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## AIR AND CLIMATE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 20, 2017  
5:30 - 7:30 P.M.  
COG Meeting Room 4/5

### DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

#### ACPAC MEMBERS (\*VIA PHONE)

- Richard Ezike
- Gretchen Goldman
- Leah Fisher
- Andrew Kambour
- Robin Lewis\*
- Sarah Mazur
- Ron Rodriguez
- Glenna Tinney
- Tamara Toles - O'Laughlin
- Gabriel Thoumi\*
- Jacqueline Norris

#### STAFF

- Amanda Campbell
- Maia Davis
- Stephen Walz
- Jen Desimone\*
- Rebecca Davis

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

*Gretchen Goldman, ACPAC Chair*

The meeting agenda was approved without changes. The meeting summary was approved without changes.

#### 2. CLEAN AIR PARTNERS

*Jennifer Desimone, COG Staff*

*Rebecca Davis, Clean Air Partners Outreach Coordinator*

Clean Air Partners (CAP) is a Baltimore-Washington partnership to raise awareness about air quality and promote voluntary actions to improve it. This year is CAP's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Clean Air Partners' board consists of 31 member organizations, including state and local governments, businesses, advocacy groups, transportation agencies, and non-profits. Their annual celebration and awards event will be held May 16. CAP is planning an air quality campaign associated with Air Quality Awareness Week April 27 through May 5<sup>th</sup>, and World Asthma Day. The campaign year-round

includes a variety of communications methods such as metrobus ads, social media contests and posts, infographics, science fair awards, an app, arranging interviews, and student poster contests.

The fall and winter, CAP promotes heat-saving tips and green holiday guides. Spring and summer topics revolve around understanding the color coding for air quality and voluntary actions during the warm summer months. This year they will have a special focus on how air quality impacts the Chesapeake Bay.

Ms. Davis provides hands-on educational programming to teachers and students on air quality science and health impacts for elementary, middle and high schools. The Air Beam tool is one instructional aide that allows students to walk outside and upload data to create a map of air quality readings along the route. In addition to CAP programs, she will be working with Casey Trees on an air quality and tree identification and tree planting program and with DC Department of Energy and Environment on a youth summer fellowship program on air quality.

### **3. CLIMATE AND ENERGY ACTION PLAN**

*Maia Davis, COG Staff*

CEEPC is slated to approve of the 2017-2020 Climate and Energy Action Plan at their next meeting March 25<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to ACPAC, the plan includes a section on equity – one of the first climate plans in the nation to do so. The plan includes a set of indicators which will be posted online as a ‘dashboard’ and updated periodically. This includes a chart showing the regional greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals. Several actions in the zero waste sections are new compared to the last edition of the plan. The aspirational percent implementation levels were set based on estimates of current implementation. ACPAC members were supportive of the plan.

### **4. ACPAC MEMBER TIME**

Jacqueline Norris is a new 2017 ACPAC member. She is a Senior Environmental Employee working under a grant with National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA) to provide subject matter expertise on EPA’s environmental justice 2020 initiatives. She is also involved in the Prince George’s Marginalized Community Collaborative, LLC (pending nonprofit status) and KeAnJa Environmental Social Justice, Management & Sustainability Consultant Group. Ms. Norris said that environmental justice leaders must get to know a community before they can speak for them or start to work with them to solve challenges.

### **5. UPDATES**

- Staff shared the draft ACPAC Meetings Map which contains the topics suggested at February’s meeting and matches up ACPAC input with MWAQC and CEEPC initiatives.
- The Leadership Awards will launch on April 22, Earth Day. ACPAC will ask CEEPC’s approval for moving ahead with the three categories (education, government, NGO).
- The Toolkit is being reviewed by COG staff and is slated to be presented at CEEPC in July.

### **6. ADJOURN**