

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

Members present: Foroud Arsanjani, Sean Boyle, Jamie Pierce, David Kathan, Linda Tsang, Kavita Vaidyanathan, Charles Segerman, Ed Comer, Ruth Magin, Dan Lauf, Christopher Avery, Reuven Walder

Members absent: Astrid Caldas, Christina England

Guests: Stephanie Riddick

Staff: Stan Edwards, Michelle Vigen, Lindsey Shaw, Larissa Johnson

Proposed Agenda

Agenda items marked with ** require pre-meeting preparation

1. Welcome/Introductions (5-10 minutes)
 - a. Bill Griffith Mg county fleet director (25-minute presentation with Q/A) – *Bill Griffith was originally scheduled for the July meeting but was unable to attend. He invited EAQAC to have a tour of and hold an upcoming meeting at the Equipment Maintenance & Transit Operations Center. Jamie will coordinate an EAQAC meeting at EMTOC in October.*
 - b. Montgomery County Schools (SERT) representative (25-minute presentation with Q/A) – *Michelle is tracking down a contact to invite to the September meeting. Stephanie will ask Todd Watkins to the September meeting as well to discuss MCPS' bus fleet.*
 - c. Approve past meeting Minutes – *June meeting minutes approved (Foroud to make additional edits). Note: April meeting minutes not yet approved (no quorum during May meeting).*
2. Discuss the proposed selected Goals for each subgroup and expected subgroup discussion
3. Break into Energy and Air Quality Subcommittee groups for updates (30 minutes)
4. Goal updates from The Air Quality subgroup – *The subcommittee drafted updated text for DEP's radon website, which will be posted soon. Astrid is still working on gaining support from the County Executive on the Sustainable MD initiatives. No updates to Chapter 3 of the County Code. Linda will contact the Office of Procurement to find out how green standards are incorporated into procurement/contract language. Jamie will reach out to Eric Coffman (DGS) about ozone depleting compounds.*
5. Goal updates from the Energy subgroup as following;
 - 1) Develop tools and strategies to educate residents and businesses about energy consumption, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. Focus on energy efficiency first, and then assess renewables for your home/business.
Potential target date: October for Energy Action Month.
Charles, David, Dan (lead), Foroud, Stephanie will support this goal.
 - 2) Work on a school competition. Michelle will invite Montgomery County School Energy and Recycling Team (SERT) to come speak to EAQAC. Dan, David (lead)

- 3) Expand and provide incentives for EV infrastructure in the County. Chris (lead), Stephanie, Foroud will support this goal

The Energy subcommittee will evaluate the energy education offered in schools, encourage staff to focus efforts in an area that would have the greatest impact, and see whether EAQAC can develop a new/complementary educational idea if needed. The subcommittee will brainstorm new ideas and provide example programs in other jurisdictions (i.e., Boulder) for the new Residential Energy Program Manager (Larissa Johnson) that the subcommittee might like to see recreated in Montgomery County. The subcommittee agreed to prioritize Goals 1 and 2 to be completed by September with educational activities as a subtask.

6. 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
7. Air Quality subcommittee: updates on Chapter 3 refinements
8. **Proposed 2016 Committee Calendar (COO/Sean to coordinate) discussion (10-15 minutes)-Sean will help coordinate with team members and COO a calendar for the next meeting
9. Proposed use and feedback from members, regarding blogs and www.MygreenMontgomery.org
10. 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 – *Reuven mentioned that the childhood asthma study is still accepting applicants (ages 5-17).*
 - c. Energy Industry updates – Commercial
 - d. Energy Industry updates – Residential – *Tiny Lab/tiny home tour came to Rockville and Takoma Park in May/June. There's a passive home in Howard County that offers occasional tours. David will send out information about The Cadmus Group's plug load study.*
 - e. Regulatory updates – Energy, Air Quality
11. 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 introduced EAQAC members to the new Residential Energy Program Manager. Benchmarking Law enforcement is underway following the first deadline of June 1st. Commercial PACE program is open and accepting applications. The Montgomery County Green Bank board and preliminary bylaws are in place and is seeking designation from the Council.*
12. Open Forum/Public Comment (5 minutes or as time allows)

Next Meeting: September 7th, 2016