

**FAIRFAX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

DATE: Wednesday, January 14, 2009
TIME: 7:15 P.M.
PLACE: Conference Room, Hidden Oaks Nature Center

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stella Koch (Chairman, At-Large)	Alex Kim (Student Member)
George Lamb (Vice Chairman, At-Large)	Chet McLaren (Braddock)
Linda Burchfiel (At-Large)	Rich Weisman (Sully)
Frank Crandall (Dranesville)	Larry Zaragoza (Mount Vernon)
Diana Handy (Hunter Mill)	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert McLaren (At-Large)	Johna Gagnon (Lee)
Doug Denny (Providence)	

STAFF

Kambiz Agazi	Dawn Dhavale
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OTHERS PRESENT

Rob Stalzer	Chuck Peters
Michael Lucas	Jack Hurlock
Sean DeWhite	Vina DeWhite

Report and recommendations from the search committee for EQAC officers for 2009

Matters discussed:

- EQAC officers for 2009.

Motions made:

- A motion was made and seconded to reappoint Stella Koch as Chairman and George Lamb as Vice-Chairman.

Record of the vote:

- Approval by unanimous vote.

Follow-up action:

- None.

Discussion of the Deer Management Program structure

Matters discussed:

- Rob Stalzer, Chuck Peters, Michael Lucas, and Jack Hurlock spoke about the Deer Management Program and related budget issues.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up action:

- EQAC will discuss the implications of the budget on the Deer Management Program after the presentations on the Environmental Lines of Business (LOBs) at the February 11th meeting.

Review of Stewardship/Volunteerism drafts

Matters discussed:

- Drafts of sections for the new Stewardship/Volunteerism chapter of the Annual Report on the Environment. One draft was received.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up actions:

- Other drafts should be received by the next meeting.
- This issue will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Rich Weisman offered to assist with the Land Use and Transportation section of the chapter
- Alex Kim expressed interested in assisting with writing the Wildlife Stewardship/Volunteerism draft.

Discussion of the 2009 Environmental Excellence Awards process

Matters discussed:

- Kambiz Agazi briefed EQAC on the process for the awards
- By general consensus, EQAC approved the award materials and publicity efforts as proposed by Kambiz Agazi.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up actions:

- Kambiz Agazi will initiate the nomination and notification process.

Preparation for the February 11, 2009 joint meeting with the Environmental Coordinating Committee

Matters discussed:

- EQAC will be considering two items during the meeting: a discussion of Energy Audit software with Jenna Gorter first and a discussion of the different agencies' environmental lines of business second.
- Rob Stalzer will introduce the lines of business discussion with a brief overview of the budget situation.
- EQAC discussed if the newly formed Energy Efficiency and Conservation Coordinating Committee (EECCC) could brief EQAC regarding its goals, objectives and milestones for meeting goals. Kambiz suggested waiting until the EECCC has had time to meet and determine a course of action. He suggested waiting 3-6 months. He will coordinate the meeting at that time. EQAC members should also consider if there are questions they wish to ask EECCC prior to the meeting in 3-6 months.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up actions:

- Kambiz Agazi will coordinate a discussion with representatives of the EECCC at a future EQAC meeting at an appropriate time
- EQAC members were asked to consider specific questions they wish to ask EECCC representatives for discussion during that meeting.

Approval of the minutes of the December 1, 2008 meeting

Matters discussed:

- The draft minutes of the December 1 meeting, including the public hearing summary.
- Follow-up actions identified in the minutes.

Motions made:

- Chet McLaren moved for the acceptance of the minutes as submitted. Diana Handy seconded the motion.

Record of the vote:

- Approval by unanimous vote.

Follow-up actions:

- It was agreed that, if there were any items relating to public hearing testimony that needed follow-up action(s), it would be the responsibility of the EQAC member with the corresponding chapter to take the lead in pursuing the necessary follow-up action(s).
- There was recognition that EQAC should consider follow-up items from the public hearing as a future agenda item.

Chairman's Items

Matters discussed:

- Stella Koch briefly discussed and then distributed copies of the COG Climate Change Report.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up action:

- None.

Council Member Items

Matters discussed:

- Larry Zaragoza mentioned that he heard about administrative and other waivers under the Chesapeake Bay Ordinance. He wanted to have EQAC consider this issue, and was interested in having a briefing by DPWES-LDS to discuss the water quality and stormwater waiver process as well as to provide statistics on the waivers that are requested and granted. He suggested this in April or May.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up action:

- EQAC will schedule this item for discussion at a future meeting.

Staff Items

Matters discussed:

- Reminder about the Board of Supervisors Environmental Committee meeting Friday March 6th at 2 pm, conference rooms 9&10, Government Center.
- The need for the recording of meeting minutes and staff's request for one or more EQAC volunteers to assume this responsibility.
- A request from the Fairfax County Park Authority Board for a joint meeting with EQAC. EQAC decided to hold the joint EQAC/Fairfax County Park Authority meeting in March. The discussion with the Department of Planning and Zoning on the Plan Amendment process will be moved to April.
- A conflict between EQAC's scheduled April 8 meeting and the first night of Passover.
- Larry Zaragoza has indicated he is willing to staff a table at the Mount Vernon Town Hall meeting on January 31st.
- The CD copies of the EQAC report have been distributed to EQAC members.

- The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is offering a training session on Roberts' Rules of Order on Thursday, January 29th at 7 pm.
- Noel will keep everyone apprised of his recovery from shoulder surgery. He is not certain if he will be able to attend the next EQAC meeting.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up action:

- Minutes will be taken at each EQAC meeting by members of the Council on a rotating basis. Staff will maintain a file of approved minutes.
- Staff will prepare minutes for the January 14 meeting.
- The April 8 meeting will be rescheduled to April 7 in order to avoid a conflict with the first night of Passover.
- A joint EQAC/Fairfax County Park Authority Board meeting will be held in March.
- The discussion with the Department of Planning and Zoning on the Plan Amendment process will be moved to April.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.