

Energy and Air Quality Advisory Committee (EAQAC)
Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 7:00pm
“Fishbowl” Conference Room
DEP, 255 Rockville Pike, Ste 120

Members present: Foroud Arsanjani, Linda Tsang, Kavita Vaidyanathan, Sean Boyle, Jamie Pierce, David Kathan, Reuven Walder

Members absent: Christina England

Guests: Stephanie Riddick

Staff: Stan Edwards, Michelle Vigen, Lindsey Shaw

- Stan to send a note to Steve Gibb about the Radon Bill progress
- Michelle to invite John White, ICF and CC Reuven (Residential Programs)
- Michelle to send out CVs to nominations committee
- Michelle to draw up certificates for past members

Notes

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Approve Agenda – OK

3. Approve September Minutes – OK

4. Current Items

- a. **Radon update** – Stan Edwards provided an updated on the radon legislation that did not pass last Tuesday, noted how the legislation has become simpler, and that it is expected to pass two weeks from now.
- b. **Energy – Energy Coach (Reuven)** – No news; bring in a Pepco/BGE residential (John White, ICF) program representatives to talk about merger and Energy Coach concept. Pepco has an Energy Coach program going, but we don't know anything about it.
- c. **Energy – WH Initiative – monitoring (David/Kavita)** – No updates.
- d. **E&AQ – Clean Power Plan – monitoring (Sean/Linda)** – Research in progress.
- e. **Energy – Home Energy Score conversation – (Staff update)** – Michelle provided an update on the Greening MLS and Home Energy Score movement – MWCOC's CEEPC is interested in learning more, and DEP Staff are meeting with a work group about the MLS program. Also, Pepco has agreed to explore some residential energy data disclosure program.
- f. **Review legislation - Chap 3 and 18 (Foroud/Christina)** – Christina has reviewed some of the laws.

5. Subcommittee Meeting Time (pending time availability)

6. Logistics

- a. **Recruitment/Membership Update (Michelle)** – *Staff reported that 7 applications have come in so far, 2 may be withdrawn. Michelle will seek to schedule an interview to precede the next EAQAC meeting. Will send application materials out to the nominating committee: David (can't), Foroud, Christina, Sean, Jamie. Group interview at 6pm.*
- b. **Thank you/Recognition Certificate (Michelle)** – *Yes, do this*

7. Staff and Member Announcements

- a. **Website mock-up to review** – *Lindsey solicited feedback on the new concepts for the DEP Energy Page*
- b. **EmPOWER Maryland update** – *Michelle provided an update on MEA and the challenge we're seeing with EmPOWER*
- c. **Other updates** – *Michelle provided an update on the Green Bank Work Group, Benchmarking Amendments, and Commercial PACE*

8. Open Forum/Public Comment

- 9. **2015 Goals/Benchmarks for Committee Progress (Foroud)** - *Foroud presented on the committee Objectives, Structure, and Benchmarks. The group discussed the various activities of the committee and whether the charter covers that, identifying objectives of the committee, what talent to recruit, and ways to target the work of the committee. Particular roles, ad hoc and formal appointments, are also important – such as Stephanie Riddick, serving as a volunteer non-appointed member of the Energy Subcommittee.*

10. Next Meeting: December 2, 2015 at 7pm