

**FAIRFAX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

DATE: Wednesday, August 12, 2015
TIME: 7:15 P.M.
PLACE: Hidden Oaks Nature Center, Annandale, VA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Burchfiel (At-Large)	Rick Healy (Mason)
Frank Crandall (Dranesville)	George Lamb (At-Large)
Johna Gagnon (Lee)	Ken Lanfear (Hunter Mill)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Stella Koch (Chairman, At-Large)	Alex Robbins (Providence)
Larry Zaragoza (Vice Chair, Mt.Vernon)	Rich Weisman (Sully)
Robert McLaren (At-Large)	Katrina White (Student Member)
Paul Pitera (Braddock)	Clyde Wilber (Springfield)

STAFF

Noel Kaplan

GUESTS

Scott Cameron	Emily Tuszynska
Alex Tuszynska	Trish Wotowiec

George Lamb called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

Due to a lack of a quorum, no motions were made and no votes were taken.

Development of EQAC legislative proposals for the 2016 General Assembly

Issues addressed:

- Development of an EQAC recommendation regarding legislation addressing plastic and paper bags.
- Consideration of support for recommending retention of the Board of Supervisors' earlier position on this matter.
- Discussion of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

- Consideration of differing perspectives, including that of Dominion
- A previous draft position statement developed for EQAC's consideration by the Chesapeake Climate Action Network
- The need for an honest identification of perspectives in any EQAC position that is developed.
- Consideration of implications of any proposal to ratepayers in Fairfax County, along with disposition of any revenues generated—tidewater vs. Fairfax County.

Follow-up actions:

- In September, EQAC to consider formalizing its support for retention of the Board of Supervisors' previous position regarding plastic and paper bags.
- Further discussion of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative anticipated in September.

2015 Annual Report on the Environment—chapter/section reviews

Issues addressed are included within each portion of this summary. Approvals of chapters/sections as applicable were deferred to the September meeting.

- Ecological Resources
 - Noel Kaplan noted that Bob McLaren was out of town but requested that his draft summary section be reviewed.
 - Ken Lanfear provided an overview of his content review of the draft, citing a need for a better focus on “big picture” conclusions, a stronger discussion of the Park Authority's Natural Resource Management Plan (in light of the effort that went into it) and a need to condense the summary. He also expressed reservation at considering the summary section absent the detailed chapter.
 - Ken Lanfear stressed a general need for Annual Report chapters to support comments and recommendations.
 - Ken Lanfear identified a need to provide clarification regarding the analysis of tree canopy.
 - George Lamb suggested that the first recommendation (funding to fill an Ecologist position in the Fairfax County Park Authority) be highlighted in the Chairman's letter.
 - There was confusion as to whether the dollar figures cited in the second recommendation in the draft reflected the old Natural Resource Management Plan or the new one.
 - The EQAC members present agreed that further discussion was needed at the September meeting.
- Hazardous Materials
 - Johna Gagnon provided an overview of the approach she took to this year's draft chapter.

- There was a consensus among EQAC members present to support the chapter as presented.
- Wildlife Management
 - Frank Crandall provided an overview of the chapter draft, noting his need to review Ken Lanfear's content editing comments.
 - Ken Lanfear suggested improvement in the presentation of deer/vehicle collision information. There was additional discussion of the presentation of this information.
 - George Lamb requested that three of the draft geese recommendations be discussed at the September meeting.
- Noise
 - Linda Burchfiel provided an overview of her draft section.
 - The draft recommendation, along with text in the discussion of the Noise Ordinance, were discussed.
 - There was a consensus among EQAC members present to support the chapter as presented.
- Light Pollution
 - Ken Lanfear raised concerns about possible discrepancies between the detailed and summary sections relating to Park Authority lighting reviews. Frank Crandall responded to these concerns. Johna Gagnon suggested a related revision to the text of the summary section and recommended that there be a parallel change made to the detailed section.
 - Johna Gagnon raised concern about how two of the draft recommendations had been presented, in that it was difficult for her to identify what EQAC was asking the Board of Supervisors to do. She indicated that she could not support these recommendations as drafted.
 - Ken Lanfear expressed his view that neither the first nor second recommendation were provided with sufficient supporting discussions within the body of the report. He recommended that text be added to lead to these recommendations.
 - There was consensus in support of reconsideration of this section at the September meeting.
- Environmental Crimes and Concerns
 - Noel Kaplan reviewed proposed revisions to the table, per staff reviews and suggestions.
 - There was a consensus among EQAC members present to support the draft table as presented.
- Scorecard
 - Noel Kaplan reviewed the status of chapter author inputs.

Chairman's Items

Issues addressed:

- George Lamb expressed his support for this year's Annual Report development process.

Follow-up actions: None.

Council member items

Issues addressed:

- Presentation of tree canopy requirements at a recent Tree Commission meeting.
- Review of issues discussed at the June meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee.
- Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District green breakfast

Follow-up actions: None

Staff Items

Issues addressed:

- Review of September 9 agenda items

Follow-up actions: None

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.