

Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee

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The Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee (ACPAC) is an advisory body to the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) and the Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEP)

Draft Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 28, 2010
Room 4/5
5:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M.

ACPAC members: Deron Lovaas – Chair, Sarah Bunn, Bill Butler, Beverly Fourier, Raphael Isaac, Andrew Kambour, Daniel Lee, Brian McFarland, Linda Murphy, Jennifer Peterson, Caroline Petti, Alexander Ryan-Bond, Glenna Tinney

Staff: Joan Rohlfs, Maia Davis

1. Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda, Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm. The agenda and minutes from January 10, 2011 were approved with no changes.

2. Welcome New Members

Joan Rohlfs, DEP staff, welcomed new members, reviewed the purposes of ACPAC and went over the 2011 ACPAC Member Handbook that was provided to all members. As part of this welcome all members were asked to share topics of interest to them that could be a future ACPAC meeting agenda item. The ideas shared included:

- Placement of monitoring stations including why sites are picked, what sites monitor fine particulates and possibly touring a monitoring site.
- Ideas for tours of nearby green buildings and green roofs were discussed.
- EPA new air quality standards and how Virginia will meet the standards
- COG outreach efforts overview
- Electric vehicle infrastructure
- VMT travel demand model and fleet turnover
- Health effects of electro-magnetic fields (EMFs)

3. Regional Resources for Sustainable Procurement (Maia Davis, DEP Staff)

Maia Davis reviewed COG staff efforts and plans in 2011 to work with COG members on sustainable procurement issues. A key element that COG plans to work on is identifying sustainable procurement resources for COG members. Maia asked ACPAC's input on recommendations and resources for COG members. Some suggestions included the following:

- Resources on how to do a carbon footprint for your business
- Identifying green products including green cars
- List of quality product 3rd party verification/certifications
- Giving preference to certified green businesses and carbon neutral companies
- Addressing social sustainability such as giving preferences to certified women owned businesses

4. Metropolitan Washington Climate Adaptation Planning Project (Maia Davis, DEP Staff)

Maia Davis introduced the Regional Adaptation Planning Project currently underway. COG received an EPA Smart Growth Implementation Assistance Grant to develop a regional adaptation plan and guidebook for local governments. COG is involving several sectors including land use, transportation, building, water, health and emergency management as well as several higher education professors on an expert panel. The plan and guidebook are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2011.

5. Committee Updates (Joan Rohlf)

MWAQC met on February 23. Joan explained some of the recent MWAQC activities, such as the transition to the MOVES model and MWAQC Work Plan, while explaining transportation conformity and the air quality planning process to the new members. Joan also reviewed and discussed with members the Climate Communities presentation to MWAQC on the proposed laws to limit EPA's authority to issue the Clean Air Act.

The next CEEPC meeting will be held March 23.

6. Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Caroline Petti was elected as 2011 ACPAC chair and Beverly Fourier was elected vice chair. Congratulations ladies!

7. Selection of Member Terms

ACPAC has 18 members with an even number of 1, 2 and 3-year terms so that 1/3 of terms expire each year. New and re-appointed members drew a term through 2012, 2013 or 2014. Members not present had terms drawn for them. An ACPAC member roster with the new terms will be provided at the March ACPAC meeting.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next meeting: March 14 – 5:30pm – Room 4/5
