

Energy and Air Quality Advisory Committee (EAQAC)
Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 7:00pm
“Fishbowl” Conference Room
DEP, 255 Rockville Pike, Ste 120

Members present: Foroud Arsanjani, Sean Boyle, Jamie Pierce, David Kathan, Reuven Walder, Linda Tsang, Kavita Vaidyanathan, Christina England, Charles Segerman, Ed Comer, Astrid Caldas, Ruth Magin

Members absent: Christopher Avery

Guests: Stephanie Riddick

Staff: Stan Edwards, Lindsey Shaw

Proposed Agenda

Agenda items marked with ** require pre-meeting preparation

1. Welcome/Introductions (5-10 minutes)
 - a. Approve meeting Agenda – *approved*
 - b. Approve past meeting Minutes – *approved*
 - c. *Administrative note: To save paper, DEP will print EAQAC’s 2016 goals guide only when the group makes revisions.*

2. Break into Energy and Air Quality Subcommittee groups (45 minutes)
 - a. Subcommittee Meeting Key Objectives
 - i. ** Finalize the proposed 2016 selected goals from the March meeting, including; objective, assignments, leads, sub-team members, deliverables and deadlines
 - ii. ** Sub-Committee chairs will report back to the full committee with the final complete list and lead the discussion to answer any related questions from the members.
 - iii. Record and track remaining unassigned goals as we will add and remove goals as necessary throughout the year to best support the needs of the county residents.
 - b. Air Quality subcommittee: create legislative proposal - Chapter 3

Energy Subcommittee: The 5 goals were narrowed into one strategic education goal:

- Educate Montgomery County citizens about how to access and understand their electricity usage data, then make decisions about energy usage and EE.
- Educate residents on renewable energy investment decisions.
- Educate residents about community solar.

The subcommittee will also reach out to two organizations to speak to EAQAC:

- Ask HOC to speak about the FHA loan guidelines and how they might educate residents about the Home Energy Score metric in FHA.
- Ask Pepco to speak about the HPwES Energy Coach program (DEP will reach out to set up meeting).

Additionally, Chris Avery drafted a letter to ask the County Council/CE for a letter of support, encouraging Gov. Hogan to support the Governors’ Accord for a New Energy Future. David will follow up on this letter.

At the next meeting, the subcommittee will present a draft PowerPoint presentation about the education strategy. The presentation will be finalized by the June meeting.

Air Quality Subcommittee: The subcommittee set goals and next steps for their 3 primary goals for 2016:

- Review EPA's fleet requirements
 - Propose updates to the radon section of DEP's website to better align with the new County radon legislation
 - Review County's project statement of work to determine if/how air quality is addressed (Office of Procurement's green initiatives)
 - Chapter 3 revisions: Stan will give the T&E committee a heads up that consistency edits are coming. EAQAC will prepare changes at one time rather than in phases, and Stan will provide plain-language text for the intent.
3. **Proposed 2016 Committee Calendar (COO/Sean to coordinate) discussion (10-15 minutes) – DEP will look into the best place to find upcoming key council meetings and budget cycle dates. Other events can be found on the [My Green Montgomery calendar of events](#). EAQAC members are encouraged to submit other events they hear about in the community using the website.
4. Energy legislation revisions, Chapter 18 (Christina and Michelle) final presentation/review to the Committee (10 minutes) – Chapter 18 contains outdated/defunct programs, but does not contain the consistency issues that Chapter 3 has. DEP recommends putting this project on hold.
5. Committee Member Updates, News, and Agenda Proposals for the next meeting (10-20 minutes)
**Due to the number of updates and limited committee time available, please prepare short and concise updates highlighting; key issues and any proposed follow-up actions
- a. Air Quality – Radon legislation updates (Jaime/Stan)
 - b. Air quality – Industry updates
 - i. Reuven is doing a speaking tour for the Healthy Homes Study, to examine the link between enhancing indoor air quality and reducing childhood asthma symptoms. Sign up for a chance to participate [here](#).
 - ii. Tiny Homes tour is coming to Rockville. More details coming soon.
 - c. Energy Industry updates – Commercial
 - d. Energy Industry updates – Residential
 - e. Regulatory updates – Energy, Air Quality
6. Staff and Member Announcements (5-10 minutes)
- a. Use of EAQAC Committee Dropbox (Michelle): <http://bit.ly/EAQACdocs>
 - b. 2016 Calendar
 - c. Staff updates - Interviews will begin this week for the Residential Energy Program Manager position. DEP's C-PACE Open House and [Montgomery County Energy Summit and Benchmarking Jam](#) were both great successes. The next upcoming event is [GreenFest](#) on April 30th and the final full [Green Bank Work Group meeting](#) on May 16th. More events can be out in DEP's [Earth Month blog post](#). We encourage EAQAC members to attend any and all DEP events!
7. Open Forum/Public Comment (5 minutes or as time allows)

Next Meeting: May 4th, 2015 at 7pm