

Energy and Air Quality Advisory Committee (EAQAC)
Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 7:00pm
“Fishbowl” Conference Room
DEP, 255 Rockville Pike, Ste 120

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

Members absent: Christopher Avery, Reuven Walder, Sean Boyle

Guests: Lisa Feldt, Mike Hunninghake, Stephanie Riddick

Staff: Stan Edwards, Michelle Vigen, Lindsey Shaw

Proposed Agenda

Agenda items marked with ** require pre-meeting preparation

1. Welcome/Introductions (5-10 minutes)
 - a. Approve meeting Agenda – *approved*
 - b. Introduction of DEP Director Lisa Feldt
 - c. Introduction and presentation by;
Mike Hunninghake, Program Mgr. Sustainable MD (15 Minutes) – *Sustainable Maryland has been active for 5-6 years, and of the 157 municipalities in Maryland, 40% are either certified or registered (working towards certification). Certification consists of earning a minimum of 150 points across 8 categories by implementing projects from an action menu. Sustainable Maryland may scale up their certification level with a county-level offering in 2018. Astrid will follow up on the county-level idea and see if this is feasible for Montgomery County.*
 - d. Approve past meeting Minutes – *not approved. No minutes from May meeting; no quorum to approve April meeting minutes.*

2. Break into Energy and Air Quality Subcommittee groups (40 minutes)
 - a. Subcommittee Meeting Key Objectives
 - i. ** Updates from the proposed 2016 selected goals from the May meeting, including; objective, assignments, leads, sub-team members, deliverables and deadlines-Energy subcommittee to capsule several goals into one focused area. Air quality to provide updates on several discussed goals

Air quality and Energy chairs will provide short briefs regarding their selected goals.
 - ii. ** Sub-Committee chairs and assigned members will report back to the full committee with the final complete goal list, updates and lead the discussion to answer any related questions from the members. The proposed guidelines to establish goals have also been provided in previous months that can be used during this process
 - 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. COO
 - b. Air Quality subcommittee: updates on Chapter 3 refinements

- *Energy Subcommittee Summary: David expanded the goals to include more information about how to achieve each goal, the value, and resources required. Consolidated 4 goals into 3 final goals for 2016. Next steps: expand on the PowerPoint slides with an outline of proposed ideas and action.*
 - 1) *Develop tools and strategies to educate residents (including LMI) and businesses about energy consumption, energy efficiency, renewable energy. Focus on energy efficiency first, then assess renewables for your home/business. Potential target date: October for Energy Action Month. Charles, David, Stephanie will lead this goal.*
 - 2) *Work on a school competition. Michelle will invite Montgomery County School Energy and Recycling Team ([SERT](#)) to come speak to EAQAC.*
 - 3) *Expand and provide incentives for EV infrastructure in the County. Chris and Stephanie will lead this goal.*
 - *Air Quality Subcommittee Summary: Made good progress since the last meeting:*
 - 1) *Drafted updated text for the DEP radon webpages, including the new legislation. Stan will review new text with Jessica Jones (DEP).*
 - 2) *Vehicle exhaust: The County's fleet and MCPS buses have emission exhaust controls. Proposed presentation about the County's Green Fleet Strategy at an upcoming EAQAC meeting.*
 - 3) *Working on Chapter 3 updates, including definitions. County legal has been alerted, and looks forward to discussing the edits EAQAC proposes.*
 - 4) *Stan will contact the County's procurement office to look into the air quality requirements for contracts.*
 - 5) *Astrid will look into air quality options for Sustainable Maryland.*
3. ****Proposed 2016 Committee Calendar (COO/Sean to coordinate) discussion (10-15 minutes) – Community 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. **Proposed use and feedback from members, regarding blogs and www.MyGreenMontgomery.org**
 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**
 - c. **Energy Industry updates – Commercial**
 - d. **Energy Industry updates – Residential**
 - e. **Regulatory updates – Energy, Air Quality**
 - *Governor Hogan vetoed legislation to raise the state's renewable portfolio standard from 20% to 25% by 2020, citing tax increases. The state legislature may be able to override the veto. ([Utility Dive](#))*
 - *PSC semi-annual hearings about EmPOWER were held in early May. Overall, the outcomes were encouraging for the EmPOWER program, and some funding requests were approved; however, the head of MEA and members of the PSC have been outspoken against EmPOWER programs.*

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 – *DEP's new Residential Energy Program Manager will start at the end of June. The County's first Benchmarking Law compliance deadline for private buildings (250,000 SF and greater) was 6/1/16, and DEP will continue to follow up with building owners who have not submitted complete reports. DEP expects the first Commercial PACE project application (rooftop solar) to come in the next few weeks, and a second project application (major energy-efficiency mechanical upgrades) expected in the next month or so. The Green Bank final work group meeting was held on May 16th, and the work group report has been submitted to Council. Recruitment for the first Green Bank Board of Directors is underway.*

7. Open Forum/Public Comment (5 minutes or as time allows)

Next Meeting: July 6th, 2015 at 7pm