

**FAIRFAX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 10, 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)	David Ouderkirk (Hunter Mill)
Frank Crandall (Dranesville)	Glen White (Mason)
Ned Foster (Springfield)	Larry Zaragoza (Mount Vernon)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

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

**STAFF**

Kambiz Agazi	Noel Kaplan
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**OTHERS PRESENT**

Dale Medearis, Northern Virginia Regional Commission  
Mark Gibb, Northern Virginia Regional Commission  
Budd Titlow

The meeting convened at 7:15 P.M.

**Presentation from the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on community energy planning**

Matters discussed:

- Presentation from Dale Medearis, Northern Virginia Regional Commission, on community energy planning.
- Greenhouse gas emissions models (ICLEI; World Resources Institute)

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up actions:

- Noel Kaplan to pass along questions to Dave Molchany regarding the energy planning concept.
- Dale Medearis to provide Noel Kaplan with a copy of his presentation for circulation to EQAC.
- Web link to the community energy planning effort by the city of Guelph, Ontario to be provided to EQAC members.
- An invitation to a June 23 meeting regarding community energy planning in Arlington County to be provided to Larry Zaragoza.

### **Discussion of possible EQAC actions relating to motorcycle noise**

Matters discussed:

- Correspondence from Todd Koenings to EQAC regarding issues associated with motorcycle noise.
- Development of a possible resolution regarding motorcycle noise by the Mount Vernon Council.
- Research on motorcycle noise issues conducted by Larry Zaragoza.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up action:

- Larry Zaragoza and Linda Burchfiel will determine if the motorcycle noise issue is a legislative or regulatory issue and report back to the council.

### **Discussion of EQAC member assignments**

Matters discussed:

- Chet McLaren's resignation from EQAC.
- Request for EQAC member volunteers to represent EQAC in various ways (including representation on the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee; representation on the Tree Commission; participation in discussions of the Planning Commission's Environment Committee; attendance at Board of Supervisors Environmental Committee meetings; coordination with the Fairfax County Park Authority Board)

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up actions:

- Stella Koch to coordinate further with the Chairman of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board.
- Noel Kaplan to provide members with information regarding the meeting schedule of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee.
- David Ouderkirk volunteered to represent EQAC on the Tree Commission.
- Noel Kaplan noted Rich Weisman's efforts regarding legislation.

### **Report and recommendations from the Student Member Search Committee**

Matters discussed:

- EQAC recommendation for a student member for the 2009-2010 term—The Student Member Search Committee recommended that Ben Swanson be appointed as the Student Member, with Margaret Tarmann as the alternate in the event that Mr. Swanson would not be available to serve.
- Addition of a section in the Annual Report on a recommendation from the student member.

Motions made:

- Glen White moved acceptance of the Student Member Search Committee recommendations. Frank Crandall seconded the motion.

Record of the vote:

- Approval by unanimous vote.

Follow-up actions:

- Alex Kim agreed to prepare a short section for the next Annual Report on the Environment focusing on a recommendation.
- Noel Kaplan to forward the EQAC recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for Board action.

### **2009 Annual Report on the Environment—status report**

Matters discussed:

- Review of chapter author assignments.
- Status of information requests.
- Timeline for submission of drafts.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up actions:

- Glen White volunteered to assist Johna Gagnon with the Hazardous Materials chapter.
- Chapter authors were asked to submit their draft chapter drafts, with recommendations, to Noel Kaplan by September 1.

### **Approval of the minutes of the May 13, 2009 meeting**

Matters discussed:

- The draft minutes of the May 13 meeting.

Motions made:

- Larry Zaragoza moved for the acceptance of the minutes as submitted. Glen White seconded the motion.

Record of the vote:

- Approval by unanimous vote.

Follow-up actions:

- Noel Kaplan to transmit the approved minutes to the Board of Supervisors.

**Scheduling of the November 2009 and December 2009 meetings**

Matters discussed:

- The need to reschedule EQAC's November meeting, which falls on a holiday.
- EQAC's preferred date for a public hearing in December.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up action:

- Noel Kaplan to reserve the Hidden Oaks Nature Center for a meeting on Monday, November 9, 2009.
- Noel Kaplan to identify possible public hearing dates at the July meeting.

**Chairman's Items**

Matters discussed:

- Stella Koch thanked Chet McLaren and Alex Kim for their service to EQAC.
- Stella Koch noted correspondence from Diane Wu, a former EQAC Student Member, regarding the need for recycling in parks. She asked that this issue be added to the list of issues for discussion with the Park Authority Board.
- Stella Koch updated the Council on the Planning Commission's consideration of whether regulatory protection for headwater streams should be pursued.
- Stella Koch updated the Council on environmental issues associated with the development of Comprehensive Plan text for Tysons Corner.
- Stella Koch noted that Jimmie Jenkins will be leaving his position as Director of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services in 2010 and that she has been asked to serve on a committee to search for a replacement.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up action:

- The issue of recycling in parks to be added to the agenda of the next meeting with members of the Park Authority Board.

### **Council Member Items**

Matters discussed:

- Frank Crandall noted an invitation to a “Convergence on Zero” conference at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. Other members received similar invitations.
- Chet McLaren stated that he has enjoyed his time on EQAC.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up action:

- None.

### **Staff Items**

Matters discussed:

- The Tree Conservation Ordinance received a best in category award from the National Association of Counties.
- The next meeting of the Planning Commission’s Environment Committee will be held on June 11. There will be a continuation of the discussion regarding the development of policy guidance on encroachments into Environmental Quality Corridors.
- The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation is drafting state stormwater management regulations. The draft is due for release on June 22, followed by a 60-day comment period. Staff will be preparing comments for consideration by the Board of Supervisors on August 3. If EQAC wants to forward comments to the Board, it will need to take action at its July meeting.
- The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors Environmental Committee will be held on June 15.
- Review of the agenda for the joint EQAC/ECC meeting in July as well as the business meeting that will follow.
- Noel Kaplan reviewed the Environmental Excellence Awards nominations. The Environmental Excellence Awards committee should ideally be prepared to give its recommendations at the July meeting.
- In light of the cancellation of the August meeting, EQAC will need to approve any legislative positions and/or proposals at its July meeting.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up action:

- Noel Kaplan to pass along congratulations to Mike Knapp for the NACO Award.
- Noel Kaplan to provide electronic copies of handouts from the Board of Supervisors Environmental Committee as they are made available.

- The issue of the proposed state stormwater management regulations is to be considered at the July meeting. Noel Kaplan to invite appropriate staff from DPWES to provide a briefing at that meeting.
- Stella Koch to prepare a draft resolution/position on the proposed state stormwater management regulations for consideration at the July meeting.
- Noel Kaplan to arrange for pizza at the July meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 pm.