

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, October 22, 2020 – via Zoom

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

Hon. Walter L. Alcorn	County of Fairfax
Hon. Victor S. Angry	County of Prince William
Hon. Andrea O. Bailey	County of Prince William
Hon. Elizabeth Bennett-Parker	City of Alexandria
Hon. Kenny A. Boddye	County of Prince William
Hon. Kelly Burk	Town of Leesburg
Hon. John T. Chapman	City of Alexandria
Hon. Linda J. Colbert	Town of Vienna
Hon. Matt de Ferranti	County of Arlington
Hon. Libby Garvey	County of Arlington
Hon. Penelope A. Gross	County of Fairfax
Hon. Pat Herrity	County of Fairfax
Hon. Caleb A. Kershner	County of Loudoun
Hon. Rodney L. Lusk	County of Fairfax
Hon. Lisa Merkel	Town of Herndon
Hon. David Meyer	City of Fairfax
Hon. Cydney A. Neville, NVRC Vice Chairman	Town of Dumfries
Hon. Dalia A. Palchik	County of Fairfax
Hon. Jeanette Rishell	City of Manassas Park
Hon. Kathy L. Smith, NVRC Treasurer	County of Fairfax
Hon. David Tarter, NVRC Chairman	City of Falls Church
Hon. Kristen C. Umstattd	County of Loudoun
Hon. James R. Walkinshaw	County of Fairfax
Hon. Mark Wolfe	City of Manassas

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Lazaro	<i>Executive Director</i>
Linda M. Tenney	<i>Deputy Director</i>
Gina Kesselmann-Smith	<i>Management Analyst</i>
Normand Goulet	<i>Director, Environmental Services</i>
Jill Kaneff	<i>Demographer</i>
Corey Miles	<i>Senior Environmental Planner</i>
Cristin Shiffer	<i>Military Transportation Demand Coordinator</i>
Michelle Simmons	<i>Human Services Director</i>
Debbie Spiliotopoulos	<i>Senior Environmental Planner</i>
Peggy Tadej	<i>Director, Community and Military Partnerships</i>
Allie Wagner	<i>Environmental Planner</i>

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew Gorssnickle	<i>Robinson, Farmer, Cox</i>
Michael Moran	<i>Robinson, Farmer, Cox</i>
Stephany Ospino	<i>Congressman's Connolly's PWC Outreach Representative</i>
Nene Spivy	<i>Children's Science Center</i>

- CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Tarter called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.
- ROLL CALL** The roll was called and all members present or absent were noted for the record.
- PRESENTATION**
- FY2020 Audit**
- Commissioners received a report from the Commission's Auditors, Robinson, Farmer, on the results of the FY2020 Audit (clean opinion).
- Northern Virginia Science Center Update**
- The Commission received an update from Nene Spivy on the status of the Northern Virginia Science Center project.
- ACTION ITEMS**
- Commissioner Garvey moved approval of the Resolution No. P21-03 – Authorizing the acceptance of the FY20 Audit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bailey and carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Boddye moved approval of the Resolution No. P21-04 – Authorization to sign agreements relative to technology partners (e.g. Lyft, Uber) to provide services to Military bases in Northern Virginia. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gross and carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Boddye moved approval of the Resolution No. P21-05 – Approval of Preliminary FY22 Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gross and carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Boddye moved approval of the Resolution No. P21-06 – Authorization to Accept and Subcontract Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) 2020-2021 Funds in Suburban Virginia. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gross and carried unanimously.
- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
- Mr. Lazaro presented his report to the Commission, which included the financial report for September 2020 and the following:
- Immigrants in NoVA & Covid19
 - The addendum to our report issued in March regarding the Economic Impact of Immigrants in the Region was released at a well-attended webinar on October 21. NVRC's Jill Kaneff was joined by Mo Kantner of the New American Economy and Eileen Ellsworth of the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia.
 - LED Street Light Update
 - NVRC reconvened our local government partners and Dominion Energy to get an update on the status of local projects, understand any concerns related to potential roadblocks to project implementation, etc.
 - Sharing Resources Regarding Energy Planning
 - NVRC's Executive Director was invited to participate in a virtual Climate action Forum in Loudoun County. The

forum was led by Chair Phyllis Randall and Supervisor Mike Turner of the Ashburn District. He was joined by former Arlington Board Member Jay Fisette and Steve Walz who runs MWCOG's Environment Division.

- There are opportunities to expand the public's understanding of the availability of such programs as Solarize NoVA, our Home Energy Checkup program, and other services provided by NVRC that address climate related issues.
- NVRC led the effort in Loudoun County more than a decade ago in the development of a Community Energy Strategy for the County.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Tarter asked Commissioner to let him or the Executive Director know if there are any concerns that should be addressed or any items that should be placed on a future agenda.

OTHER

Commissioner Gross reported that the upcoming Community and Military Partnership Meeting will be held virtually on November 5th at 10 am and invited the Commissioners to attend. The agenda will include diversity, inclusion and equal opportunity.

Commissioner Bennett-Parker raised the issue of potentially changing the meeting rules to allow Commissioners to meet virtually post pandemic. This would allow more flexibility in the future.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of September 24, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Angry and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Tarter adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director

Approved by:

P. David Tarter
Chairman