

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 (CEEPC)

Draft Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 13, 2013
Room 1
5:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M.

ACPAC Members: Sarah Bunn, Bill Butler, Ed Comer, Brian DiNunno, Gretchen Goldman, Ravindra Gupta, Sally Kane, Katherine Lizotte, Brian McFarland, Caroline Petti, John Reed, Glenna Tinney

Staff: Maia Davis

1. Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda, Approval of Minutes (Caroline Petti, Chair)

The agenda and minutes from December 9, 2013 were approved with one small change.

2. Discussion of Proposed Climate Awards Program

At the request of ACPAC, CEEPC established a CEEPC/ACPAC Awards Task Force to develop a full proposal for a Climate and Energy Awards Pilot Program. The task force held several calls and has prepared a draft proposal. ACPAC was asked to review and comment on the proposal prior to it going to CEEPC for approval at the January 22, 2014 CEEPC meeting. ACPAC member comments on the proposal and presentation include:

- Clear introduction to the purpose and benefits in the presentation
- Application include how the application relates to the CEEPC Action Plan
- Attach/link the Action Plan to program materials
- Word limits in the application could even be less
- Descriptions of the criteria should include resourcefulness, cost-benefits/cost effectiveness, public reaction/acceptance levels
- Clear that scores will not be released and only winners announced
- The key info of the timeline is the application due date, which could be further highlighted
- Identify how pilot links up to other program areas (like the Leadership Series)

ACPAC members also discussed the application and judging process such as making sure applicants get confirmation that their application was received, that we have enough info from them to judge, and how to manage the judging.

3. MWAQC and CEEPC Updates

MWAQC and CEEPC both wrote comment letters to the Transportation Planning Board regarding the draft Regional Transportation Priorities Plan. Both support additional strategies and measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

CEEPC meets on January 22, 2014 where Chairman Roger Berliner will announce a 2014 leadership series/focus on the leaders to seek out successful models from across the country that could be brought to our communities. He will also announce NRG's plans to shut down the Dickerson coal plant. ACPAC discussed how it will not be economical to keep it open and replaced with natural gas. It was also discussed how jobs will be lost because less employees are needed to run a natural gas plant compared to a coal plant.

4. ACPAC 2014

MWAQC reviews applicants and appoints members each year. Several members were reappointed and a few new members were appointed to ACPAC on the January MWAQC Executive Committee call. New members will begin their term at the February ACPAC meeting. Caroline Petti announced she is stepping down from the committee; therefore, MWAQC will appoint another new member in early February.

ACPAC reviewed topics that MWAQC and CEEPC plan to focus on in 2014 and held a discussion on topics and speakers that are of interest to members to address at ACPAC meetings in 2014, which include:

- Policy tools such as congestion pricing and carbon pricing
- International climate change policy
- Speakers from advocacy groups such as 350.org, Sierra Club, and CCAN
- Energy productivity
- Embassies
- Distributed generation
- European food to energy generation (Scandinavian self-sufficiency)
- Microgrids
- Fracking
- Toxicology and developmental delays
- Capital Bike Share
- Deron Lovaas, sustainable transportation
- American Lunch Association
- Sunil Kumar, air quality forecasting
- New Ozone standard
- Rockefeller resiliency program
- Arlington County bike/ped staff
- Greater, Greater Washington
- FAA emissions team and biofuels team

Next meeting: February 24, 2013 – 5:30pm – 7:30pm