

**FAIRFAX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

DATE: Thursday, November 15, 2012
TIME: 7:15 P.M.
PLACE: Fairfax County Government Center, room 232, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stella Koch (Chairman, At-Large)
Linda Burchfiel (At-Large)
Frank Crandall (Dranesville)
Johna Gagnon (Lee)
George Lamb (At Large)

Robert McLaren (At-Large)
Talia Schmitt (Student Member)
Rich Weisman (Sully)
Glen White (Mason)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Larry Zaragoza (Vice Chairman, Mt. Vernon)

Jeff Allcroft (Springfield)
Frank Divita (Braddock)

STAFF

Kambiz Agazi

Noel Kaplan

GUESTS

Susan Datta
Maj. Jack Hurlock
Edward L. Long, Jr.
Dave Molchany

Steve Nicholson
Sgt. Earit Powell
Ron Tuttle

Briefing on the FY 2014 Budget Process

Matters discussed:

- Economic conditions in Fairfax County as they may affect the county government budget, with a specific focus on the commercial real estate market and implications of federal sequestration.
- Recognition of budget challenges ahead even without sequestration and a need to prepare for the worst in the preparation of the FY 2014 budget.
- Potential for longer-term stability, with an unsettled condition in the short term.
- Focus on developing sustainable long-term solutions; need for consideration of long-term goals and related resource needs.
- Opportunities for short-term savings, and challenges to county agencies to identify ideas.
- Enrollment growth in public schools and related pressures on the budget.

- Potential for additional revenue generation through fees at parks, volunteer contributions, and/or “friends of” fundraising efforts.
- Balance between natural resource protection and other FCPA needs.
- Multi-year budget—development of a budget “dashboard” through which agencies will identify budget drivers in order to plant seeds to address longer term needs.
- EQAC budget recommendations, e.g., an additional ½ cent for the Stormwater Service District rate.
- The Environmental Improvement Program funding process.
- Potential funding opportunities through proffer negotiations.
- Property assessment and implications of vacant commercial property on assessed value.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up actions:

- EQAC will prepare comments subsequent to the February release of the County Executive’s proposed FY 2014 budget. The budget will be included on the agenda of the March 13 joint EQAC/Environmental Coordinating Committee meeting.

Briefing on the Deer Management Program

Matters discussed:

- Current staffing for the program.
- FY 2013 managed hunt dates and locations, including both firearms (two events) and archery (21 events) programs.
- Desire to increase the number of archery events next year.
- FY 2013 sharpshooting operations.
- FY 2012 and 2013 deer harvest totals.
- Monitoring for diseases.
- Private properties on which hunting is allowed.
- Illegal hunting and enforcement.
- Disposition of meat collected from deer kills (Hunters for the Hungry).
- Motor vehicle/deer collisions.
- Bicycle/deer collisions.
- Limitations on numbers of deer allowed to be killed per hunter.
- Effectiveness (or lack thereof) of sterilization efforts.
- Cost of the program in relation to costs of collisions and related responses.
- Animal rights activism.
- Increases in deer population.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up actions:

- A consensus of members supported adding a row to EQAC's environmental crimes matrix on reporting illegal hunting activities, with Earit Powell identified as a point of contact, at 703-691-2131.
- EQAC members asked that their regards be forwarded to Vicky Monroe.

Briefing on Collaboration between Fairfax County Public Schools and the Stormwater Planning Division on Stormwater Management Plans

Matters discussed:

- Identification of opportunities to enhance stormwater management efforts (beyond code requirements) on school properties through FCPS and DPWES collaboration.
- Targeting two inches of rainfall (98% of all rainfall events).
- Identification of opportunities to implement stormwater management measures during school renovation/construction process (Capital Improvement Program schools).
- Funding of enhancements through the Stormwater Service District revenue.
- Implementation of projects on eight CIP schools and 10 others where watershed plan projects were identified.
- Potential for increased efforts during Fiscal Year 2014.
- Examples of efforts at Waples Mill Elementary School and the preliminary concepts for Sunrise Valley and Terraset Elementary Schools.
- Collaboration among FCPS, the Fairfax County Park Authority and DPWES at the Forestville Elementary School/Nike Park site (early in the planning stages).

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up actions:

- A consensus of members supported adding a discussion to the FCPS Spotlight section in next year's Annual Report to highlight the stormwater management collaboration.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Stormwater Management for School Projects

Matters discussed:

- Development of a resolution supporting the FCPS/DPWES partnership, commending FCPS for identifying a solution to the concerns that had been raised by the Reston community in regard to two school renovation proposals.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up actions:

- Stella Koch will draft a resolution for consideration in December.

Preparation for the December 12, 2012 Joint Meeting with the Fairfax County Park Authority Board

Matters discussed:

- The agenda for the joint meeting.
- Stella Koch's discussion with William Bouie, Chairman, Fairfax County Park Authority Board.
- How to better engage Fairfax County residents on park issues in light of the diversity of the county's population.
- The Park Authority's budget and concerns regarding funding of natural resource efforts within the Resource Management Division.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up actions:

- Noel Kaplan was asked to forward a copy of the Annual Report Chairman's letter to the Park Authority Board.
- Noel Kaplan was asked to request that Park Authority staff compress its presentations and/or provide them in advance.
- EQAC members were asked to talk with their Board members and express support for the Park Authority.
- EQAC agreed to the following agenda items:
 - Tysons Corner/Urban Parks
 - Park Authority Needs Assessment
 - Natural Capital and the Ellanor C. Lawrence Park Forest Management Pilot Project
 - Natural Resource Management Plan Revision

2012 Annual Report on the Environment: Final Thoughts and Preparation for the November 20, 2012 Presentation to the Board of Supervisors

Matters discussed:

- Presentation of the Annual Report on the Environment to the Board of Supervisors, 10:40 A.M., Tuesday, November 20.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up actions:

- None.

Approval of the Minutes of the August 8, 2012 EQAC Meeting – deferred

Approval of the Minutes of the October 10, 2012 EQAC Meeting – deferred

Chairman's Items

None.

Council Member Items

Bob McLaren announced that he would miss the December meeting.

Staff Items

Matters discussed:

- The annual public hearing (January 7, 2013, 7:30 P.M.) and related publicity.
- The December 12 meeting time and location.
- November 27, 2012 meeting of the Board of Supervisors Environmental Committee.
- November 29, 2012 meeting of the Planning Commission's Environment Committee.
- November 29, 2012 meeting on implementation of the watershed management plans.
- A recent presentation given by Kambiz Agazi on the Passive House standard.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up actions:

- Noel Kaplan was asked to provide all EQAC members with the notice for the November 29 watershed plan meeting.
- Kambiz Agazi offered to give his Passive House presentation to EQAC.

Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM.