

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, January 24, 2018

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

Hon. Elizabeth Bennet-Parker	<i>City of Alexandria</i>
Hon. Sharon Bulova	County of Fairfax
Hon. Kelly Burk	<i>Town of Leesburg</i>
Hon. Peter Candland	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. John T. Chapman, alternate Hon. Pepper	City of Alexandria
Hon. John C. Cook, NVRC Treasurer	County of Fairfax
Hon. Matt de Ferranti	County of Arlington
Hon. Laurie A. Dirocco, NVRC Chairman	Town of Vienna
Hon. Ken Elston	City of Manassas
Hon. Libby Garvey	County of Arlington
Hon. Penelope A. Gross	County of Fairfax
Hon. Pat Herrity	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Geary Higgins	<i>County of Loudoun</i>
Hon. Catherine Hudgins	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Jeffrey C. McKay	County of Fairfax
Hon. Lisa Merkel	Town of Herndon
Hon. David Meyer	City of Fairfax
Hon. Cydney A. Neville	Town of Dumfries
Hon. Martin E. Nohe	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. Frank J. Principi	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. Phyllis J. Randall	<i>County of Loudoun</i>
Hon. Jeanette Rishell	City of Manassas Park
Hon. Kathy L. Smith	County of Fairfax
Hon. David Tarter, NVRC Vice-Chairman	City of Falls Church

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>
Michelle Simmons	<i>Director, Human Services</i>
Debbie Spiliotopoulos	<i>Senior Environmental Planner</i>
Peggy Tadej	<i>Director, Community and Military Partnerships</i>

OTHERS PRESENT

Raj Adusumilli
Tim Aiken
Gaston Araoz
Teri Barnett
David Brand
Margaret Churey
Pam Cole
Beth Conlin
James Davenport
David Forbes
Jennifer Garry
Nick Grzeda
Seema Jain
Steve Jordon
Mike Loceman
Kris Martini
Hughes McLean
Brad Medairy
John Medeiros
Diane Monly
Tinell Priddy
Dave Remick
Kevin Rennick
Dr. William D. Rowe, Jr.
Kelly Shannon
Mary Ann Shurtz
Teresa Skehan
Clay Thomas
Fernando Torrez
Liza Wilson Durant

*Arlington Public Schools
Arlington County
Office of US Senator Kaine
Alexandria City Public Schools
Stratford University
Arlington Public Schools
Fairfax County Health Department
Blue Star Families
Nspire Green – VDOT GEC, Transform 66
Booz Allen Hamilton
Arlington Chamber of Commerce
Loudoun County Public Schools
Skill Source Group, inc.
NVTC
VA Veterans & Defense Affairs
Arlington Public Schools
Virginia Department of VA Services
Booz Allen
Virginia Tech
Mangmount University
Academics of Loudoun
Alexandria/Arlington Workforce Council
USAG Fort Belvoir
Booz Allen
Booz Allen Hamilton
Stratford University
IBM
CETVet
Alexandria Commission on Employment
George Mason University*

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DiRocco called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members present or absent were noted for the record.

DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS

Cyber Threats and Regional Readiness

Commissioners received a presentation from Brad Medairy, a McLean, VA-based Senior Vice President and leader in Booz Allen's Strategic Innovation Group (SIG) focused on the delivery of Cyber solutions across Federal and Commercial clients. Mr. Medairy provided an overview of the scope and scale of the cyber threat landscape, the challenges facing the region, state and nation, and addressed workforce gaps. He also outlined steps being taken by Booz Allen to address the workforce issue.

Dr. William D. Rowe, Jr., a Principal at Booz Allen, who has been actively engaged with NVRC regarding cyber workforce related issues provided a summary of our *Cyber Training and Education Roadmap* initiative emphasizing the importance of furthering a coordinated, aggressive and regional approach to talent generation through our Steering Committee, working groups on our 11 priorities, and the broader stakeholder community.

ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P19-11 – Resolution expressing NVRC support for proposed solar freedom legislation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pepper and carried unanimously.

Background:

Senator McClellan and Delegate Keam have introduced "Solar Freedom" legislation that eliminates barriers to advance net metered distributed renewable energy projects in the Commonwealth of Virginia. While the Commonwealth has made great strides with respect to utility scale solar projects, it still lags behind with respect to net metered distributed renewable energy projects e.g. rooftop solar. The resolution expresses the Commission's support for the legislation and authorizes the Executive Director to send a copy of the adopted resolution to the Northern Virginia delegation of the General Assembly and to the appropriate personnel in the Governor's office.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P19-12 – Authorization to find and contract for Communications Strategy and Implementation on Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Education. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pepper and carried unanimously.

