

Approved by EQAC, August 14, 2013

**FAIRFAX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

DATE: Wednesday, July 10, 2013
TIME: 5:00 P.M.
PLACE: Room 120C, Fairfax County Government Center, Fairfax, VA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stella Koch (Chairman, At-Large)	George Lamb (At-Large)
Linda Burchfiel (At-Large)	Michael Sanio (Hunter Mill)
Hana Burkly (Student Member)	Rich Weisman (Sully)
Frank Crandall (Dranesville)	Glen White (Mason)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Larry Zaragoza (Vice Chairman, Mt. Vernon)	Frank Divita (Braddock)
Jeff Allcroft (Springfield)	Johna Gagnon (Lee)
	Robert McLaren (At-Large)

STAFF

Kambiz Agazi	Noel Kaplan
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GUESTS

Randy Bartlett	William Marsh
Kate Bennett	Bruce McGranahan
Katie Boyle	Matt Meyers
Tom Conry	James Patteson
Laura Grape	Domenic Scavuzzo
Irene Haske	Charles Smith
Davood Majidian	Sean Whinnie

The first item on the EQAC agenda was a joint meeting with the Fairfax County Environmental Coordinating Committee. This summary addresses items from the joint meeting, followed by items discussed at the regular EQAC meeting. The joint EQAC-ECC meeting was chaired by Kambiz Agazi.

Proposed Stormwater Management Ordinance: Briefing from the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, Land Development Services

Matters discussed:

- Presentation by Bruce McGranahan on the draft county stormwater management ordinance
- Covered the who, what, when, where, and why of the ordinance, with a particular focus on issues where the county has discretion (exemption for single lot residential development; the extent to which the county will assume maintenance responsibility)
- Noted a timeline leading to July 2014 implementation

Motions made:

- None

Follow-up actions:

- EQAC will consider developing a position on the draft ordinance during the public hearing process later this year

Stormwater program outreach and messaging: Briefing from DPWES-Stormwater and the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District

Matters discussed:

- Presentation by Laura Grape (NVSWCD) and Irene Haske (DPWES) on a variety of ongoing public education activities related to stormwater
- Covered audience, methods, and outcomes, including print media, electronic media, social media, direct contact, community stewardship, and working regionally
- Discussed successes with using “Stormy the Raindrop” and “dog blog”
- Randy Bartlett (DPWES) noted long-term goal to focus on school-age children

Motions made:

- None

Follow-up actions:

- None

Planimetric Data Layer: Application by county agencies

Matters discussed:

- Presentation by Tom Conry, Geographic Information System Manager, Department of Information Technology, on efforts ongoing by county staff to compile LIDAR data
- Showed examples of available LIDAR data (e.g., for tree canopy) and offered to provide more detailed briefing at a later date
- Goal is to cover entire county within the next year
- Planimetric data and the use of these data by county agencies, including results from a survey
- Possible development of a follow-up agency survey regarding use of planimetric data

Motions made:

- None

Follow-up actions:

- Noel Kaplan will assemble a staff team to meet with George Lamb and other interested EQAC members to discuss the possibility of formulating a follow-up agency survey on the use of planimetric data

Additional item (raised by Chairman Koch): Intersection at Braddock Road and Pleasant Valley Road

Matters discussed:

- Charles Smith (FCPA) provided background information about the recent discussions concerning the potential to make changes at this intersection
- FCPA has an interest because there is parkland on three of the four corners; on one of the corners (NE) there is a globally-rare plant community (flat sedge is one type of rare plant)
- There are a variety of community concerns about making changes to this intersection

Motions made:

- None

Follow-up actions:

- EQAC to consider voting on a motion at its next meeting; Stella Koch will prepare a draft for consideration.

Scheduling of the next ECC/EQAC joint meeting

The next joint EQAC-ECC meeting will tentatively be planned for March 12, 2014.

Regular EQAC Business Meeting

The remainder of this summary is for the regular EQAC business meeting. EQAC did not have a quorum of members present and so therefore did not make any votes at the meeting

Consideration of possible legislative initiatives/positions for the 2014 legislative session

EQAC did not have a quorum of members present and so therefore did not make any votes about possible legislative initiatives/positions at the meeting.

Matters discussed:

- Possible legislative initiatives/positions were discussed, including re-examination of past positions on uranium mining and bag disposal
- Linda Burchfiel discussed a concept for a new effort related to “community solar”, and it was suggested that she draft a conceptual position paper on this

Motions made:

- None

Follow-up actions:

- EQAC to consider voting on one or more possible legislative initiatives/positions at its next meeting

Report and recommendations from the Environmental Excellence Awards Committee

The EQAC did not have a quorum of members present and so therefore did not make any votes about possible environmental excellence awards at the meeting.

2013 Annual Report on the Environment: Status Report

All information requests have gone out for this year's ARE and some information has been provided in response to those requests. EQAC members should anticipate further discussions about the ARE in the September-October timeframe.

Approval of the minutes of the May 8, 2013 meeting

EQAC did not have a quorum of members present and so therefore did not make any votes about approving minutes from the May 8th meeting.

Chairman's Items

- Welcomed our new student member (Hana Burkly, who introduced herself to the group)
- Noted that Arlington was hosting an energy workshop the next day.

Council Member Items

- Recent press information about county efforts to enforce sign laws
- Efforts by Fairfax City to institute a managed hunt effort
- Green breakfast speaker to be former EQAC student member
- Rain garden party in honor of Sally Ormsby
- Possibility of implementing solar power on county schools

Staff Items

- Introduced Domenic Scavuzzo, summer intern at DPZ, who is helping staff with an Environmental Quality Corridor mapping project
- Noted upcoming meetings on EQAC's meetings calendar
- Noted planning commission meetings (2) on electric vehicle charging
- Fairfax Forward approved previous day by BOS
- Fairfax County Park Authority Natural Resource Management Plan

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- Noted need to provide information about attendance at August EQAC meeting so that meeting can be held when there will be a quorum present; packets to be mailed by August 1st
- BOS Environmental Committee meeting in October

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.