

**COUNTY OF FAIRFAX
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (EQAC)**

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 9, 2022

TIME: Start: 7:15 PM End: 9:45 PM

LOCATION: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

EQAC Member Attendance

Name	Present/ Absent*	Name	Present/ Absent*
Stella Koch (Chairman, At-Large)	P	Larry Zaragoza (Vice Chairman, Mount Vernon)	P
Johna Gagnon (Lee)	P	Renee Grebe (At-Large)	P
Richard Healy (Mason)	P	Mackenzie Nordai (Student Member)	P
Kenneth Gubin (Dranesville)	P	George Lamb (At-Large)	P
Ken Lanfear (Hunter Mill)	P	Bryan Campbell (Braddock)	P
Alex Robbins (Providence)	A	Mike Zatz (At-Large)	P
Rich Weisman (Sully)	P	Clyde Wilber (Springfield)	P

* P indicates present; A indicates absent

Staff Attendance

Maya Dhavale, Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination (OEEC)

Mathew Meyers, OEEC

Kelly Naylor, OEEC

Visitor Attendance

Charles Turner - Virginia DEQ

Tom Ballou - Virginia DEQ

Pieter A. Sheehan - Fairfax County Health Department

Kelly M. Atkinson - Fairfax County DPD

Joseph Gorney - Fairfax County DPD

Corinne Bebek - Fairfax County DPD

Agenda Items, Discussion, Decisions and Votes

Electronic meeting findings and determinations

Chairman Koch read the electronic meeting findings and determinations to state that the Environmental Quality Advisory Council was meeting electronically due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

1. **Air Quality**

Presentations were made by Charles Turner, Tom Ballou, and Peter A. Sheehan, and are available via the website:

In discussions following this presentation (and after the #2 topic below), the members agreed (consensus, no vote necessary) to the following actions.

- EQAC will ask the Covanta facility for information on monitoring results after adding new NOx control technology
- EQAC will follow up in the Annual Report to continue support for regional cooperation on air quality

2. Airport Noise Policy Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2020-CW-3CP

The Council heard a presentation given jointly by Kelly Atkinson, Joseph Gorney, and Corinne Bebek. The presentation is available on the website.

In discussions following this presentation:

- George Lamb introduced a letter by Noel Kaplan, as a private citizen, to the Board of Supervisors concerning the issues involved. (The letter was included in the pre-meeting reference materials.)
- Chair Koch asked George Lamb to draft a memo to the Board of Supervisors supporting staff efforts at mitigation of impacts.

3. Annual Report on the Environment (ARE) Chapter Assignments

The Council agreed (consensus, no vote) to keep the chapter authorship the same as last year, with the addition of new member Ken Gubin to the Climate and Energy chapter.

4. Follow-up to Comments at EQAC Public Meeting

Chair Koch thanked Alex Robbins for his writeup. The Council decided (consensus, no vote) to defer this issue to a later meeting when Staff comments are available.

5. New items for future discussion.

Larry Zaragoza is continuing work on Renewable District Energy, and Chair Koch continues to work on funding for emerging contaminate monitoring. The issue was deferred to a later meeting.

6. Natural Resources Budget Draft Letter.

Renee Grebe and Larry Zaragoza introduced the latest draft of this letter. After some discussion about the length of the message, Ken Lanfear agreed to give the draft a severe edit to make it more concise. Council agreed by unanimous consent to the concepts in the letter and the general asks but agreed to it needing a revision. The revision will be redistributed via staff.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion by Larry Zaragoza seconded by Rich Weisman, Council unanimously approved the following meeting minutes:

- November 10, 2021
- December 8, 2021
- January 12, 2022, regular minutes
- January 12, 2022, public comments

8, 9, 10, Chairman Items, Council Member Items, Staff Items.

No actions were taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45PM.