

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, May 19, 2014

Room 1

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

ACPAC Members: Bill Butler, John Howes, Andrew Kambour, Sally Kane, Chuck Kooshian, Katherine Lizotte, John Reed, Maggie Shober, Glenna Tinney

Staff: Maia Davis

Other Attendees: Kate Johnson, DDOE

1. Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda, Approval of Minutes (Andrew Kambour, Chair)

The agenda and minutes from March 24, 2013 were approved.

2. Sustainable Rail Transportation Follow-Up Discussion (Andrew Kambour, Chair)

In April, ACPAC hosted a celebration of the homecoming of the DC's first clean diesel engine. Andrew led a follow-up discussion about ACPAC's possible involvement moving forward. One topic that came up in April was MARC possibly moving from a partial electric fleet to full diesel. It was decided that more information was needed and we should look into possibly having a presentation from MTA.

3. State of the Air Report and Health Effects of Air Pollution (Janice Nolen, American Lung Association)

Janice Nolen from the American Lung Association presented on the 2014 State of the Air Report. The State of the Air puts air pollution in everyday language. Janice discussed ALA's methodology and that the 2014 report shows that more people live in areas with dangerous levels of ozone or particle pollution. Nationwide, over 147.6 million live where air pollution is unhealthy compared to 131.8 million in the 2013 report. Janice also reviewed the risks from breathing ozone and people that are at risk. The metropolitan Washington area is tied for 8th in most polluted for ozone.

4. Regional Climate Planning Best Practices and Progress (Maia Davis, COG Environment)

The regional climate review was a 3 part presentation:

1. Progress local jurisdictions are making toward CEEPC Climate and Energy Action Plan goals
2. How the National Capital Region compares to region's across the country on LEED, ENERGY STAR, and EPA Green Power Partners.
3. Best climate planning practices from regions across the country.

This is ACPAC's first look at the regional progress and national comparison, as they will be incorporated into the 2013 Progress Report. The lessons learned from best practices across the country will be taken into consideration in the FY 2015 Workplan.

5. MWAQC and CEEPC Updates (Maia Davis, COG Environment)

At the May CEEPC meeting Maia will present on climate planning best practices and progress, they will be asked to approve a comment letter to TPB, and staff will review the FY2015 Workplan with CEEPC.

The MWAQC meeting will focus on control measures, local, regional, and state. ACPAC's comment letter has been received and will be included the May packet. The Supreme Court recently ruled to uphold EPA's Cross State Air Pollution Rule. EPA issued the rule in 2011 to significantly improve air quality by reducing power plant emissions that cross state lines and contribute to ground-level ozone and fine particle pollution in other states. An update will be provided at MWAQC.

At the Clean Air Partners Annual Awards, Glenna Tinney was awarded "Rookie" Member of the Year. The Member of the Year is a current board member that has demonstrated outstanding service and leadership to Clean Air Partners through the giving of their time, talents, and resources as a Board member. He/she contributes to the program's success, promotes Clean Air Partners through awareness and outreach, and helps advance the overall mission of Clean Air Partners. As one of the newest Board Members, the Chair and Vice Chair felt it was appropriate to acknowledge Glenna.

Next meeting: June16, 2014 – 5:30pm – 7:30pm
