

**Energy and Air Quality Advisory Committee (EAQAC)**  
**Wednesday, March 2, 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

**Members absent:** Christina England

**Guests (and soon-to-be members):** Stephanie Riddick, Charles Segerman, Ed Comer, Ruth Magin, Christopher Avery, Astrid Caldas

**Staff:** Stan Edwards, Lindsey Shaw

**Proposed Agenda**

Agenda items marked with \*\* require pre-meeting preparation

1. Welcome/Introductions (5-10 minutes)
  - a. Approve Agenda – *approved*
  - b. Approve February 2015 Minutes – *approved*
  
2. Break into Energy and Air Quality Subcommittee groups (40-45 minutes)
  - a. Subcommittee Meeting Key Objectives
    - \*\*Discuss 2016 Goals, including projects and deliverables
    - \*\*Review and Assign Committee proposed 2016 Goals, subcommittee chairs please prepare to lead the discussions
  - b. Energy subcommittee: Discuss potential subgroups for projects
  - c. Air Quality subcommittee: \*\*Review air quality legislation, create legislative proposal - Chapter 3

*Energy Subcommittee: David collected and sent out a list of potential projects to work on in 2016. The subcommittee decided on 5 near-term and long-term goals:*

- *Educate Montgomery County citizens about how to access and understand their electricity usage data, then make decisions about energy usage and EE (incorporate Energy Coach network).*
- *Educate residents on renewable energy investment decisions.*
- *Conduct education campaign about community solar.*
- *Ask HOC to speak to the committee about the FHA loan guidelines and how they might educate residents about the Home Energy Score metric in FHA.*
- *Promote or sponsor school competition projects (recycling, EE, air quality)*
- *Encourage Gov. Hogan to support the Governors’ Accord for a New Energy Future by asking the County Council/CE for a letter of support.*

*At the next meeting, subcommittee members will prepare a summary of the goal, what actions are being proposed, and timelines to determine which activities will take priority.*

*Air Quality Subcommittee: The subcommittee decided on 3 primary goals for 2016:*

- *BlueDef (vehicle additive to reduce NOx)*
- *Sustainable Maryland goals and projects related to air quality*
- *Review County’s RFP/contract award process and determine if/how air quality is addressed*

3. **\*\*Proposed 2016 Committee Calendar (COO/Sean to coordinate) discussion (10-15 minutes)**
4. Reuven Indoor Air quality presentation (20 minutes) – *Reuven gave a presentation about healthy homes, balancing tightness with ventilation, and providing studies and research about the importance of home healthiness.*
5. Committee Member Updates, News, and Agenda Proposals for the next meeting (10-15 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 –
    - *Pepco-Exelon merger decision came out on March 1<sup>st</sup>, and the merger would be extremely difficult to pass at this point.*
    - *Community Solar is moving forward and the PSC will have regulations out by May 2016.*
    - *The Supreme Court is also hearing a Maryland electric utility case about state-structured subsidies for a natural gas power plant that would open in Charles County—currently there is no energy generating capacity in the I-95 corridor leading to higher rates, but this new power plant could reduce those rates for our area.*
    - *EPA is proposing revisions to the Risk Management Program for chemical manufacturing plans under Clean Air Act. Revisions aim to improve the safety requirements, including adding a feasibility analysis must be conducted for alternative chemicals.*
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 – *Pepco-Exelon merger decision—while it looks like the merger is all but rejected, it is possible an alternative proposal may be put forward. Staff will look into whether there is a “break-up fee” associated with the merger not moving forward. Interviews will begin soon for the Residential Energy Program Manager position. DEP has a number of energy events coming up, including the [C-PACE Open House](#), [Montgomery County Energy Summit and Benchmarking Jam](#), and [GreenFest](#). We encourage EAQAC members to attend any and all DEP events!*
7. Open Forum/Public Comment (5 minutes or as time allows)
8. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 6th, 2016 at 7pm

Projects on Hold for Future Meetings

1. Home Energy Score conversation (Reuven)
2. Energy – Energy Coach (Reuven)

**3. Energy legislation revisions, Chapter 18 (Christina and Michelle)**