

*Approved by EQAC, February 10, 2016*

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

**DATE: January 12, 2016**

**TIME: 7:30-10:10 PM**

**LOCATION: Conference Rooms 2 and 3, Fairfax County Government Center**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Stella Koch (Chairman, At-Large)	Ken Lanfear (Hunter Mill)
Larry Zaragoza (Vice Chairman, Mount Vernon)	Robert McLaren (At-Large)
Linda Burchfiel (At-Large)	Paul Pitera (Braddock)
Johna Gagnon (Lee)	Alex Robbins (Providence)
Richard Healy (Mason)	Rich Weisman (Sully)
George Lamb (At-Large)	Katrina White (Student Member)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Frank Crandall (Dranesville)	Clyde Wilber (Springfield)
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**STAFF**

Kambiz Agazi	Noel Kaplan
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**PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS**

Eric Goplerud—Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions  
Jean Wright—Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions  
Scott Cameron  
Mary Cortina, Fairfax County Park Authority Board  
Steve Larsen  
Kris Unger, Friends of Accotink Creek  
John Cartmill—Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions  
Kay Fowler  
Robert Makheja—RJM Companies  
Nils Bjork  
Monica Billger—Audubon Naturalist Society  
Flint Webb

**OTHERS PRESENT AT THE PUBLIC HEARING**

Betsy Argauer  
Stephen Argauer  
Thomas Argauer  
Elizabeth Baker, WCLW  
Bradley Dressler  
Marianne Gardner  
Renee Grebe  
Rentz Hillyer, Northern Virginia Conservation Trust  
Denise James  
Elizabeth Lonoff  
Donna Murphy  
Veronica Tangiri, Fairfax Master Naturalists

The meeting convened at 7:30 P.M.

**Election of officers for 2016**

Matters discussed:

- Election of EQAC officers for 2016; report from the nominating committee (George Lamb and Rich Weisman).

Motions made:

- George Lamb moved acceptance of the nominating committee recommendation for Stella Koch to serve as Chairman and Larry Zaragoza to serve as Vice Chairman for 2016. Rich Weisman seconded the motion.

Record of the vote:

- The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of members present.

Follow-up actions:

- None.

**Annual Public Hearing**

Matters discussed:

- The annual EQAC public hearing was held. The public hearing summary is attached as part of the meeting minutes.

Motions made:

- None.

Follow-up actions:

- Per EQAC's standard practice, the council will devote time at a future meeting to the consideration of issues identified at the public hearing and to determine who to invite to future meetings to discuss specific issues.
- A public hearing summary will be prepared for EQAC's approval and transmittal to the Board of Supervisors.

**Celebration of Bob McLaren's 27 years of service on EQAC**

Matters discussed:

- Recognition of Bob McLaren as the longest serving member in EQAC's history.
- Enjoyment of cupcakes provided by Stella Koch

Motions made: None.

Follow-up actions: Bob will be missed!

**Approval of meeting minutes**

Matters discussed: EQAC meeting minutes.

Motions made:

- Larry Zaragoza moved approval of the March 11, 2015 minutes as submitted. Linda Burchfiel seconded the motion.
- Larry Zaragoza moved approval of the April 8, 2015 minutes as submitted. Bob McLaren seconded the motion.

Record of the vote:

- Both motions were approved by unanimous vote, with Bob McLaren abstaining from the vote on the March 11, 2015 minutes.

Follow-up actions:

- Per standard practice, Noel Kaplan will post the approved minutes on EQAC's website and notify Supervisors offices of the approval.
- Approval of the minutes for meetings subsequent to the April 8, 2015 meeting was deferred.

**Chairman's Items**

Matters discussed:

- A conversation that Stella Koch had with Susan Bonney, who presented video testimony at the January 21, 2015 EQAC public hearing supporting the inclusion of sustainability in the Comprehensive Plan.
- The land use policy orientation of the Comprehensive Plan.

- Review of upcoming agenda items:
  - GIS demonstration and VDOT briefing at the February 10 meeting.
  - Joint meeting with the county staff Environmental Coordinating Committee (ECC) on March 9.

Motions Made: None.

Follow-up actions:

- Noel Kaplan noted a previous request for him to provide a brief overview at EQAC's February 10 meeting of the land use focus of the Comprehensive Plan. He agreed to provide this overview at that time.
- EQAC agreed to finalize, at the February 10 meeting, the agendas for its March 9 joint meeting with ECC and the business meeting that will follow the joint meeting.

### **Council Member Items**

Matters discussed:

- The scheduling of the next Board of Supervisors Environmental Committee meeting (date not yet set).
- Citizen awareness of Board of Supervisors meeting scheduling.
- The Board of Supervisors' review of county agency lines of business.
- Lee District open house on January 30: Bob McLaren to be recognized.
- Request to discuss the energy dashboard at the joint EQAC meeting with ECC on March 9.
- Commendation to EQAC from Bob McLaren, and his observations regarding EQAC's evolution and improving effectiveness.
- EQAC desire for a briefing on the Planning Commission Environment Committee's review of the MITRE building energy technology report.

Motions Made: None.

Follow-up actions:

- Noel Kaplan agreed to provide a brief overview at the February 10 meeting of the Planning Commission Environment Committee's review of the MITRE building energy technology report.

### **Staff Items**

Matters Discussed:

- Scheduling of the next joint meeting with ECC after the March 9 meeting.
- January 21 meeting of the Planning Commission's Environment Committee

- Energy dashboard as it relates to a broader range of activities, including the revamping of the county's energy Web page (including tips for commercial properties) and a green business certification program.

Motions made:

None.

Follow up actions:

- EQAC agreed with staff's suggestion to hold the next joint meeting with ECC (after the March 9 meeting) in September rather than July.
- EQAC agreed to discuss, at its February 10 meeting, the scheduling of discussions of the energy dashboard and related issues.

### **Adjournment**

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