



AIR AND CLIMATE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 15, 2017
5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

ACPAC MEMBERS (*VIA PHONE)

- Gretchen Goldman
- Robin Lewis
- Seth Heald
- Sarah Mazur
- Glenna Tinney
- Tamara Toles - O'Laughlin
- Gabriel Thoumi
- Dan Moring
- John Howes
- Leah Fisher
- Andrew Kambour
- Maggie Shober
- Ron Rodriguez
- Jacqueline Norris

STAFF

- Amanda Campbell
- Maia 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. GEORGETOWN CLIMATE CENTER'S ADAPTATION CLEARINGHOUSE - EQUITY PORTAL

Melissa Deas, Georgetown Climate Center

Ms. Deas demonstrated the resources available in the Georgetown Climate Center's Adaptation Clearinghouse and the newly launched Equity Portal. Resources include archived federal climate change documents, documents searchable by sector and by state, a state implementation dashboard, and climate equity-themed content. The Clearinghouse resources contain a short description of the key content. Users that create a login account can save documents to their favorites or review and rate resources.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TOOLKIT

Maia Davis, COG Staff

Ms. Davis presented the latest draft of the Environmental Justice Toolkit and asked the committee to revise the appendices including the case studies and finance tools that each had written. ACPAC approved the toolkit for CEEPC and MWAQC review with the incorporation of edits and other feedback submitted by ACPAC members by May 26, COB. Ms. Toles-O'Laughlin agreed to coordinate the outreach to environmental justice advocates, which would be due by June 30.

4. ACPAC MEMBER TIME

Ron Rodriguez, ACPAC Member

Ron Rodriguez shared the experiences that led to the founding of his current company, Innov8 Energy, that procures green wind power for businesses. The company helps negotiate contracts with suppliers and host an auction to find the lowest bidder. Some of the businesses they serve include Ben's Chili Bowl, the Embassy of Denmark, Busboys and Poets, and Folger Pratt. The green energy is less expensive than the going rates at local electric utilities and creates more renewable energy to serve the grid.

5. UPDATES

- Follow-up from April's meeting – ACPAC members were asked for further input on the types of local air quality measures that would benefit the region. Anti-idling, electric taxis, and employee bikeshare benefits were discussed.
- US Army Corps flood study in the Washington region – MWCOG is partnering with the US Army Corps of Engineers-Baltimore District to conduct a Coastal Storm Risk Management Study for the Washington region. MWCOG is seeking cost-share partners for 50% of the costs of the three-year, \$3M study. The study will provide a coastal inundation map, infrastructure vulnerability assessment and a list of recommended flood mitigation projects and policies. Fairfax County's Environmental Quality Advisory Council recently passed a resolution in support of Fairfax County's participation in the study.
- Climate and Energy Leadership Awards – reminder to nominate or apply!

6. ADJOURN