

Approved by EQAC, February 13, 2013

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF FAIRFAX
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (EQAC)
MINUTES**

DATE: January 7, 2013

TIME: 7:30-9:45 PM

LOCATION: Board of Supervisors Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center, with a remote testimony site established in Room 221A (Woodlawn), South County Center

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stella Koch (Chairman, At-Large)	George Lamb (At-Large)
Larry Zaragoza (Vice Chairman, Mount Vernon)	Robert McLaren (At-Large)
Linda Burchfiel (At-Large)	Talia Schmitt (Student Member)
Frank Crandall (Dranesville)	Rich Weisman (Sully)
Frank Divita (Braddock)	Glen White (Mason)
Johna Gagnon (Lee)	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeff Allcroft (Springfield)

STAFF

Kambiz Agazi	Noel Kaplan
Scott Brown (South County)	

PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS

Jerry Peters—Green Fire (Government Center)
Betsy Martin—Friends of Little Hunting Creek (South County)
Tom Fleury—Cityline Partners (Government Center)
Glenda Booth—Audubon Society of Northern Virginia and Friends of Dyke Marsh
(South County)
Phil Keipper—Hilton Hotels (Government Center)
Gretchen Giannelli (South County)
Frank Vajda—Fairfax County Park Authority Board (Government Center)
Clara Elias—Alice Ferguson Foundation (Government Center)
Alan Ford (Government Center)

OTHERS PRESENT AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

Government Center:

Carlin Anderson (Herndon Environmental Network)
Sara Baldwin (Fairfax County Park Authority)
Laura Cooper (Kimley-Horn and Associates)
Ellen Eggerton (Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services)
Suzy Foster (Friends of Accotink Creek)
Kay Fowler
Alex Luis-Haskell
Paul Haskell (Brilyn Park)
Mark Headly (Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc.)
Karl Hummel (Raymondale)
Jim Latchen [organization not legible from sign-in sheet]
John Lovaas (Audubon Society of Northern Virginia)
Silvia Lucero (Dulles Chamber of Commerce)
Chet McLaren (Fairfax County Tree Commission)
Joseph Plummer (Three Birds)
Jon Scott (Northern Virginia Conservation Trust)

South County:

Jim Davis (Sulgrave Manor Civic Association)
Sandra Hoffman
Rosita Fousson

In addition, a number of staff members from the Department of Cable and Consumer Services were present at both the Government Center and South County sites.

The public hearing was convened at 7:30 P.M. in the Board of Supervisors Auditorium in the Fairfax County Government Center. A remote public hearing testimony site was established in room 221A (Woodlawn) of the South County Center, with communications between sites established through a two-way audio and visual communication hookup via Fairfax County Cable Channel 16.

Annual Public Hearing

Matters discussed:

- Stella Koch welcomed all those in attendance, provided introductory remarks, and asked EQAC and staff members to introduce themselves.
- Noel Kaplan reviewed logistical considerations associated with the remote site at the South County Center. He thanked staff from the Department of Cable and

Consumer Services, the Department of Information Technology and the Office of Public Affairs for making this a reality, and cited the following staff in particular:

- Steve Adams
 - Timm Andrews
 - Joe Balon
 - Patrick Balsamo
 - Patrick Battle
 - Val Bey
 - Rick Brosnan
 - John Graham
 - Ron Kirkpatrick
 - Michael Liberman
 - Ellen O'Brien
 - Greg Smalfelt
 - George Teplansky
 - Jennifer Tuttle
 - Barbara Zungali
- Mr. Kaplan also thanked Scott Brown, Department of Planning and Zoning, for providing staff support at the South County site.
 - Mr. Kaplan noted the availability of the 2012 Annual Report on the Environment in several formats.
 - There were nine speakers, three of whom provided testimony from the South County Center. Seven of the speakers provided written materials at or subsequent to the hearing. In addition, Sheila Dunheimer submitted written testimony after the public hearing. A summary of the public hearing, including the written materials, is attached and included in these minutes by reference.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up actions:

- Mr. Kaplan agreed to prepare a draft public hearing summary and draft meeting minutes.

