

## MINUTES – PUBLIC HEALTH MEETING – JULY 2001 – GWAC

Present: Rob, Barbara, Fiona, Eric and Maryann

1. Hopper Juices – Barb presented a huge amount of documentation about the hopper juice problem.

Action plan:

Goal: to get garbage trucks to fix seals so that there is no leakage (most leakage comes from the private sector garbage trucks)

1. Work on an Article about the issue: Fiona and Barbara
2. Take to next meeting – GWAC to write an article to City Hall to Dave Rudbury, Doug Roberts, and Mr. McCluen about this issue and to ask for a meeting with the City – copy to other community groups (Action: Maryann/Barbara)
3. Investigate the health effects of juices, talk to workers who work with the substance
4. Create a poster asking people who see this problem to report it to City Hall
5. Outreach to SPEC/Cycling Groups, Pedestrian Groups, AIDS groups about problem

2. Lafarge Issue – Robert went to the meeting and reported back – there is a public forum on the issue on Saturday at the PNE. The city gave a list of names of people who had signed petitions to Lafarge – Lafarge has been contacting these people.

Take to next GWAC meeting: ask GWAC to oppose Lafarge, and to take position that we don't want major changes to the portlands area until there has been an honest process.

Action: Rob will get leaflets to pass out, and will contact the Stop Lafarge Coalition to ask them to come to the next meeting.

3. Heritage Seeds – Rob passed around info about the Heritage Seeds Project – protecting and growing heritage seeds. These seeds are non-GMO, and are part of our cultural/genetic heritage. Since our food supply is at risk because of monocultured produce, it is really important to save heritage seeds.

Take this issue to GWAC for the next meeting – ask GWAC to join the association. Perhaps we can work with other groups to hand out heritage seeds in the park.