

**FAIRFAX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 9, 2013  
**TIME:** 7:15 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Hidden Oaks Nature Center

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Stella Koch (Chairman, At-Large)	Hana Burkly (Student Member)
Larry Zaragoza (Vice Chairman, Mt. Vernon)	Frank Crandall (Dranesville)
Jeff Allcroft (Springfield)	George Lamb (At-Large)
Linda Burchfiel (At-Large)	Glen White (Mason)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Frank Divita (Braddock)	Michael Sanio (Hunter Mill)
Johna Gagnon (Lee)	Rich Weisman (Sully)
Robert McLaren (At-Large)	

**STAFF**

Kambiz Agazi	Noel Kaplan
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**GUESTS**

Zhi Chen

**2013 Annual Report on the Environment**

Report Cover

Issues addressed: Draft report cover approved by consensus.

Climate Change and Energy Chapter

Issues addressed:

- Review of draft chapter, comments and recommendations.
- Status of the Energy Alliance.

- EQAC agreed to ask Mark Thomas to attend a future meeting for an update on the status of the Energy Alliance and to determine if there is anything that EQAC can do to assist.
- A desire for an update on the Energy Action Fairfax program.

Motions made:

- Larry Zaragoza moved for the approval of the chapter as presented. Linda Burchfiel seconded the motion.

Record of the vote: Unanimous approval.

Follow-up actions:

- Editing and finalization of the chapter.
- EQAC identified the following items for its next joint meeting with the Environmental Coordinating Committee (March 2014): An update on Energy Action Fairfax; and a status report on the Energy Alliance.

Land Use and Transportation Chapter

Issues addressed:

- Review of draft comments and recommendations.

Motions made:

- George Lamb moved for the approval of the Land Use and Transportation recommendations as presented, with the addition of a sentence to recommendation 1b (regarding the use of social media in outreach efforts), a reduction in (or elimination of) redundancy between recommendations 1c and 2b and the addition of a reference to pedestrian opportunities in recommendation 3. Larry Zaragoza requested that a comment include reference to funding approved for a Richmond Highway study. George Lamb accepted this recommendation. Larry Zaragoza seconded the motion.

Record of the vote: Unanimous approval

Follow-up actions:

- Editing and finalization of the chapter, with revisions to recommendations and comments as approved.

Water Resources Chapter

Issues addressed:

- Review of draft ongoing concerns, comments and recommendations.
- Stream quality trends.
- Funding for monitoring by the Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory; request for a conversation with OWML staff.

- A letter from the Virginia Department of Transportation regarding wetland restoration— Should EQAC explore the idea of strategies for establishing wetland mitigation banks for which credits could be sold?
- Suggestion to change the heading “ongoing concerns” [*subsequently changed to “notable and ongoing issues”*].
- Suggestions for the recommendation regarding the Stormwater Service District rate: add text recognizing the long-term nature of the rate increases that will be needed to get where the county needs to be; add “at least” before “one-quarter penny;” and move up a sentence addressing continued annual increases in the rate and present this sentence in bold type.

Motions made:

- Stella Koch moved for the approval of the Water Resources chapter and recommendations as amended per the discussion. Larry Zaragoza seconded the motion.

Record of the vote: Unanimous approval

Follow-up actions:

- Editing and finalization of the chapter, with revisions to recommendations as approved.
- The issue of funding for the Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory was added as a future agenda item.

Solid Waste Chapter

Issues addressed:

- Review of summary report section.
- Movement of composting discussion from the Climate Change and Energy chapter into the Solid Waste chapter, and request for authorization from EQAC to allow Jeff Allcroft to prepare a related recommendation.

Motions made:

- Larry Zaragoza moved for the approval of the Solid Waste chapter, with the addition of a recommendation, along the lines of what is in the Scorecard section, regarding food waste composting/recycling. Jeff Allcroft seconded the motion.

Record of the vote: Unanimous approval

Follow-up actions:

- Editing and finalization of the chapter, with the addition of a recommendation as approved.

Hazardous Materials Chapter

Issues addressed:

- Review of summary report section, with changes from last year’s chapter noted.

- Identification by Glen White of the need for some additional tweaking based on phone calls he would be making.
- Request for expansion of comment 1 to identify Health Department functions that have been scaled back.

Motions made:

- Glen White moved for the approval of the Hazardous Materials chapter with the authority for him to modify comment 1 based on his further review. Larry Zaragoza seconded the motion.

Record of the vote: Unanimous approval

Follow-up actions:

- Editing and finalization of the chapter, with revisions to comment 1 as authorized.

Ecological Resources Chapter

Issues addressed:

- Review of summary report section and chapter draft.
- Funding for Park Authority Natural Resource Management Plan (NRMP) implementation activities.
- Recognition of a need to recraft the recommendation to recognize that a revised NRMP is being prepared and to distinguish between the specific funding needs presented in the recommendation so as to not attribute them to the revised NRMP.
- Request to make parallel changes elsewhere in the chapter.

