

**FAIRFAX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**DATE:** Wednesday, August 10, 2011  
**TIME:** 7:15 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Conference Room, Hidden Oaks Nature Center

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Stella Koch (Chairman, At-Large)	Robert McLaren (At-Large)
Linda Burchfiel (At-Large)	Kat Pfleeger (Student Member)
Frank Crandall (Dranesville)	Rich Weisman (Sully)
Johna Gagnon (Lee)	Larry Zaragoza (Mount Vernon)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

George Lamb (Vice Chairman, At-Large)	Patricia Greenberg (Hunter Mill)
Frank Divita (Braddock)	Glen White (Mason)
Marie Flanigan (Providence)	

**STAFF**

Kambiz Agazi	Noel Kaplan
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**OTHERS PRESENT**

Scott Brown (DPZ)

The meeting convened at 7:15 PM.

**EQAC Recommendations for the 2011 Legislative Session**

- Larry Zaragoza made a motion to forward to the County Executive's Office a proposed position statement to reduce environmental contamination from plastic and paper bags; it was seconded by Bob McLaren. The proposal calls for supporting legislation to reduce the use of plastic disposable bags, and includes a goal to encourage the use of reusable bags. The statement was passed unanimously.

**2011 Annual Report on the Environment (ARE)**

- EQAC decided that the presentation of the ARE to the Board of Supervisors would be pushed back to the Board's December 6 meeting.

#### Air Quality

- Rich Weisman made a motion to accept the draft chapter; it was seconded by Bob McLaren. The chapter was approved unanimously.
- A request was made to invite staff from both the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to a future EQAC meeting to discuss regulatory changes and implications, particularly in regard to atmospheric ozone.

#### Ecological Resources

- Bob McLaren made a motion to accept the draft recommendation, with recognition that the chapter draft would need to follow in the future. There was discussion about the term “high priority”, with Rich Weisman suggesting that this recommendation should not be listed as a high priority in the Chairman’s cover letter. The chapter was approved unanimously.

#### Wildlife

- Frank Crandall made a motion to accept the draft chapter; it was seconded by Rich Weisman. The chapter was approved unanimously.
- On the section about geese, there were several follow up actions, including:
  - Ask the FCPA to provide additional details about the pilot hunts
  - Include information about the survey conducted by the county wildlife biologist
  - Verify the FCPA data for 2004 and 2005 (in current draft data appear to be duplicative – page 309)
  - Discuss repellants that can be used instead of DEET (see e.g., page 316)
  - Discuss role of public information about Lyme disease and need to seek medical treatment.

#### Light Pollution

- Frank Crandall made a motion to accept the draft chapter; it was seconded by Linda Burchfiel. The chapter was approved unanimously.

#### Visual Blight

- Noel Kaplan reviewed the 2010 chapter on visual blight and EQAC voted unanimously (by consensus) to include that chapter again in the 2011 ARE, with credit of authorship given to Ned Foster.

#### Scorecard

- Bob McLaren requested input for the scorecard.

#### Cover

- Kat Pfleeger was requested to design the report cover for the ARE.

### **Minutes of the June 8 Meeting**

- Rich Weisman made a motion to accept the June minutes; it was seconded by Larry Zaragoza. The minutes were passed unanimously (Kat Pfleeger, Bob McLaren, and Johna Gagnon abstained).

### **Minutes of the July 13 Meeting**

- Bob McLaren made a motion to accept the July minutes; it was seconded by Johna Gagnon. The minutes were passed unanimously (Kat Pfleeger abstained).

### **Chairman's Items**

- Stella Koch discussed the WIP Phase 2 for the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, noting that Virginia did not provide data to the Federal committee. The DCR said that their enterprise data system was not working and they didn't have the staff to address it. Consequently, the BMP information from Fairfax, along with Arlington and Prince William, did not get into the Bay model. Johna Gagnon asked Stella Koch to send her a copy of an e-mail addressing this issue. There was a discussion of the implications of this omission.

### **Council Member Items**

- Rich Weisman provided an update on the REE&O RFP, noting that the county is shooting for an award by the September timeframe.
- Linda Burchfiel offered congratulations to Stella Koch on winning the Sally Ormsby award.
- Johna Gagnon noted that the Fairfax Joint LEPC meeting was the following day, and that the tank farm near Mantua was recently sold.

### **Staff Items**

- Noel Kaplan notified the winners of the Environmental Excellence awards and said that the awards will be presented at the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 27; Stella Koch will give the presentations.
- A Planning Commission workshop on the strawman Green Building Plan Amendment will be held on September 14 in the board auditorium.
- Topics for future meetings were as follows: September (ARE); October (Budget); November (District/Shared Energy and Private Sector Task Force).
- The City of Fairfax has established an environmental sustainability committee; Noel and Kambiz will be presenting to them on September 7.

The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.