

April 7, 2009

Environmental Quality Advisory Council meeting at Hidden Oaks Nature Center  
Minutes by Linda Burchfiel

Council Members in attendance: Stella Koch, Linda Burchfiel, Frank Crandall, Doug Denny, Ned Foster, Alex Kim, Chet McLaren, Bob McLaren and Glen White  
Absent: George Lamb, Johna Gagnon, Rich Weisman, Larry Zaragoza  
Staff in attendance: Noel Kaplan and Kambiz Agazi

Meeting began at 7:20 PM.

Student member Alex Kim gave a PowerPoint presentation on negative consequences of *Gambusia* introduction and alternative mosquito-control measures. He questioned EQAC's account of *G. affinis* and *G. holbrooki*'s native distributions (as described in the 2008 report) and urged further investigation. Following this, Alex presented the freshwater prawn project that earned him 7th place in the 2009 Intel Science Talent Search.

Annual Report discussion led by Noel Kaplan

Format

Entire document will be available online, and

Hard copy summary of approximately 40 pages will be available

Authors were suggested but not finalized

Cover Letter – Stella Koch

Fairfax County and Global Climate Change – Larry Zaragoza

Land Use and Transportation - George Lamb, Chet McLaren

Air – Rich Weisman

Water – Stella Koch

Solid Waste – Doug Denny

Hazardous Materials – Johna Gagnon

Ecological Resources – Bob McLaren, Chet McLaren (Urban Forestry)

Wildlife Management – Frank Crandall

Noise – Linda Burchfiel

Light – Frank Crandall

Visual – Ned Foster

Legislative – Rich Weisman

Scorecard – Bob McLaren

Glen White offered his assistance to chapter authors.

Timing, request for information, and suggested format for chapter drafts

Handouts were referenced. Changes to information requests are due to Noel by April 24. In their chapter drafts, authors are asked to highlight changes from previous year to help EQAC members focus on changes during their reviews.

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Student Search Committee volunteers

Alex Kim, Glen White, Doug Denny (Chair).

Environmental Excellence Awards Committee volunteers

Ned Foster, Chet McLaren, Bob McLaren (no Chair identified).

Approval of the minutes of the March 11 meeting

Consideration of minutes was deferred until May to allow for additions to Council Member items and Staff items.

Chairman's Item: Review of policy regarding encroachments into Environmental Quality Corridors: Stella will be tracking this and requests that another member agree to track it as well. Bob McLaren volunteered.

Chairman's Item: Stella Koch testified twice to the Board of Supervisors regarding budget matters (the stormwater service district proposal and general testimony). She encouraged members to write letters to Supervisors in support of the stormwater service district proposal—she noted that the record would remain open until April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Item: Chet McLaren referenced EQAC public hearing testimony regarding trail construction in the Accotink Creek stream valley in the Springfield area. He noted that the presenter was not speaking on behalf of the Springfield Civic Association.

Council Member Item: Frank Crandall expressed concern about the prospects for the proposed stormwater service district. After discussion, Frank moved that EQAC send a letter to the Board of Supervisors reiterating its position on this matter. The motion was seconded by Bob McLaren and passed by a unanimous vote. Stella Koch agreed to draft and send the letter.

Other Council Member Items: Chet McLaren referenced the April 25 Earth Day/Arbor Day festivities at Northern Virginia Community College as well as a visit from Dr. Kirwin of Virginia Tech. Ned Foster expressed support for a proposal to charge admission fees at certain parks.

Staff Items: Kambiz Agazi noted that the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors Environmental Committee would be held on June 15 at 9:30 AM in conference rooms 9 and 10 of the Government Center. Noel Kaplan noted an invitation from the Chairman of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board for EQAC to attend FCPA Executive Committee meetings. Stella Koch indicated that this should be discussed at a future meeting. Noel Kaplan noted two forthcoming meetings of the Planning Commission's Environment Committee: April 16 (policy on EQC encroachments) and April 30 (headwater stream protection). He noted that the Planning Commission wanted EQAC at the table for both discussions

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Preparation for the May 13 meeting

Stella suggested presentation by Northern VA Regional Commission on the community energy planning concept and Noel suggested a discussion of follow-up items from the Dec 1 Public Hearing. Stella also asked for a briefing on the FY 2010 budget as it relates to environmental budget cuts.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.