

Annual Business Meeting Board of Directors BMC April 18, 2019

Present:

Olivia Achuko, DOEE Fatemeh Allahdoust, VDOT Susan Anenberg, GWU Austina Casey, DDOT William Ellis, PEPCO Tracye Funn, Washington Gas Hon. Leta Mach, City of Greenbelt Randy Mosier, MDE Jennifer Raley, SMECO Najib Salehi, Loudoun County Kari Snyder, MDOT Janiece Timmons, WMATA Glenna Tinney, Citizen Representative Russ Ulrich, BMC Hon. Kristen Umstaddt, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Kudret Utebay, The Cadmus Group

Guest:

Dan Janousek, MDOT

Staff:

Rebecca Davis, Clean Air Partners Jen Desimone, Clean Air Partners/MWCOG Kenna Swift, Sherry Matthews

Call to Order: William Ellis called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Nomination of Members and Officers: Kari Snyder, MDOT

The following new members were nominated:
Hon. Jim Bullock, City of Baltimore
Phil Croskey, MD Energy Advisors
Mary Haberl, Virginia Green Initiative

The following renewing members were nominated: Hon. Leta Mach, City of Greenbelt John Quinn, BGE William Ellis, Pepco Gary Allen, Center for Chesapeake Communities Glenna Tinney, Citizen

Dawn Hawkins-Nixon, Prince George's County

A motion was made to accept the slate of nominees and officers. After a second motion, the Board approved the slate of members and officers.

FY 2020 Work Program and Budget: Jen Desimone

The FY 2020 work program and budget was presented to the Board.

The FY 2020 budget is \$1,083,979. The State DOT's and COG contribute 52% of the budget. Sponsorships and grants account for 38% and carry-over contributes 9%. The FY 2020 budget increased by 63% due to an increase in funding from VDOT, carryover, sponsorships and grants.

The work program is broken into 4 program areas including:

- 1. Education and Outreach 27% of total expenditures
- 2. Marketing and Public Awareness 25% of total expenditures
- 3. Special Projects 42% of total expenditures
- 4. Program Administration 6% of total expenditures

The Board voted and unanimously approved the work program and budget.

Education Update: Rebecca Davis, Clean Air Partners

Rebecca provided an update on education program activities.

- Clean Air Partners' annual poster contest is complete. Winners were selected and notified. Members suggested a public voting or people's choice option for next year's contest and to display the winning posters in a public space (government building, Pepco Edison Place Gallery).
- Clean Air Partners sponsored local science fairs, including junior and senior awards. Judging took place in March and 25 winners were selected.
- The Airbeam project has been successful and there continues to be increased interest with middle and high schools.
- Schools are requesting guest speakers to provide students with information on the skills and knowledge for a career in science and engineering. Rebecca has requested Board volunteers that would be interested in attending school outreach.

Marketing and Fundraising Updates: Kenna Swift, Sherry Matthews

The Committee was updated on the following 2019 activities.

<u>Social Media</u> – We have started enhanced social media activities to ensure Clean Air Partners is posting at industry best practices. This has involved an increase in posts on Facebook and Twitter and meteorologist outreach.

<u>Summer Campaign Launch</u> – Planning is underway for the launch event, which will be held on May 22nd at The Wharf in DC. Invited speakers include William Ellis, Councilmember David F. Snyder, Virginia Green Initiative, Potomac Conservancy, and Siona Prasad (Science Fair winner). We are looking for a Maryland health speaker.

<u>Grassroots Outreach</u> – We will continue Clean Air Ambassador outreach at Farmers Markets and other relevant events. The first event will take place at the Montgomery County GreenFest.

Partnerships – Clean Air Partners has new partnerships with:

- Potomac Conservancy Cohosting "Paddle the Potomac" Alternative Happy Hour, 6/12
- Casey Trees Roots to River Canopy Awards, 4/25
- Virginia Green Initiative
- One Montgomery Green

Fundraising -

Ten proposals were submitted to fund the education curriculum redesign. Clean Air Partners was awarded \$10,000 from American Geophysical Union. We have 7 pending requests.

Staff will be submitting 10 grant proposals for the lawnmower exchange. To date, Dominion Energy has committed \$10,000 and C2 Management is the event recycler. Staff interviewed for a Montgomery County Council grant and is in the process of following up with DOEE, Prince George's County, MDE, and Loudoun County.

Sponsorship packages were sent to WGL and Commuter Connections for the summer campaign. Commuter Connections has committed to \$10,000. WGL will return as the signature sponsor at \$50,000.

New Business:

Tracye Funn announced that the merger with AltaGas is complete.

Adjournment of Business Meeting: 1:15 pm

What's in Our Air: Rebecca Davis

Rebecca provided a demonstration on the AirCasting project using the hand-held AirBeam sensors.