

Approved by EQAC, June 10, 2009

**FAIRFAX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

DATE: Wednesday, May 13, 2009
TIME: 7:15 PM
PLACE: Hidden Oaks Nature Center

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stella Koch (Chairman, At-Large)	Alex Kim (Student Member)
Johna Gagnon (Lee)	Ned Foster (Springfield)
George Lamb (Vice Chairman, At-Large)	Rich Weisman (Sully)
Linda Burchfiel (At-Large)	Glen White (Mason)
Doug Denny (Providence)	Larry Zaragoza (Mount Vernon)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Frank Crandall (Dranesville)	Chet McLaren (Braddock)
Robert McLaren (At-Large)	

STAFF

Noel Kaplan, DPZ	Kambiz Agazi, Env. Coord.
Michelle Brickner, DPWES-LDS	Judy Cronauer, DPWES-LDS
Shannon Curtis, DPWES-Stormwater	John Friedman, DPWES-LDS
James Patteson, DPWES-LDS	

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew Bernick
Budd Titlow
Boy Scout Troop 146, Chantilly, Virginia (Wes Rogers; Matthew Richter;
Bryce Gentry; Sebastian Visciso; Patrick Visciso; Chris Leary;
Daniel McKinney; Mark Stangler; Mike Stangler; Nick Perna; Neil
Kendrey; Josef Jamison; Jonathan Yu; Joel Greeley)

7:15 PM Meeting called to order by Chairman Koch
Recognized guest; introductions of Council members & County Staff

AGENDA ITEM # 1

PRESENTATION/BRIEFING by Department of Public Works and
Environmental Services on consideration of regulatory protection for streams and
associated buffer areas upstream of Resource Protection Areas.

Discussion on topic and staff's recommendation of "not to implement a regulatory approach at this time" if EQAC should send something to the Planning Commission's Environment Committee's workgroup on this subject

Discussed: policy vs. regulatory & biggest impact on individual backyards

(8:20 PM *Boy Scout Troop left EQAC meeting*)

8:30 PM **MOTION: (Koch/Gagnon)**

EQAC send a statement saying

1. Headwaters & streams are important
2. EQAC recognizes there are a great many challenges to a regulatory approach at this time, but don't abandon the idea completely
3. Pursue the notion of buffer restoration along headwater streams within watershed management plans and support education/voluntary efforts

Discussion on the motions included many questions about storm water management
EQAC will have a presentation on Fairfax County storm water management at a future meeting

8:50 PM **MOTION PASSED: 10-0-0**

AGENDA ITEM # 2

Highlights/overview of adopted FY 2010 budget as it relates to environmental functions

Discussion & questions

EQAC will invite Air Quality presentation at meeting in June or August/September (recognizing that the August meeting may be cancelled—see agenda item #3)

EQAC will ask Environmental Coordinating Committee (ECC) agencies to identify any cuts to their environmental efforts resulting from the FY 2010 budget and related implications at the joint EQAC/ECC meeting in July; they will be asked to use the same format as was used to present the proposed budget at the February meeting

NO MOTION

9:25 PM **AGENDA ITEM # 3**

Discussion of invitation from the Fairfax County Park Authority Board for continued FCPA Executive Committee coordination with EQAC

Discussed what EQAC wants to have a dialog about

It will not be a big meeting, but a smaller meeting to discuss issues of mutual concerns

EQAC will invite FCPA staff to come to a future meeting to (1) review budget cuts and implications on environmental efforts; (2) update EQAC on FCPA's natural resource management activities; & (3) describe what the Executive Committee is and what they do

This will be scheduled in June if AQ can't be scheduled or will be scheduled for the August/September EQAC meeting

Chairman polled EQAC members to see how many people won't be at the August meeting; 5 members said for sure they won't be at the August meeting

NO MOTION

9:30 PM

AGENDA ITEM # 4

Identification of any remaining follow-up actions from the December 1, 2008 public hearing; some were more specific at needing follow-up
Staff reviewed areas; it was decided chapter authors will address follow-ups related to their chapters
Emails received about motorcycle noise will be handled by the author of the Noise section
Heath Department staff will be asked to address issues relating to wood burning stoves when they come in (June or August/September) to discuss budget issues

NO MOTION

9:40 PM

AGENDA ITEM # 5

Chapter authors are to present very board overview of the chapter at the July 8 EQAC meeting after the ECC/EQAC meeting
Glen White will assist with the HAZMAT chapter

AGENDA ITEM # 6

Approval of the minutes of the March 11, 2009 meeting
MOTION TO APPROVE (Zaragoza/Denneny): passed 10-0-0

AGENDA ITEM # 7

Approval of the minutes of the April 7, 2009 meeting
MOTION TO APPROVE (Denneny/Burchfiel): passed 10-0-0

AGENDA ITEM # 8

Chairman's Items: None

AGENDA ITEM # 9

Council member's items

Zaragoza: Questioned whether Virginia has adopted a model noise rule for motorcycles.
Larry Zaragoza agreed to send Noel Kaplan an e-mail framing the question.

Gagnon: described the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee (FJLEPC), which she represents EQAC on for more than 10 years; she asked for someone to take her place representing EQAC on FJLEPC

Denneny: reported on Student Search Committee; 28 application received; they will report to EQAC at the June meeting

AGENDA ITEM # 10

Staff Items

Planning Commission's Environment Committee will meet May 28 to continue discussing Headwaters Stream Protection Buffers and zoning issues related to building height
Planning Commission's Environment Committee will meet June 11 to discuss EQCs and encroachment issues

Board of Supervisors' Environmental Committee will meet at 9:30 am Monday June 15; among other topics, they will receive briefing on Headwaters Stream Protection

Deadline for legislative items for boards, authorities and commissions is usually second week in August

Chair stated any legislative agenda items should be presented to EQAC at the July 8 meeting after the ECC meeting & should be based on something substantive that EQAC has done; also it can be position statement if a legislative item comes up

Agendas for future EQAC meetings:

June-community energy planning briefing from the Northern Virginia Regional commission; report from the Student Search Committee; possible briefings from the Fairfax County Park Authority and Health Department.

July-ECC & EQAC joint meeting; suggested legislative items

August/September-Possible briefings from the Fairfax County Park Authority and Health Department

10:00 PM

AGENDA ITEM # 11

MOTION TO ADJORN (unclear from recording): 10-0-0