Election of officers for 2013

Matters discussed:

- Presentation by George Lamb of the recommendations of the nominating committee.

Motions made:

- George Lamb moved the election of Stella Koch as Chairman and Larry Zaragoza as Vice Chairman for 2013. Linda Burchfiel seconded the motion.

Record of the vote:

- Approval by unanimous vote.

Consideration of an EQAC response to the County Executive's request for BAC input/guidance on development of the FY 2014 budget

Matters discussed:

- The County Executive's December 4, 2012 request for input from members of boards, authorities and commissions on the FY 2014 budget.
- A draft response to this request prepared by Larry Zaragoza.
- EQAC's desired approach to the response, including a commitment to a consideration of costs and cost effectiveness in EQAC recommendations.

Motions made:

- Larry Zaragoza moved that EQAC approve, in concept, the transmittal of a letter consistent with his draft as refined per EQAC's discussion (including appreciation for the opportunity to comment, reiteration of EQAC's priority recommendations from the Annual Report on the Environment and EQAC's commitment to consider cost efficiency as it prepares its recommendations).
- Frank Crandall seconded the motion.

Record of the vote:

- Approval by unanimous vote.

Follow up actions:

- Larry Zaragoza will draft the correspondence consistent with EQAC's vote and will transmit the correspondence to Noel Kaplan, who will format the correspondence and circulate it to EQAC members for confirmation that the correspondence is consistent with the above motion and EQAC action. Mr. Kaplan will then transmit EQAC's correspondence to the County Executive, with a copy to the Chief Financial Officer/Director of the Department of Management and Budget.

Discussion of meeting minutes

Matters discussed:

- EQAC's responsibility to prepare meeting minutes.
- The current practice of spreading this responsibility among EQAC members rather than having one person responsible for the minutes.

- Limited availability of Noel Kaplan's time in refining draft meeting minutes and Mr. Kaplan's recent experiences suggesting that the process could/should be more efficient.
- Formatting and process options.
- Consensus to proceed with the format used for the November and December, 2012 minutes, with the drafts to be prepared by EQAC members and with refinements/corrections to be made by Mr. Kaplan prior to EQAC approval.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up actions:

- Starting in February 2013, EQAC will proceed per the above consensus. Per standard practice, Noel Kaplan will prepare the January 2013 minutes and public hearing summary for EQAC's approval in February.

Approval of the minutes of the December 12, 2013 EQAC meeting

Motions made:

- Larry Zaragoza moved approval of the December 12, 2012 minutes as submitted, with a revision to reflect that Bob McLaren was absent from the meeting and therefore did not agree to serve on the nominating committee but was instead included on the committee by consensus. Glen White seconded the motion.

Record of the vote:

- Approval by unanimous vote, with Bob McLaren and Johna Gagnon abstaining due to absence from the December 12 meeting.

Follow-up actions:

- Per standard practice, Noel Kaplan will post the approved minutes on EQAC's website and notify Supervisors offices of the approval.

Chairman's Items

Matters Discussed:

- Stella Koch will attend a January 28 stakeholder meeting regarding the development of a stormwater ordinance for Fairfax County. [Note: This meeting was subsequently postponed.]

Motions made:

- None.

Follow up actions:

- None.

Council Member Items

Matters Discussed:

- Bob McLaren will miss the February 13 meeting.
- Johna Gagnon reminded EQAC members of the upcoming Green Breakfast meeting.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow up actions:

- None.

Staff Items

Matters Discussed:

- Noel Kaplan noted that EQAC has been invited to staff a table at the annual Mount Vernon District Town Hall meeting to be held on February 2, 2013. There were no volunteers. [Note: Subsequent to the meeting, Jeff Allcroft volunteered to staff an EQAC table.]
- Upcoming meetings of the Planning Commission's Environment Committee.
- The county's lobbying policy and adopted legislative program for the 2013 General Assembly.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow up actions:

- One week after the meeting, Noel Kaplan will contact the Mount Vernon District Office with information regarding whether or not EQAC will staff a table at the Town Hall meeting on February 2. Noel will provide the office with copies of the Annual Report on the Environment and the EQAC flyer.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.