Motions made:

- George Lamb moved for the approval of the Ecological Resources chapter with revisions as discussed. Larry Zaragoza seconded the motion.

Record of the vote: Unanimous approval

Follow-up actions:

- Editing and finalization of the chapter, with revisions to recommendation and text as approved.

Wildlife Management Chapter

Issues addressed:

- Review of summary report section.
- Discussion of needs for recommendations.

Motions made:

- Frank Crandall moved for the approval of the chapter. Hana Burkly seconded the motion. Larry Zaragoza asked about alternatives to DEET for the control of ticks. Stella Koch indicated that this would not affect the Wildlife Management chapter but that this is something that EQAC should look into. Frank Crandall noted that the section addresses wildlife-borne diseases and that a discussion of Lyme Disease has been included.

Record of the vote: Unanimous approval

Follow-up actions:

- Editing and finalization of the chapter as approved.

Noise Section

Issues addressed:

- Review of the revised section, with changes noted from the draft reviewed in September.
- Restoration of a comment regarding the review of noise data and consideration of operational changes at Dulles Airport.
- Noise monitoring data.

Motions made:

- Linda Burchfiel moved for the approval of the Noise section as revised. Larry Zaragoza seconded the motion.

Record of the vote: Unanimous approval

Follow-up actions:

- Editing and finalization of the section as approved

Visual Pollution Section

Issues addressed:

- Review of the draft section.

Motions made:

- Larry Zaragoza moved for the approval of the Visual Pollution section as submitted. Linda Burchfiel seconded the motion.

Record of the vote: Unanimous approval

Follow-up actions:

- Editing and finalization of the section as approved.

### Light Pollution Section

Issues addressed:

- Review of the draft section.
- Fairfax County Park Authority testing of LED lights.

Motions made:

- Frank Crandall moved for the approval of the Light Pollution section as submitted. Linda Burchfiel seconded the motion.

Record of the vote: Unanimous approval

Follow-up actions:

- Editing and finalization of the section as approved.

### Chairman's Letter

Issues addressed:

- Identification of priority issues for inclusion in the Chairman's letter:
  - Stormwater Service District rate increase.
  - Support for funding for the Environmental Improvement Program.
  - Prioritization of non-motorized and multi-modal transportation options in transportation funding recommendations.
- Recognition of a need for further discussion regarding the status of the Energy Alliance before highlighting it in the Chairman's letter.
- Recognition that, since the new Natural Resources Management Plan has not yet been finalized, it is too early to highlight in the Chairman's letter the commitment of funding for implementation.

### Appendices and introductory materials

Issues addressed:

- Appendices were noted.
- Stella Koch summarized the Environmental Excellence Awards presentation.
- The need for completion of a stewardship section was noted. The need to ensure that discussions of the Alice Ferguson Foundation are consistent between the Solid Waste and Water Resources chapters was noted.

Motions: None.

Follow-up actions:

- Noel Kaplan will e-mail all members to ask them to provide, by October 18, their stewardship updates. Glen White will consolidate this information and complete a draft of the Stewardship section.

### **Approval of meeting minutes**

#### **Issues addressed:**

- Approval of the minutes of the August 14 and September 11 minutes

#### **Motions made:**

- Larry Zaragoza moved for the approval of both sets of minutes, with the addition of Jeffrey Hermann in the list of guests for the September minutes. Linda Burchfiel seconded the motion.

#### **Record of the vote:**

- Unanimous approval.

#### **Follow-up actions:**

- Per standard procedure, Noel Kaplan will post the approved minutes on the EQAC website and advise the offices of members of the Board of Supervisors of the availability of the minutes, along with the major agenda items from each meeting.

### **Chairman's items**

#### **Issues addressed:**

- EQAC's letter regarding the proposed improvements to the Braddock Road/Pleasant Valley Road intersection—media attention; conversation between Noel Kaplan and staff from the Sully District Supervisor's office; and appreciation to EQAC for taking an additional month to refine the letter.

**Motions:** None.

**Follow-up actions:** None.

### **Council member items**

#### **Issues addressed:**

- George Lamb: Green Breakfast in November—Jim McGlone (deer ecology)

**Motions:** None.

**Follow-up actions:** None.

**Staff items**

**Issues addressed:**

- Planning Commission Environment Committee meetings: October 17 (stormwater or electric vehicle charging) and November 6 (electric vehicle charging).
- Board of Supervisors Environmental Committee—October 15, 3:00 PM
- Future meeting agendas
- Board of Supervisors Legislative Committee discussions of EQAC legislative proposals.

**Motions:** None.

**Follow-up actions:** None.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.