

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, December 10, 2012
Room 4/5
5:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M.

ACPAC members: Michael Cakouros, Brian DiNunno, Beverly Fourier, Andrew Kambour, Patrick Matos, Brian McFarland, Caroline Petti, John Reed, Glenna Tinney

Staff: Joan Rohlf, John Snarr, Leah Boggs, Maia Davis

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm. The agenda and minutes from October 18, 2012 were approved with no changes.

2. Organic Composting (John Snarr, COG DEP Staff)

John Snarr presented on organic composting in the metropolitan Washington region. Most jurisdictions collect leaves and yard trimmings year round. A few jurisdictions still collect yard waste in plastic bags. Some jurisdictions have set high recycling goals, which they plan to meet, in part, through composting. Howard County is moving forward with a food composting pilot. Although there has been a lack of food composting operations in the region, Prince George's County is opening a facility and a private indoor facility is opening in Baltimore. COG and its partners are also working on bringing a Master Composting Training Course to the region.

3. 2012 International Energy Conservation Codes (Leah Boggs, COG DEP Staff)

The International Code Council (ICC) is the coordinating body for model construction codes. It is a member-focused association made up of construction industry representatives and code regulators. There is a 3-year development cycle for the codes that are adopted in a final action hearing. The ICC has adopted the 2012 International Energy Conservation Codes. Maryland has adopted the 2012 codes, the District of Columbia is looking to adopt them towards the beginning of 2012 and Virginia is currently reviewing the codes prior to taking action. The Virginia Home Builders Association does not support the adoption of the 2012 codes in Virginia.

4. Bag It Film Viewing

ACPAC viewed the first 30 minutes of the film Bag It, which discusses the impacts of plastic bags and bottles on human health and the environment.

5. MWAQC and CEEPC Updates (Joan Rohlf, COG DEP Staff)

At the November CEEPC meeting presentations were given on the draft CEEPC Action Plan, the International Energy Conservation Codes, the Bag It Film was viewed, and the *What Our Region Grows* Report. MWAQC will meet on December 19, 2012. The agenda consists of a report analyzing the 2012 Long Range Transportation Plan, the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, and new officer announcements.

6. 2013 ACPAC Member Recruitment (Maia Davis, COG DEP Staff)

There are 4 ACPAC member position openings for 2013 including 1 in MD, 1 in DC, and 2 in VA. Maia asked that members share the ACPAC interest form with people and organizations that may be interested. Members requested an email with the information that they could forward and suggested that we may want to seek members with a public health perspective/interest and that we should advertise on the Greater, Greater Washington blog.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Next meeting: January 14, 2013 – 5:30pm – Room 4/5
