Baltimore City Public Meeting Comments

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

#1, Jim Kraft: Looking at science wastes time. Remove as much from the waste stream - bottle bill/bag bill at state level. Building codes - ground level should not be habitable. $2 billion on roads is ridiculous and we should invest in getting people off the roads, cities are for people not cars. Healthy harbor program by 2020 - vacations in Baltimore city

#2, Betsy Singer: as a League of women voters representative: more aggressive RPS and low income folks pay more

#3, Gwen Dubois: Tier 1 programs incineration, we have to make it again. Waste to energy incentives are promoting bad policy. Environmental justice component of climate justice and think about the energy of trucks that transport the energy.

#4, Andy Galli: clean water action. Climate change impacts our water resources tremendously. 1. Incineration, waste to energy as bio energy should be pulled and not considered. 2. Nonconventional gas extraction isn't necessary and we need a state ban 3. Transportation - more of it

#5, Seth Bush: Sierra club/sustainability commission and speaking on behalf of Earl _______. Paying attention to infrastructure development and especially in locations where mold, roofs are leaking and it needs to be a racial concern

#6, Fred Weimert: pastor and ecumenical leaders. More aggressive RPS, 230 religious leaders are working to increase solar use in churches and communities

#7, Michael Leonard: Julie (food and water watch) speaking on behalf of Michael Leonard. #1 kill manure to energy before it hatches, don't burn poop because of higher levels of GHG than coal power plants. #2 eliminate pollution trading as an option to get rid of GHG it creates incentives for polluters. #3 ban hydrofracking and extracting natural gas - proof that there are no impacts on anyone

#8, Amy Sens: pastor: keep doing what we are doing and do more. Think about the EJ issues of the climate issues - jobs, energy efficiency, and transportation. Also subsidizes people who aren't able to pay
#9, Martin Rusman: retired physician. We need to do more. 1. Mandatory changes and more engagement of the public. Crowd sourcing in a volunteer corp. 2. stop wasting time on fracking no need to develop any regulations and look at a 20 year time frame. 3. Think about looking at the sequestration ability of soil- get pesticides out of the stream

#10, Martin Rusman: Agreed with all and gave time back to the floor

#11, Stan Boyd: are we going at a sat enough rate to reach 90% by 2050. Clean up the RPS and raise standard. Close coal plants and emphasize renewable energy. Fracked gas out of Maryland and not even through the state. Promote empower

#12, Jamie Demarco: inner harbor will be flooded by the end of the century and seeing the places he grew up disappear. Stories about why asthma is like for a baltimore woman. Renew GGRA and increase RPS 25% by 2020

#13, Giruwe Ashenafi: local 1199 SIEU healthcare workers. Healthcare workers see the impacts of climate change all the time through asthma rates and it becomes an issue of social justice. We need to better. Increase the RPS

#14, Richard Reis: energy committee of Sierra club. We are responding to the slow disaster that is climate change and the pollutants impact people immediately and cause a disproportionate impact on income distressed communities. Increase RPS and remove incentives for tier 1. Emphasize new technology like lighting.

#15, Bill Freedman: No Comments

#16, Ruth Ann White: No fracking and we need to invest in renewable energy. Recommend the rapid switching to renewables and not follow old science for switching from oil to gas

#17, Cheryl Arney: brought a picture of her granddaughter Julianna. Her son, 45, is her inspiration for living in a sustainable manner. Hopes for the will to take the measures. Maryland is in big trouble. BGE sends the energy sources for our electricity, 4% from renewables so we need to reauthorize and go further.

#18, Russell Donnelly: environmental analyst. 1. 50% in forestation and 50% reduction in cutting. 2. No fracking. 3. Renew the act and add bigger teeth. 4. If incinerating, transition to glass plasma regulators - no compounds or pollutants coming out or stop making waste. 5. Baltimore on the map to install a railroad and don’t dig underground...use monorails

#19, Claude Guillemand: grateful for the opportunity to speak to community. Believes in a fossil fuel free future and has put solar panels on her house she sold and her new
house. There are people who are begging for the state to pass laws because there is only south individuals can do

#20, Richard Doran: fuel fund of Maryland. Bills keep going up for fossil fuel use in the city. There are health effects and low income residents are investing more than any other people because of the higher costs and the issues of pollution. Weatherization is one of the ways to really transform communities: e2e website on 30,000 homes in Michigan - could reinvest that money back into the communities for solar farms and such. The GGRA needs to be stronger and we need to think about more technology.

#21, Allison Rich: Vulnerable populations included in the plans especially children. Older adults with preexisting conditions are at risk. Schools included in inclusion of educating people in GGRA emissions.