

**FAIRFAX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 14, 2012  
**TIME:** 5:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Room 232, Fairfax County Government Center

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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| Stella Koch (Chairman, At-Large) | Patricia Greenberg (Hunter Mill) |
| Linda Burchfiel (At-Large)       | George Lamb (At-Large)           |
| Johna Gagnon (Lee)               | Kat Pfleeger (Student Member)    |

Larry Zaragoza (Vice Chairman, Mount Vernon) participated through a telephone connection.

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

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| Frank Crandall (Dranesville)   | Robert McLaren (At-Large) |
| Frank Divita (Braddock)        | Rich Weisman (Sully)      |
| Marie Flanigan (Providence)    | Glen White (Mason)        |
| Angela Greenberg (Springfield) |                           |

**STAFF**

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| Kambiz Agazi | Noel Kaplan |
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**GUESTS**

David Molchany, Deputy County Executive  
Randy Bartlett, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services  
Tom Conry, Department of Information Technology  
Ellen Eggerton, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services  
Harry Glasgow  
Susan Hafeli, Department of Cable and Consumer Services  
Diane Hoffman, Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District  
Ken Kanownik, Fairfax County Department of Transportation  
P.D. Le, Department of Cable and Consumer Services  
Cathy Lewis, Department of Planning and Zoning  
Mike Liddle, Department of Information Technology  
Steve Sinclair, Department of Cable and Consumer Services  
Charles Smith, Fairfax County Park Authority  
Glenna Tinney  
Stephen Walz, Northern Virginia Regional Commission

Minutes: Johna Gagnon volunteered to take minutes tonight. Patricia Greenberg volunteered to take minutes for the April meeting.

**I. Joint meeting with Fairfax County's Environmental Coordinating Committee (5:10-7:15)**

- Geographic Information System update & demonstration by Tom Conry & Mike Liddle included a handout "Spatially Enabled Web Resources". Will be more user friendly, can select by map tile, plan to be ready in a couple months. The Virtual Fairfax will be helpful with SWM tracking. This is expected to be ready in about 8 months.
- Discussion of the County Executive's proposed FY 2013 budget (Dave Molchany & Kambiz Agazi): overview-Balanced budget with limited increases in General Fund disbursements & direct expenditures, increase in the stormwater fees (propose increase \$.01 increase = \$44.87 to average homeowner) to meet increasing regulatory requirements and several other fee & fare increases, 69% of funds come from real estate taxes-,most of other 40% comes from Personal Property Tax, local sales tax, BPPOL tax & federal/state revenue (which is projected to decline 1% in FY 2013), in FY 2011-number of houses sold fell 13.1% & average price rose 3.3%- days on market similar to 2006 before downturn-delinquent loans continue to decline, advertised \$1.08 real estate-each penny increase=\$45 on the tax bill, FY 2013 General Fund Disbursements-53% to schools, 12% to public safety, 11% to Health & Welfare, 8% employee benefits, 3% county debt, Propose 4.5% increase to PCPS Operations
- Discussion of the proposed Environmental Improvement Fund concept (Dave Molchany & Kambiz Agazi: Kambiz explained the new EIP Project selection process & timeline (April-October 2012); contains a broad array of projects-many environmental, EQAC will participate-send a letter before October, the county agencies will see before the end of March, 3 separate funds -EIP projects-park projects-tree initiate, handout of EIP Project Selection Process Timeline & Action
- Update on the county's energy initiatives
  - a. Update on Fairfax County's Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant (Susan Hafeli): handout of status & expenditures in 4 areas-Information Technology, Facilities Improvement, Transportation/Vehicles, Professional/Consultants resulting in an annual electricity savings of \$5.6 million
  - b. Residential Energy Education and Outreach program (Susan Hafeli): "Step up to Savings" logo, currently have 14 communities, trusted source for advice & sharing information
  - c. Discussion of implementation of Comprehensive Plan policy regarding energy for Tysons Corner zoning proposal (Noel Kaplan): this is a plan or policy-not regulation, incorporate plan to reduce energy use & seek Leed Certification, stormwater management is to keep first 1" of rain on site, handout "Energy Efficiency and Conservation Concepts for Redevelopment in Tysons Corner" covered background, building design, site design, solid waste/recycling, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, & shared energy; only 3 zoning applications approved since adopted policies
- Next ECC/EQAC joint meeting: Wednesday July 11, 2012, 5:00 pm

15 minute recess

**II. Development of EQAC budget testimony for the FY 2013 county budget**

- Stella will sign up to speak on Thu April 12 (day after 4/11 EQAC meeting), she will draft language of testimony & send around, no new recommendations that need approval-just restating past recommendations & state support/appreciation, EQAC can review at 4/11 meeting;
- EQAC will send a note to Dave Molchany thanking his efforts for the EIP

**III. Approval of minutes for February 8, 2012 EQAC meeting** (no quorum present) draft minutes not available

**IV. Chairman's items**

- Stella announced the next Tue Commissioner Hart & others are going to speak about environmental issues-everyone is welcome to attend

**V. Council member items**

- George reminder announcement of NVSWCD Seedling Sale (Johna passed out flier on Seedling Sale)

**VI. Staff items**

- Noel summarized Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan: reviewed key elements & the exercise: learned it is not enough to have a list of agencies, need a list of people & how to reach them; EQAC role was changed in the plan from support agency to advisory council
- Next PC Environment Committee meeting: 4/26 on Green Building Policy
- Next BOS Environmental Committee meeting: 5/15 @ 10:00 am
- Noel will be out of the office 1<sup>st</sup> week of April & Mon 4/9: he will try to get packets out 2 weeks early
- Upcoming EQAC meeting topics: 4/11-joint meeting w/Fairfax City Environmental Sustainability Committee, 5/9-Health Department briefing on naturally occurring asbestos & alternative on-site sewage disposal facilities, 6/13-school issues tentatively green building efforts for capital projects, environmental outreach efforts, & recycling in school-hazardous materials
- Copy of letter EQAC Chairman sent 2/22 in support for the N.VA Regional Water Supply Plan and related recommendation
- NOTE: April 11 meeting will start promptly at 7:00 pm in room 111 of Fairfax City Hall on 10455 Armstrong Street in Fairfax

**VII. Adjourned at 8:15 pm**