

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, March 16, 2015

Room 4/5

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

ACPAC Members: Richard Ezike, Leah Fisher, Gretchen Goldman, Eric Goplerud, Seth Heald, John Howes, Andrew Kambour, Sally Kane, Robin Lewis, Sarah Mazur, Dan Moring, Natalie Pien, Maggie Shober, Gabriel Thoumi, Glenna Tinney, Tamara Toles-O'Laughlin

Staff: Steve Walz, Maia Davis

Additional Guests: Dan Lauf, MEA

1. Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda (Glenna Tinney, Chair)

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

2. Maryland Smart Energy Investment Dashboard (Dan Lauf, Maryland Energy Administration)

The Maryland Energy Administration's (MEA) key program areas and investments are in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and transportation. MEA's Smart Energy Investment Map and new Dashboard that will launch this month is a platform to be able to communicate the benefits of their programs. The new dashboard will pull data from Maryland's open source website to produce easily digestible statistics, graphs and charts on programs, technologies, regions, sectors and more.

3. Climate and Energy Leadership Awards Discussion (Glenna Tinney, ACPAC Chair)

Glenna gave a brief overview of last year's program and the work that has been taken thus far to launch the 2015 program. She presented the draft materials for ACPAC's review and ACPAC members had many comments, such as the need to clearly express upfront what winners will get. ACPAC was asked to specifically provide input on the judging since they will serve as the judges later this summer. Among the 4 judging criteria - Results, Creativity, Model, Engagement - ACPAC took a vote and decided that Results should be weighted more than heavily than the other criteria. ACPAC took a second vote to decide how it would be weighted and decided on 40% for Results and 20% for each of the remaining criteria.

4. Court Decision on Ozone Implementation Rule (Stephen Walz, COG Environment Programs Director)

The court decision set the attainment deadline for the 2008 ozone NAAQS at July 20, 2015 for the Washington region. Though the ozone nonattainment areas can request an extension of the attainment deadline for two consecutive years; however, the Washington region can request a one year extension to meet the standard. MWAQC is moving toward applying for that extension early this summer.

5. Updates

At the last MWAQC meeting, Glenna presented the ACPAC recommended changes to MWAQC's comment letter to EPA on the proposed Ozone standard. MWAWC did not adopt the recommended language as presented but did add language to the letter that recognized that reducing the standard to a 65-70 ppb level is the next logical step in a long term effort to improve air quality.

Each year when members are appointed to the Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee they are given 1-3 year terms. Terms are evenly distributed between DC, MD, and VA. If a member leaves before their term is up a new member appointed the following January will fill their term.

Each year, Clean Air Partners has a poster contest for students and ACPAC members are invited to judge the contest. One ACPAC member volunteered to participate as a 2015 judge.

The next two ACPAC meetings will involve hands-on work sessions. In April there will be a work session on the draft greenhouse gas emission strategies developed by COG's Multi-Sector Work Group and in May there will be a work session on the development of a regional air quality action plan.

Next meeting: April 20, 2015 – 5:30pm – 7:30pm