

**FAIRFAX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

DATE: Wednesday, October 14, 2015
TIME: 7:15 P.M.
PLACE: Hidden Oaks Nature Center, Annandale, VA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stella Koch (Chairman, At-Large)	Robert McLaren (At-Large)
Larry Zaragoza (Vice Chair, Mt.Vernon)	Ken Lanfear (Hunter Mill)
Frank Crandall (Dranesville)	Paul Pitera (Braddock)
Rick Healy (Mason)	Rich Weisman (Sully)
George Lamb (At-Large)	Katrina White (Student Member)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Linda Burchfiel (At-Large)	Alex Robbins (Providence)
Johna Gagnon (Lee)	Clyde Wilber (Springfield)

STAFF

Kambiz Agazi	Noel Kaplan
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GUESTS

Monica Billger	Denise James
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2015 Annual Report on the Environment—chapter/section reviews

Issues addressed, motions made and records of votes are included within each portion of this summary.

- Solid Waste
 - Stella Koch moved for the approval of the chapter with a revision suggested by Linda Burchfiel. Larry Zaragoza seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Land Use and Transportation
 - George Lamb provided an overview of changes pursued to this year's draft.
 - Noel Kaplan noted some factual errors in the draft and requested latitude to make substantive edits where needed for purposes of technical accuracy. EQAC agreed to this request and applied it to all chapters, as long as changes would be coordinated with chapter authors.

- There was a discussion of the I-66 improvement project, leading to a request to invite the Virginia Department of Transportation to a future meeting to address EQAC on broader issues raised by the I-66 project.
- George Lamb moved for the approval of the chapter and recommendations [*with the understanding that further changes could be made during editing*]. Larry Zaragoza seconded the motion. Noel Kaplan requested clarification regarding the second recommendation; after discussion, the motion was amended to add clarity to that recommendation. The motion as revised passed unanimously.
- Ecological Resources
 - Bob McLaren and Ken Lanfear noted that they could not find a source for a statement relating to the evaluation of countywide tree canopy coverage in relation to resolution of imagery. EQAC agreed that, unless Noel Kaplan could find a source in collaboration with Keith Cline (Director of the Urban Forest Management Division), the statement regarding tree canopy coverage as it relates to resolution of imagery should be presented in more general, less definitive terms.
 - EQAC expressed an interest in receiving a briefing from Keith Cline.
- Scorecard
 - Noel Kaplan reviewed the status of Scorecard entries and indicated that he would circulate a completed draft by e-mail once the Wildlife Management entries were complete.
- Wildlife Management
 - Frank Crandall noted that recommendations in the Deer Management and Geese Management section regarding the Assistant Wildlife Management Specialist position referenced a January 2016 date for the filling of this position. He recommended that the date be changed to “the first half of 2016.” Bob McLaren recommended that the date simply be removed. Frank Crandall accepted this suggestion and moved to delete the date. Bob McLaren seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Stewardship section
 - Katrina White stated that the draft was almost complete and that she would circulate it by e-mail.
- Report cover
 - Katrina White reviewed her proposed cover design.
 - EQAC approved the cover design by consensus
- Summary of EQAC activities
 - Noel Kaplan’s draft was approved by consensus
- Appendices
 - Bob McLaren moved for the approval of Appendices B, C, and D as drafted. Ken Lanfear seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

- Noel Kaplan noted that he would prepare Appendix E, the list of acronyms and abbreviations, once the rest of the report was complete. He noted that this appendix did not need EQAC's approval.
- EQAC agreed to change its convention on the use of acronyms and abbreviations such that they would be defined the first time they were used in each chapter.

- Cover letter
 - Noel Kaplan suggested a revision to the letter as drafted in order to reference the Assistant Wildlife Management Specialist position in place of the "second Wildlife Ecologist Position."
 - Stella Koch moved for the approval of the cover letter as revised. Bob McLaren seconded the motion.
 - Larry Zaragoza recommended an amendment to replace "all data" with "supporting information" in the first bullet on the first page of the letter. The amendment was accepted.
 - The motion was approved unanimously.

Review of future meeting agenda items

Issues addressed:

- Upcoming meeting agendas.
 - November: Fairfax Water (the county's water supply system)
 - December: GIS demonstration (potential); VDOT discussion (potential)
 - January: Public Hearing
 - February: GIS demonstration (potential); VDOT discussion (potential)
 - March: Joint EQAC/ECC meeting, including a Solid Waste program briefing
 - April/May: Sea level rise/climate change adaptation; Energy dashboard; sign enforcement

Motions made: None.

Follow-up actions:

- Noel Kaplan will send an e-mail to all members asking for their questions for the December discussion with Fairfax Water
- Noel Kaplan will forward to VDOT issues that were identified by EQAC members as being of interest.

Chairman's Items

Issues addressed:

- The presentation on October 6 of the Environmental Excellence Awards.
- Introduction of Monica Billger, Audubon Naturalist Society and Co-Chair of the Environment Committee of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

Motions made: None.

Follow-up actions: None

Council member items

Issues addressed:

- November 3 election
- Member absences from the November and December meetings
- The need for stronger resource management efforts by the Fairfax County Park Authority

Motions made: None.

Follow-up actions: None

Staff Items

Issues addressed:

- Introduction of Denise James as the new Chief of the Environment and Development Review Branch in DPZ
- Scheduling of the EQAC public hearing
- Board Matter at the October 6 Board of Supervisors meeting for an update of the Board of Supervisors' environmental vision
- Planning Commission Environment Committee meeting on October 21
- Board of Supervisors Environmental Committee meeting on October 27
- Fairfax County Sustainability Initiatives document

Motions made: None.

Follow-up actions: None

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.