

**FAIRFAX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

DATE: Wednesday, September 9, 2009
TIME: 7:15 P.M.
PLACE: Conference Room, Hidden Oaks Nature Center

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stella Koch (Chairman, At-Large)	David Ouderkirk (Hunter Mill)
George Lamb (Vice Chairman, At-Large)	Ben Swanson (Student Member)
Linda Burchfiel (At-Large)	Rich Weisman (Sully)
Frank Crandall (Dranesville)	Larry Zaragoza (Mount Vernon)
Johna Gagnon (Lee)	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Doug Denny (Providence)	Robert McLaren (At-Large)
Ned Foster (Springfield)	Glen White (Mason)

STAFF

Kambiz Agazi	Noel Kaplan
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OTHERS PRESENT

Chuck Turner, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Amy Ellin-Echevarria
Israel Ellin-Echevarria
Flint Webb

The meeting convened at 7:15 P.M.

Presentation from the Virginia DEQ on Fairfax County Air Monitoring

Matters discussed:

- Presentation from Chuck Turner, Director, Office of Air Quality Monitoring, on Fairfax County Air Monitoring.
- Mr. Turner's presentation addressed the responsibilities of his office, monitoring stations and analytes related to Ozone and PM 2.5, and the process for public notification of monitoring network changes.
- Discussion topics included efforts to analyze for lead and mercury, and DEQ's plans to issue its next Network Plan and Network Assessment (due in July 2010). The public notice for the Network Plan is typically provided in April, with a 30-day comment period, but DEQ is looking to issue the analysis supporting that plan by December 2009.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up actions:

- Noel Kaplan to follow up on getting EQAC members direct access to the materials provided as part of the Network Plan and Network Assessment, such as materials provided for public comment.
- EQAC members to review public materials about the assessment.

2009 Annual Report on the Environment—status report

Matters discussed:

- Stella discussed general comment about the number of recommendations in the EQAC report and her preference to have fewer recommendations, given the burden that is placed on county staff to respond to each recommendation. Instead, she asked that items providing positive feedback should be provided as comments rather than as recommendations.
- Review of draft chapter on noise. Discussion focused on runways at Dulles Airport and expansion of Metro at West Falls Church
- Review of draft chapter on visual blight. Discussion focused on changing recommendations about cigarette butts and illegal signs to comments rather than recommendations, pending further discussions with the police department.
- Review of draft chapter on Hazardous Materials. Discussion focused on adding a comment about the mercury content in compact fluorescent bulbs, and about adding a recommendation about requesting that the county develop a plan to ease the process of disposal for hazardous waste, citing the EIP for supporting information.
- Review of draft chapter on Air Quality. Discussion focused on revising the recommendation to EQAC's continued support for the supervisory position but not for the monitoring technicians, and to add comments about EQAC's support for the air quality monitors and the environmental health activities.
- Timeline for submission of drafts.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up actions:

- None.

Approval of the minutes of the June 10, 2009 meeting

Matters discussed:

- The draft minutes of the June 10 meeting.

Motions made:

- Frank Crandall moved for the acceptance of the minutes as submitted. Linda Burchfiel seconded the motion.

Record of the vote:

- Approval by unanimous vote.

Follow-up actions:

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

Approval of the minutes of the July 8, 2009 meeting

Matters discussed:

No minutes from the July 8 meeting were provided or discussed.

Chairman's Items

Matters discussed:

- Stella Koch noted activities related to the Greater Washington 2050 Compact and asked that county staff request that Paul DesJardin or someone else from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments speak about this at the next EQAC meeting.
- Stella Koch requested that EQAC members consider the top 2-3 recommendations to include in the Chairman's letter to the BOS.
- Stella Koch asked that there be an update of the energy work related to the Cool Counties initiative.
- Stella Koch discussed the Larry Fowler award and suggested various follow up actions.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up action:

- The Greater Washington 2050 Compact should be added to the agenda of the next EQAC meeting.

Council Member Items

Matters discussed:

- Frank Crandall requested that Vicky Monroe be asked to speak to EQAC, along with her supervisor.
- Johna Gagnon offered congratulations to Kambiz on the birth of his daughter.
- Johna Gagnon requested backup for attending LEPC meetings, which take place six times each year.
- Larry Zaragoza asked for EQAC to consider the upcoming area plan reviews including inviting Jim Zook to the November EQAC meeting.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up action:

- Vicky Monroe and her supervisor should be added to the agenda of a future EQAC meeting.
- EQAC to consider the upcoming area plan reviews including inviting Jim Zook to the November EQAC meeting.

Staff Items

Matters discussed:

- A prototype structure for the summary portion of the ARE.
- The Fairfax County Park Authority was not available to present tonight but will be rescheduled for January 2010.
- The EQAC public hearing scheduled for November 30, will again be split into two locations, with simulcasting between the two.
- The next meeting of the Planning Commission's Environment Committee will be held on September 24.
- The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors Environmental Committee will be held on September 21.
- The Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) has been amended and will be distributed September 21.
- Last year only one project from the EIP was funded, a \$150,000 landfill gas-to-energy plant at the I-66 landfill. EIP requests are due by September 15, with requests to be provided to Kambiz. The EIP goes to the Department of Management and Budget (DMB).
- A member of the BOS requested additional attention to highway noise.
- A member of the BOS expressed interest in the VDOT transportation review.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up action:

- None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 pm.