
- Next meeting will be May 7, 2004 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. at the library.