



AIR AND CLIMATE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 12, 2018
5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

ACPAC MEMBERS (*VIA PHONE)

Kelsey Crane
Tony Giancola
Gretchen Goldman, Chair
John Howes
Andrew Kambour
Hilary Lewis
Robin Lewis
Natalie Pien
Hyon Rah
Ron Rodriguez*
Rodney Sobin*
Gabriel Thoumi
Glenna Tinney
Tamara Toles O'Laughlin, Vice Chair

STAFF

Amanda Campbell
Tim Masters
Stephen Walz

GUESTS

Rebecca Davis, Clean Air Partners

1. CALL TO ORDER, AGENDA, MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Gretchen Goldman, ACPAC Chair

The meeting agenda and the January meeting summary was approved with no changes. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. ORIENTATION

Steve Walz, Director, COG Department of Environmental Programs

Amanda Campbell, COG Department of Environmental Programs

ACPAC advises the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) and the Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) and air quality, climate, and energy issues. MWAQC helps guide and approve state implementation plans for air quality standards. Priorities for 2018 include working to meet the 2015 ozone standard. CEEPC's work is guided by the Climate & Energy Action Plan. Priority topics in the climate and air programs this year include electric vehicle deployment, renewable energy deployment, and a climate resilience framework.

ACPAC prompted the development of the annual Climate & Energy Leadership Awards, and judges the award applications every July. ACPAC developed an Environmental Justice Toolkit – a guidance for local governments on considering equity when implementing air and climate policies. The toolkit was approved last year and members are continuing to share this resource with their networks and with COG committees. ACPAC also helped develop a scope of work for a project to identify and rank the next steps in air quality measures that the region could take to achieve no unhealthy air days, which is underway (by COG staff). ACPAC will continue to provide input on this project.

3. CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Gretchen Goldman, ACPAC Chair

Members discussed the possibility of adding a category for private sector applicants.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

ACPAC members unanimously accepted the slate of officers that the Nominating Committee proposed for the 2018 term:

Gretchen Goldman, Chair
Tamara Toles O’Laughlin, Vice Chair

Ms. Goldman shared that she values hearing comments, questions, and ideas from all participants; allowing speakers to run through their presentations uninterrupted in the interest of time, and being responsive to subgroup communications.

Ms. Toles O’Laughlin said that she would like to emphasize action-oriented approaches to regional climate, energy, and air issues that bring results to the region.

5. UPDATES

- The January 25th Electric Vehicle Work Session with CEEPC and MWAQC held at the Washington Auto Show attracted over 100 participants and gathered helpful input on how to accelerate EV deployment.
- “What We Can Do” Air Quality Analysis: no report.
- Environmental Justice: Amanda: COG staff (Maia and Jen) are working on an EJ-related grant application with GWU on an NSF grant application that would look at ground level exposure to fine particulates in DC. The details are still shaping up on this but the study could, in part, evaluate disproportionate impacts to minorities or in underserved communities. The grant application is due at the end of February. COG is also working on an application to send a team to an equity and resilience training in April.

6. CLEAN AIR PARTNERS

Rebecca Davis, Clean Air Partners

Clean Air Partners (CAP) runs a clean air slogan and poster contest and gives prizes for selected air/climate projects in ten science fairs annually. CAP also provides educational programs at schools and summer camps and runs a teacher fellows program.

Ms. Davis gave a demonstration of an air quality lesson for middle or high schoolers. ACPAC members viewed the hand-held Air Beam tools that measure fine particles in ambient air. The tool is connected by wifi to an ipad that displays the data, which is then uploaded to the website. On a walk-about with the students, the tool will upload data to a map online so that readings can be interpreted

and compared to local environmental conditions. For instance, air beams indicated a high reading of 20 micrograms/square meter of fine particles that was near the smoking area outside the COG building.

Sometimes air quality walkabouts are conducted in cooperation with Casey Trees, who will work with half of the group on uploading city tree information. The group discussed the use of iTree calculator to present the ecosystem services benefits of individual trees.

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