



AIR AND CLIMATE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 17, 2015

5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Room 4/5

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

ACPAC MEMBERS: Gretchen Goldman (phone), John Howes, Robin Lewis, Daniel Moring, Natalie Pien, Glenna Tinney, Tamara Toles O'Laughlin, Gabriel Thoumi

STAFF: Steve Walz, Maia Davis, Leah Boggs, Sophie Earll

1. CALL TO ORDER, AGENDA AND MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL (GLENN TINNEY, ACPAC CHAIR)

The meeting agenda and summary were approved without changes.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROPOSAL (GLENN TINNEY, ACPAC CHAIR)

ACPAC members have identified Environmental Justice (EJ) as the committee's top priority. The ACPAC subcommittee proposed a toolkit to the full ACPAC committee to advance this priority. The goal would be to increase the capacity of elected officials and local government staff on environmental justice. The toolkit can provide a well-rounded set of resources for decision-makers and possibly the community, as well. Possible topics discussed that the toolkit could address include what is EJ, why care, impacts, best practices, a directory of data/information/resources, advocacy, etc. Glenna will take the lead on drafting a proposal and outline content for ACPAC's review.

3. MULTI-SECTOR WORKGROUP CONSENSUS ACTION FEEDBACK (STEVE WALZ, COG ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM)

ACPAC reviewed and provided feedback for the development of a Multi-Sector Workgroup (MSWG) consensus action strategy broken into three categories consensus (all jurisdictions agree), leadership (some jurisdictions will implement but not all), and study for future potential implementation. This list will help guide the MSWG final report, Climate and Energy Action Plan, and other COG initiatives. Mandatory benchmarking, building energy improvements, power sector reduction, development patterns and their feasibility across states was discussed. Members present agreed on the elaboration of the outreach strategy to include identifying any disproportionate impacts these strategies may have on underserved/poor communities. For example, the impact of a commuter tax could have greater impact on the poor.

4. ENERGY DASHBORDS BRIEFING (LEAH BOGGS, COG ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS)

The 2013-2016 Climate and Energy Action Plan lays out goals for government buildings to track and/or benchmark performance and to participate in a regional EPA portfolio Manager Master Account Sharing. The Master Account tracks energy consumption and compares performance of participating buildings within the region. COG's Master Account features 407 properties, 5 jurisdictions (DC, Alexandria, Arlington, Greenbelt, and Rockville) and 1 school district (Loudoun County Public Schools). In progress toward regional goals, 92% of 13 jurisdictions have reported tracking and/or benchmarking and 54 percent of jurisdiction are participating in energy data disclosure. Moving forward, COG will continue reaching out to jurisdictions for benchmarking status and encouraging participation in the COG Master Account.

5. ANNOUCEMENTS

A. 2016 ACPAC MEMBER RECRUITMENT

In January, several ACPAC committee members are up for reappointment. Please inform Maia Davis if you wish to continue on with this committee to better inform availability of seats and recruitment.

B. NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC APPLICATION

The National Geographic mini-grant application was submitted November 6th for continued development of the Climate and Energy Leadership Awards Program.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2015.