COUNTY OF FAIRFAX
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (EQAC)
MINUTES
DATE: March 14, 2018
TIME: 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM
LOCATION: Conference Rooms 4 and 5, Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA

EQAC Member Attendance

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<td>Stella Koch (Chairman, At-Large)</td>
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<td>Larry Zaragoza (Vice Chairman, Mount Vernon)</td>
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<td>Johna Gagnon (Lee)</td>
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<td>Richard Healy (Mason)</td>
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<td>Clyde Wilber (Springfield)</td>
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*Note: P indicates present, and A indicates absent

Staff Attendance
Kambiz Agazi
Joe Gorney
Noel Kaplan

Visitor Attendance
Hans Christensen; Jose Comayagua; Kate Daley; Laura Grape; Marguerite Guarino; Susan Hafeli; Patricia Innocenti; John Kellas; Jessica Lavender; Elizabeth Lonoff; Davood Majidian; Kathy Manger; Dave Molchany; Vrushali Oak; James Patteson; Jerry Peters; Norbert Pink; Camela Speer; Jean Wright

Agenda Items, Discussion, Decisions and Votes

Joint Meeting with Fairfax County’s Environmental Coordinating Committee

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Joint meeting called to order at 5:04 pm by Deputy County Executive Dave Molchany
2. Presentation and discussion of County Executive’s FY 2019 Advertised Budget Plan: David Molchany and Kambiz Agazi

- Dave Molchany provided an overview of the proposed budget focusing on the environmental and energy elements of the budget.
- Stella Koch asked about $535,000 budgeted for environmental initiatives. David Molchany confirmed her statement that this funding has been maintained at that level for the past three years.
- It was noted that there are lots of opportunities for funding great projects if extra funds were made available.
- Debra Jacobson asked about energy efficiency projects that were not carried forward for funding, specifically projects involving conversions to LED lighting. Debra raised concern about unfunded energy efficiency projects as they relate to county greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals. There was discussion of Environmental Improvement Program funding in relation to other funding sources, such as maintenance budgets, Dominion’s budget for street lights, and the Stormwater Service District.

3. Draft Fairfax County Operations Energy Strategy

- Overview of the draft strategy was provided by Kambiz Agazi, who also noted the work of Susan Hafeli and Jessica Lavender on development of the draft.
- Kambiz provided background on the development of the draft strategy.
- Highlights of the strategy center on ten focus areas with goals, targets, and actions.
- Susan Hafeli gave an overview of the information being developed in response to the discussion at the last Board of Supervisors Environmental Committee on the various targets in the Energy Strategy.
- Energy Strategy success relies on three themes: 1) Responsibility (interagency collaboration); 2) Living Document (executive leadership); and 3) Woven into the Budget Process (financial integration).
- Kambiz provided a timeline for the draft strategy’s next steps.
- Debra Jacobson asked how the draft strategy relates to greenhouse gas reductions the BOS has committed to, as well as the use of energy savings performance contracts. Kambiz referenced the commitment in the Cool Counties declaration for sustainable and measurable reductions from county operations. He indicated that the draft Operations Energy Strategy would do this if funded. With respect to energy savings performance contracts, Kambiz stressed that the Operations Energy Strategy is not a spending plan and that funding mechanisms would not be addressed in the follow-up discussion with the Board of Supervisors’ Environmental Committee.
- Rich Weisman asked how the draft addresses energy strategy issues beyond the county’s control. There was discussion about efforts occurring in the private sector, outside the purview of the county’s operations, but there was a recognition that this particular effort is focusing specifically on county operations.
4. County Energy Webpage and Outreach Initiatives Update

- Update provided by Jessica Lavender (Department of Cable and Consumer Services), the county’s lead staff person on energy outreach initiatives.
- First part of presentation focused on the county government energy data that can found on the webpage.
- County energy dashboard went live in November 2017. Jessica explained what data can be found on the dashboard.
- There were questions and discussion on why ENERGY STAR status has not been displayed on the dashboard. Jose Comayagua (Director, Facilities Management Department) provided clarification later during the meeting that information would be added to the dashboard at some point in the future.
- Second part of presentation provided an energy initiatives update.
- There are many initiatives underway, including energy savings tips, energy assessments and videos, the loan of thermal cameras, LED light bulb exchanges, and solar conversions.
- County continuing its Green Business Partners program with the addition of a small business focus.
- Efforts of Fairfax Employees for Environmental Excellence (FEEE) noted.

Joint meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm. Next joint meeting is September 12, 2018

EQAC Business Meeting

- Stella Koch called the regular business meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Alex Robbins was not present for the business meeting.

1. Development of EQAC position on the FY 2019 Advertised Budget Plan

- Discussion on the need to note to BOS the two unfunded environmental positions in the county as identified in Annual Report recommendations.
- BOS should be thanked for funding the Environmental Improvement Program and the ¼ penny assessment increase for the Stormwater Service District, with a suggestion to increase EIP funding.
- Motion made by Larry Zaragoza and seconded by Ken Lanfear to authorize Stella Koch to develop budget testimony consistent with the framework as discussed.
- Motion agreed to by a vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstained.


- Kambiz noted that EQAC will receive additional information on the draft strategy before the April meeting. Therefore, detailed discussion on an EQAC position will now occur at the April meeting.
• EQAC will form a subcommittee headed by Larry Zaragoza and including Debra Jacobson and Rich Weisman.
• There were several questions on numbers and focus in the draft Energy Strategy.
• There was discussion about whether there is a need for a vision piece at the beginning of the document or better introductory information. It was noted that there was already an introductory page, and EQAC was asked for guidance as to what more was needed.
• Kambiz explained that this is a working document for the county and asked that EQAC focus on the strategy and save discussion for implementation at a later date after the goals and targets are finalized.
• There was additional discussion about power purchase agreements and energy savings performance contracts, and it was agreed that these items would not be an area of focus at this time, but that the focus would be on targets within the draft document. It was agreed that funding mechanisms for county energy projects would be identified as a future agenda item.

3. Agenda items for future meetings

• April meeting will be at the Government Center in Conference rooms 9 and 10. Items to include the draft energy strategy, the start of the Annual Report on the Environment and a discussion of new chapters.
• May meeting will include a discussion of the county’s economic development strategy.
• June meeting will include a presentation on the deer management program.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

• Renee Grebe moved for approval of the February 2018 meeting minutes. Larry Zaragoza seconded. Approved by a vote of 7 yeas, 0 nays, and 2 abstained.

5. Chairman’s Items

• None

6. Council Member Items

• Renee Grebe made note of the county’s policy on native plants and informed members that she will be absent from the September, October, and perhaps November meetings.

7. Staff Items - Noel Kaplan

• Noel brought to the council’s attention the authorization by the Board of Supervisors of the development and consideration of a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for 8800 Richmond Highway. He was bringing this to EQAC’s attention because the Plan Amendment involves an Environmental Quality Corridor. There was discussion of the proposed redevelopment of this area.
• Noel received a follow up request from the Salamander Savers Group, which testified at the January public hearing, on what else that group can do to help with the issues.
identified in the group’s testimony. EQAC asked Mr. Kaplan to refer this request to DPWES-Stormwater.

- Noel announced that EQAC members contributed a total of $500 for a tree to be planted by the McLean Tree Foundation in honor of former council member Frank Crandall.
- Noel noted that council member Anna Nguyen provided a testimonial on the EQAC website for students interested in applying for the student member position. Noel noted application materials have been made available to the schools and the public.
- Noel noted that his email of meeting materials to EQAC members was accidentally sent to his EQAC contacts list. He apologized for this error.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.