

EAQAC Minutes

May 11, 2011

Absent: Sam Raker, Jim McDonnell, Sam Biondo, Jody Foster, Ed Barbour, Alan Miller.

Discussion:

The April minutes were reviewed but not approved as the committee lacked a quorum.

Paul Bubbosh encouraged more members to contribute to the agenda and EAQAC activities..

Paul and Steve Gibb will handle interviewing tasks for 2 new candidates.

Bernie Bloom discussed his "Etholometers" for measuring aspects of air quality.

Eric Coffmann shared a useful book entitled "Building a Green Economy – Stories from the Grass Roots."

Paul asked Eric to provide contacts in county government that may be able to provide EAQAC with information about natural-gas powered bus routes as part of an effort to explore using less-polluting buses in areas where residents and air pollutants are concentrated, often near roadways.

Bernie encouraged EAQAC to track an ongoing effort by ANSI, EPA and other groups who may in January recommend a new health standard for radon. Home testing requirements for radon may be affected and EAQAC could explore providing comments during the 6 week public comment period in the ANSI process starting around July.

DEP Update:

- Eric will provide resumes of candidates for EAQAC positions to Paul and Steve.
- The commercial retrofits energy program will be funding 22 of 46 applicants almost all of which are focused on HVAC and LED upgrades.
- About \$1 million is available for the residential rebate program which will require an audit and then allow 18 months for the household to update lighting, HVAC or insulation and apply for a rebate.
- EAQAC members could serve as beta testers for the application software and database to assist Eric in firming up the system.

- Eric asked if EAQAC might help market the program, particularly to firms that do retrofits as they may be eager to update potential clients with information about the program.
- MEA has a state rebate program and the county doesn't want people double-dipping.

Action Items

Steve will research EPA's near roadway cumulative exposure project and tool.

Eric will provide Paul with County contacts for bus route information.

Eric will provide Paul and Steve with resumes of applicants for the open EAQAC slots.