

COUNTY OF FAIRFAX
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (EQAC)

MINUTES

DATE: August 12, 2020
TIME: 7:15 PM – 8:15 PM
LOCATION: Online / WebEx

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)	A	Renee Grebe (At-Large)	P
Richard Healy (Mason)	P	Prasi Thapa (Student Member)	P
Debra Jacobson (Dranesville)	P	George Lamb (At-Large)	P
Ken Lanfear (Hunter Mill)	P	Bryan Campbell (Braddock)	A
Alex Robbins (Providence)	A	Mike Zatz (At-Large)	A
Rich Weisman (Sully)	A	Clyde Wilber (Springfield)	A

* P indicates present; A indicates absent

Staff Attendance

Kelly Naylor
 Kathleen Daley
 Kambiz Agazi
 Joe Gorney
 John Friedman (LDS)
 Zach Krohmal (FCDOT)
 Susan Hafeli

Visitor Attendance

Kathryn Weisbrodt
 Barbara Bacon

Agenda Items, Discussion, Decisions and Votes

1. Electronic meeting findings and determinations
2. Discussion and EQAC response to RPA Replanting Requirements Update (discussion)

Since the July EQAC meeting, Mr. Friedman met with the Tree Commission to also discuss this topic. He intends to provide a joint response to EQAC and the Tree Commission for the September meeting.

3. 2020 Legislative Packet – EQAC Recommendations (discussion; decision)

EQAC will not make any recommendations to the County regarding legislative priorities this year.

However, in the future, EQAC may be interested in the state building code work being done to allow localities to have more stringent guidelines than the state code. Land Development Services is part of a working group on this topic and could brief EQAC in the coming months as they have more information and context to the work being done.

4. 2020 Annual Report (Letter) on the Environment (discussion of outline and further updates)

EQAC will still provide an update to the Board of Supervisors, however it will not be the full annual report. Council members should provide a one-page update on their chapter to Stella no later than Monday, August 31, 2020 highlighting anything different or unusual since the last report. Council is likely to highlight the urgency of climate initiatives, and certainly given the CECAP update from July meeting that the Task Force approved an ambitious goal recommendation of carbon neutral by 2050. EQAC will also provide an updated scorecard this year. Staff will re-share the staff responses and Council members should email Renee with their content for the Scorecard before the September EQAC meeting.

Bryan Hill provided an update to the Board of Supervisors on the Fairfax Green Initiatives. Authors should review this update and see how it applies to each chapter. Staff will email this to Council members and EQAC will decide if the Council should be briefed on this in the fall. Council members should come ready to discuss their questions about this update at the September meeting.

5. Approval of meeting minutes (discussion; decision)

No minutes available to approve

6. Chairman's items

None

7. Council members items

Renee Grebe

- Discussion of SB1759 and how it pertains to EQAC and Board of Supervisors. Rachel Flynn is willing to provide a briefing to EQAC on the topic.

Debra Jacobson

- This is Debra's last meeting. She thanks the Council for the partnership over the years.

George Lamb

- Friends of Holmes Run – meetings with DPD to advocate from a grassroots level

Prasi Thapa

- Welcome to our new student member, Prasi! She is a rising junior from Springfield High School.

Public input

- None

8. Staff items

Kambiz Agazi

- Thank you to Debra for her service.
- This is typically the time of year EQAC has Joe Mondoro provide an update on the budget. However, this year, October or November would be better; the later he speaks to EQAC, the more accurate his report will be.
- Update on budget regarding LED lights initiative and that the adaptation and resiliency plan, including two new staff positions and contractual support.
- Fairfax Green Initiatives will be circulated to EQAC. Council members should come prepared to discuss any follow up discussion.

9. Adjournment

8:15pm (Zaragoza, Lanfear)