

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, June 15, 2015

Room 4/5

5:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M.

ACPAC Members: Richard Ezike, Leah Fisher (phone), Gretchen Goldman, Eric Goplerud, Seth Heald, John Howes, Andrew Kambour, Chuck Kooshian, Robin Lewis, Sarah Mazur, Daniel Moring, Natalie Pien, Karla Raettig, Gabriel Thoumi, Glenna Tinney, Tamara Toles O'Laughlin

Staff: Steve Walz, Maia Davis, Sophie Earll

Additional Guests: Tanya Crk, EPA

1. Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes (*Glenna Tinney, Chair*)

The draft agenda and June meeting summary were approved without changes.

2. ACPAC Advocacy Roundtable and Discussion (*Glenna Tinney, Chair, and Gretchen Goldman, Vice Chair*)

Over the past several meetings, ACPAC members have expressed interest in coming together on advocacy. With over half of the committee members new this year, it hasn't been clear what the main interest areas are to the group as a whole. The purpose of this agenda item was to provide the opportunity for ACPAC members to share their current advocacy activities and interest followed by a discussion and decision on one or two topic areas the ACPAC was interested in coming together on.

Maia Davis refreshed members on this committee's mission as they act as a mechanism for facilitating a dialogue among diverse interest groups, communities, CEEPC and MWAQC. They advise MWAQC and CEEPC's diverse activities through recommendations in air quality and climate planning processes, educating and eliciting idea of design and execution of outreach. Representing a diverse community of interest and opinion, they may assume such other responsibilities as MWAQC or CEEPC shall determine.

Examples of existing activities were mentioned such as Clean Air Partners science fair and youth contest judging and the Climate and Energy Leadership Award. Depending on ACPAC's interests they may need to seek approval from CEEPC and MWAQC in a similar fashion to the Awards Program. ACPAC came together to develop a straw proposal and presented the concept to CEEPC to seek approval on moving forward with the program development.

Glenna Tinney and Gretchen Goldman facilitated the roundtable discussion where a range of issues and ideas were brought forward such as clean energy, the climate march, the Montreal pledge, circular economies, and public energy dashboards. COG staff brought to the table ideas of climate connection games, Net Zero Ambassadors, Solar Co-Op Ambassadors, legislative advocacy, and air quality awareness.

These ideas were compiled into the categories found below. Each member had a single vote to suggest avenues of involvement in this committee.

1. Environmental justice, air quality/health **(7 votes)**
2. Public energy dashboards **(3 votes)**
3. 111D/GHG emission from power plants **(2 votes)**
4. Renewable energy portfolio = standardization **(1 vote)**
5. Global financing **(1 vote)**
6. Energy storage **(0 votes)**

In order to continue the conversation on narrowing down group interest in the top two interest areas the chair appointed a subcommittee to further discuss and to provide an update followed by discussion at the July ACPAC meeting. The subcommittee includes Richard Ezike, Eric Goplerud , John Howes, Daniel Moring, Gabriel Thoumi, and Tamara Toles O'Laughlin.

3. Judging Process Review for Climate and Energy Leadership Award Program (*Maia Davis, COG Environmental Programs*)

The first application for the awards program has arrived and it is expected we will receive 15-20 applications on a wide array of community, non-profit and business initiatives. The deadline for submittal of applications is June 30, 2015. Later that week, ACPAC members will receive the application files, judging rubric and judging score sheet via COG's ftp site. ACPAC members are asked to review applications and tally their initial scores (using the [judging rubric](#) as guidance) prior to the July ACPAC meeting. At the July 20 ACPAC meeting, members will discuss the applications, adjust their score as necessary and submit their final judging sheet prior to the close of the meeting. Those who cannot make the meeting need to submit their judging score sheet to Maia Davis prior to the July 20 ACPAC meeting.

The judging criteria include Results, Creativity, Model, and Engagement. Per ACPAC's recommendation earlier this year, a weighting system is being factored into the judging process. The Results will receive a 40% weight while the remaining criteria will be weighted at 20% each. COG staff will tally scores in an excel sheet and inform applicants of the results in August. The Awards Ceremony will take place at the October 14, 2015 COG Board meeting.

4. Committee Updates (*Maia Davis, COG Environmental Programs*)

Maia Davis informed ACPAC of two recent announcements for the metropolitan Washington region including:

1. [D.C. overtakes L.A. for building energy efficiency crown](#)
2. [DC Metro region ranked 5th in clean tech](#)

ACPAC was also informed about the [Regional Electric vehicle Readiness Workshop and Ride and Drive](#) that COG is hosting on June 30th from 9:15am-3:15pm. One ACPAC member announced that the EPA draft 2020 Environmental Justice Plan I currently out for public comment and EPA currently has a green village at the National Zoo featuring an air quality monitor.

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| Next meeting: July 20, 2015 – 5:30pm – 7:30pm |
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