

Approved by EQAC, February 25, 2010

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF FAIRFAX
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (EQAC)
MINUTES**

DATE: November 30, 2009

TIME: 7:30-9:35 PM

LOCATION: Board of Supervisors Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center, with a remote testimony site established in Room 221A (Woodlawn), South County Center

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stella Koch (Chairman, At-Large)
George Lamb (Vice Chairman, At-Large)
Linda Burchfiel (At-Large)
Frank Crandall (Dranesville)
Frank Divita (Braddock)
Ned Foster (Springfield)
Johna Gagnon (Lee)

Robert McLaren (At-Large)
David Ouderkirk (Hunter Mill)
Ben Swanson (Student Member)
Rich Weisman (Sully)
Glen White (Mason)
Larry Zaragoza (Mount Vernon)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Doug Denny (Providence)

STAFF

Kambiz Agazi
Mary Ann Welton (South County)

Noel Kaplan

SPEAKERS

Gilbert Morrison (Government Center)
David Kyle (South County)
Chip and Austin Dain (Government Center)
Judy Dain (Government Center)
Rodney Loges (South County)
Claudia Thompson-Diehl (Government Center)

Catherine Voorhees (So. County)
Roger Diedrich (Govt. Center)
Glenda Booth (South County)
Brian Morrissey (Govt. Center)
Ross Shearer (Govt. Center)

OTHERS PRESENT

Government Center:

Chet McLaren (Tree Commission)
Kat Pfleeger (The Madeira School)
Patty String (Rinker Design Assoc.)

South County:

Earl Flanagan (Planning Comm.)
Mary Jane Reyes (Mason Neck)

In addition, a number of staff members from the Department of Cable Communications and Consumer Protection were present at both the Government Center and South County sites.

The meeting was convened at 7:30 P.M. in the Board of Supervisors Auditorium in the Fairfax County Government Center. A remote public hearing testimony site was established in room 221A (Woodlawn) of the South County Center, with communications between sites established through a two-way audio and visual communication hookup via Fairfax County Cable Channel 16.

2009 Annual Public Hearing

Matters discussed:

- Chairman Koch welcomed all those in attendance, provided introductory remarks, and asked EQAC and staff members to introduce themselves.
- Mr. Kaplan reviewed logistical considerations associated with the remote site at the South County Center. He thanked staff from the Department of Cable Communications and Consumer Protection, the Department of Information Technology and the Office of Public Affairs for making this a reality, and cited the following staff in particular:
 - Steve Adams
 - David Arnold
 - Patrick Balsamo
 - Val Bey
 - Rich Brosnan
 - Tommy Gamble
 - John Graham
 - Maori Jokelainen
 - Ron Kirkpatrick
 - Michael Liberman
 - Geoff Mattera
 - George Teplanski
 - Brian Worthy
 - Barbara Zungali
- Mr. Kaplan also thanked Mary Ann Welton, Department of Planning and Zoning, for providing staff support at the South County site.
- Mr. Kaplan noted the availability of the 2009 Annual Report on the Environment in several formats.
- There were 12 speakers, four of whom provided testimony from the South County Center. Eight of the speakers provided written materials at or subsequent to the hearing. In addition, Marty Schirmacher, Mark Sajbel, Kathi McNeil and Flint Webb submitted written testimony prior to the public hearing. A summary of the

public hearing, including the written materials, is attached and included in these minutes by reference.

Motions made:

- None

Follow-up actions:

- EQAC asked that one of the speakers, Claudia Thompson-Diehl, be invited to EQAC's discussion on the budget.
- EQAC requested written comments from many speakers. In addition, EQAC requested a copy of a letter from the Sierra Club that was referenced by Roger Diedrich in response to a question from Linda Burchfiel.

2009 Annual Report on the Environment

Matters discussed:

- Chairman Koch's presentation of the Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors
- Request from Vice Chairman Lamb for EQAC members to talk with their Supervisors regarding the report
- Support for the revised Annual Report format
- Positive feedback from EQAC members regarding the effectiveness of having several EQAC members at the presentation
- Requested update from staff at the February 10 meeting on the Cool Counties Initiative and greenhouse gas inventory
- Process for development of the county's energy policy

Motions made:

- None

Follow-up actions:

- Report on the Cool Counties Initiative and greenhouse gas inventory scheduled for the February 10 joint meeting with the Environmental Coordinating Committee
- Kambiz Agazi offered to provide a timeline regarding efforts of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Coordinating Committee.

Approval of the minutes of the November 9, 2009 meeting

Motions made:

- Bob McLaren moved approval of the minutes. Johna Gagnon seconded the motion. Larry Zaragoza requested suggested a minor modification to his Council Member item, which was accepted as a friendly amendment.

Record of the vote:

- Approval by unanimous vote.

Follow-up actions:

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

Chairman's Items

Matters Discussed:

- Various federal and state legislative and regulatory efforts relating to the Chesapeake Bay and stormwater management

Motions made:

- None

Follow up actions:

- Appropriate staff will be invited to EQAC's February business meeting to brief the Council on the Chesapeake Bay and stormwater management initiatives.

Council Member Items

Matters Discussed:

- Bob McLaren and Johna Gagnon will both miss the January meeting.
- Johna Gagnon stressed EQAC's role as advisory to the Board of Supervisors, noting that the Council represents citizens in regard to environmental issues.

Motions made:

- None

Follow up actions:

- None

Staff Items

Matters Discussed:

- Noel Kaplan--Upcoming meetings of the Planning Commission's Environment Committee
- Noel Kaplan--Review of future meeting agendas
- Kambiz Agazi--Board of Supervisors Environmental Committee meeting to be held on March 16 at 10:00 AM.

Motions made:

- None

Follow up actions:

- Include on the February 10 EQAC-ECC agenda agency presentations on potential FY 2011 environmental budget cuts.
- EQAC chapter authors to identify issues for discussion at future meetings

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.