

Montgomery County - Water Quality Advisory Group Meeting

February 7, 2022 (7:00 - 8:30 pm) – DRAFT Minutes

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Staff Liaison Miranda Reid, DEP (miranda.reid@montgomerycountymd.gov)

Member and affiliation	Present		Others in attendance and affiliation
	Yes	No	
Ken Bawer, Public-at-Large	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frank Dawson, DEP
Keith Brooks, Public-at-Large	X		
Bob Buglass, Public Agency, WSSC	X		
Michael Carmel, Public-at-Large	X		
Andrew Der, Public-at-Large	X		
El Hadji Fall, Academic/Scientific		X	
Michael McAvey, Public-at-Large	X		
Pamela Rathbone, Co-Chair, Public-at-Large	X		
Miranda Reid, DEP	X		
Tracy Rouleau, Co-Chair, Academic/Scientific		X	
Linda Silversmith, Public-at-Large	X		
Tim Stemann, Business	X		
Amy Stevens, Public Agency, DEP	X		
Mark Symborski, Public Agency, MNCPPC	X		
Allison Wright, Environmental		X	
Agenda Item	Major Points		

I. Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM. Keith Brooks ran the meeting in Tracy's absence.
II. Reading and approval of the minutes.	Minutes for January were approved as written.
III. New Business.	<p><u>a. Montgomery County Capital Budget Overview, Amy Stevens</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The speaker explained the difference between the Capital (CIP) Budget and the Operating Budgets • Revenue sources for the Capital and Operating Budgets were described. • FY23-28 CIP Budget Project descriptions and dollars recommended by County Executive were given. • All details are on the OMB web site: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb/ <p><u>b. WQAG Annual Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pamela is working on updating the WQAG Annual Report for review by the group. <p><u>c. Discussion on Garbage Disposals/Water Quality</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Carmel raised this issue. Food, specifically FOGs (fats, oils, and grease) dumped down drains lead to sewer overflow. The possibility of a new regulation prohibiting garbage disposals was raised. • Ken suggested that DEP should alert septic system owners that garbage disposals are not recommended. • Mike McAvey suggested education be done in conjunction with composting education. • Per Amy, County has a pilot program for residential curb-side food scrap pickup. Possible topic for a speaker (maybe from WSSC?).
IV. Reports of Officers, Boards, Standing Committees.	None at this time.
V. Reports of Special Committees.	None at this time.
VI. Special Orders.	None at this time.
VII. Unfinished Business and General Orders.	<p>a. Update Priority Speaker Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miranda tallied our votes and ranked the speaker topics. She will email to us.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Miranda will ask Alan Soukup when the Water & Sewer Plan update is expected to be released for public comment. We will have him as a speaker once released.• We discussed who best to talk about the topic “climate change impact on water quality and quantity in Mo Co” – Adriana Hochberg or someone else?
VIII.Adjournment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The next meeting is set for March 14, 2022.• The next notetaker, in alphabetic order, will be Keith Brooks• The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

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