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Parrish, Nohe and Pepper Elected Officers Of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission

Manassas City Council Mayor Harry J. "Hal" Parrish, II has been elected Chairman of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), a coalition of 14 cities, towns and counties that work together on regional issues including the environment and land use, transportation, human services, legislative analysis, and emergency planning. The Chairmanship had been held by Gerald E. Connolly, Fairfax County Board Chairman, who was recently elected to the U.S. Congress. A special election for officers was held at NVRC's Jan. 22 meeting.

Parrish served as NVRC Vice Chairman for 19 months and previously served two years as NVRC Treasurer and Chairman of the Operations Committee. The NVRC Chairman position is one-year term and members may serve more than one term. Parrish has represented the City of Manassas at NVRC since 1996. He is President of Manassas Ice & Fuel Company, Inc.

Prince William County Board of Supervisors Member Martin E. Nohe has been elected as NVRC Vice Chairman. He had been NVRC Treasurer and Chairman of the NVRC Operations Committee. Nohe has represented Prince William County on NVRC since 2003. He is president of Appliance Connection, a Woodbridge-based, family-owned, retail appliance store.

Alexandria Vice Mayor Redella "Del" Pepper has been elected Treasurer of NVRC and the new Chairman of the Operations Committee. She has represented Alexandria on NVRC since 1991.

NVRC's programs and policies are established by the 25-member Board of Commissioners composed of elected officials appointed by the governing bodies of NVRC's 14 member localities. The local government members are the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William; the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park; and the Towns of Dumfries, Herndon, Leesburg,

Purcellville and Vienna. NVRC is funded by annual contributions from member local governments, grants from the federal and state government, other public and private entities, and appropriations of the Virginia General Assembly.

The day-to-day operations of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission are managed by Executive Director G. Mark Gibb. Deputy Executive Director is Linda Tenney.

For more information about the Northern Virginia Regional Commission check the web site www.novaregion.org or call 703.642.0700.