



Mid-Ohio Regional
Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

ENERGY AND AIR QUALITY WORKING GROUP
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Tuesday,
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2:00 p.m. – 3:30
p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions. *Dale Arnold, Chair*

Attending:

Dale Arnold – Chair, Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation
Dr. Andy May – Vice Chair, The Ohio State University
Matthew Wolf – Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed
Lina Osorio-Copete – Community member
Jamie Abrusci – Elevate Energy
Matt Huffman – Liberty Township
Trevor Risner – Franklin County Public Health
Paul Kennedy – Columbus Regional Airport Authority
Ira Weiss – Community Advisory Committee
Chad Stephens – Sierra Club
Matthew Stephens-Rich – Smart Columbus
Nicole Sintov – The Ohio State University
Jeremy Druhot – Columbus – Franklin County Finance Authority
J.M. Rayburn – Dublin
David Poole – Community member
Erica Fetty-Davis – Ohio EPA
Andrew Hall – Ohio EPA
Brooke White – MORPC
Jon-Paul d’Aversa – MORPC
Brandi Whetstone – MORPC
MaryAnn Frantz – MORPC
Joe Garrity - MORPC

2. Energy and Air Quality Department Updates, *William Murdock, MORPC*

The energy planning and air quality staff at MORPC (Jon-Paul d’Aversa and Brooke White) will be moving to the Planning and Environment Department at MORPC and the Energy and Air Quality Department will be renamed but continue on with a continued focus on residential and energy efficiency services. Brandi Whetstone will also be moving to this department at Lead Sustainability Officer. Energy planning and air quality activities will continue at MORPC as previously.

An opening for Director of Residential and Energy Efficiency Services has been posted to the MORPC website. Please direct qualified candidates to the following posting:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/morpc/jobs/2275176/director-of-residential-energy-efficiency-services?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

3. Featured Presentation: The Importance of Consumer Perceptions in the Acceptance of Energy Management Programs and Technologies, Dr. Nicole Sintov, The Ohio State University

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4. Ohio EPA Report. Erica Fetty-Davis, Ohio EPA

Ozone season ended on October 31st. There were a total of 3 ozone exceedances in 2018 (May 25th and July 13th and 14th). Based on preliminary data from 2016-2018 ozone seasons, the design value is now 69 ppb which means Central Ohio is meeting the current federal ozone standards (70 ppb). Ohio EPA will request re-designation of the region to attainment status and will submit a maintenance plan to the US EPA. Draft documentation will be released for public comment prior to submission to the US EPA.

5. Energy and Air Quality Policy Update, Joe Garrity, MORPC

Based on statements by Senator Larry Objof, House Bill 114 is unlikely to move during the current lame duck session. Once the new administration is in place in January, House Bill 114 will no longer be in play and new policy affecting revisions of energy efficiency provisions will need to be created from scratch.

6. Air Quality Program Update, Brooke White, MORPC

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7. Energy Planning Program Update, Jon-Paul d'Aversa, MORPC

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8. MORPC Programs Update, Brandi Whetstone, MORPC

The Regional Sustainability Agenda Report Card is now online:

<http://www.morpc.org/sustainabilityreportcard/>

The RSA is the guiding document for MORPC's sustainability focused programming and committees and provides the framework for members and regional partners to work toward common goals. This report card is intended to measure our region's progress in meeting 2020 goals.

9. Bloomberg American Cities Climate Challenge, Jon-Paul d'Aversa, MORPC

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10. Working Group Action Plan and Leadership, Dale Arnold, Chair

A final version of the Energy and Air Quality Working Group Action Plan with minor revisions was presented and will be shared with the Sustainability Advisory Committee at their next meeting.

We are now holding elections for Chair and Vice Chair of the group. Please send nominations for yourself or others by email to bwhite@morpc.org by December 7th. Members will then receive an email with a link for voting. The Chair and Vice Chair will be recognized at the January meeting.