Background:

NVRC has been awarded funding by DMV to develop and implement a communications strategy for bicycle pedestrian safety education and to update its associated web site. Authorization is being sought to issue an RFP and award contracts to accomplish these tasks.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P19-13 – Authorization to find and contract for Pedestrian Leadership Training. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pepper and carried unanimously.

Background:

NVRC was awarded funding to pilot a pedestrian leadership course for training on walkability audits, citizen data collection, outreach, and engagement in transportation planning from a pedestrian safety perspective. In exchange, trainees will provide safety activities in their communities.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P19-14 – Authorization to contract for Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Training Licensing with the League of American Bicyclist. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pepper and carried unanimously.

Background:

NVRC was awarded funding to hold a second bicycle and pedestrian course, and has interest in partnership from George Mason University, the City of Manassas, and Prince William County for hosting; and this course will be open to Northern Virginia local staff, residents, and police, who in exchange for the grant underwriting the training, each participant will lead at least two safety outreach and training activities in high crash areas in the region.

In 2017 NVRC, in partnership with INOVA Trauma Services and Arlington County, contracted with the Washington Area Bicycling Association to underwrite league of American bicyclist licensed instructor training for Northern Virginia residents. Eleven people completed the certification and have provided safety training and courses throughout Northern Virginia.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P19-15 – Resolution Expressing NVRC Support for SB 1147. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pepper and carried unanimously.

Background:

Requires the Board of Education in its graduation requirements to permit students in locally approved internships, externships, apprenticeships, credentialing programs, certification programs, licensure programs, and other work-based learning experiences to receive credit, up to a full course load, based on time spent in such programs. The bill also requires the Board to permit students in grade twelve to earn the equivalent of a full course load and to substitute each credit earned in such a program for a standard unit of credit in English, mathematics, science, or history and social science. The resolution expresses the Commission's support for the legislation and authorizes the Executive Director to send a copy of the adopted resolution to the Northern Virginia delegation of the General Assembly and to the appropriate personnel in the Governor's office.

Mr. Lazaro presented his report to the Commission, which included the financial report for November and December 2018 and the following:

- Solar Map Update

- NoVA Solar Map has been updated to demonstrate positive environmental impact of prospective solar array by calculating annual CO2 averted.
- Sharing our Experience
 - NVRC's Corey Miles and Dale Medearis presented at the National Council for Science and the Environment conference regarding the resiliency planning work we are undertaking for the region.
- Sharing Best Practices
 - NVRC was pleased to host a delegation from Australia as part of a Virginia Tech study tour program. Information was shared with the delegation related to our unilateral transfer of best practices gained from our partners in Germany and utilized in the Region.
- Energy Efficiency Workshop
 - NVRC's Dale Medearis joined several local government partners in stakeholder meeting with Dominion Energy related to energy efficiency programs.
 - NVRC will provide comment in the SCC case related to Dominion Energy's energy conservation and demand response case later in the year.
 - There are nearly 100,000 energy efficiency related jobs in VA with 40% +/- located in the region.
- Congratulations Loudoun County
 - Loudoun joins our colleagues in Alexandria, Arlington, Falls Church and Fairfax City in achieving SolSmart status. NVRC was pleased to be able to bring this program to the region which provides free consulting to local governments on reviewing policies, permitting, procedures, etc. on being solar ready and friendly.
- Talking Ferry
 - Commissioner Frank Principi presented at the Transportation Research Board workshop entitled: "Commuter Ferry Development: A Tale of Three Cities" along with New York City Economic Development Corporation and Seattle State run ferry systems.
 - After presentations the workshop brought up many topics of interest such as: sustainable funding streams, institutional arrangements, contractual knowledge, specific routes for urban settings, vessel design, and many other topics.
- Communicating Our Work

- Number of unique visitors to web site grew to 142,568 or 13.6% greater than 2017. Twitter impressions grew to 213,500 for an increase of 50.4% over previous year.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - **February**
 - Ms. Julie Coons, President & CEO, Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce
 - **March**
 - On March 7 we are co-hosting the **Shape of the Region Conference** with the Community Foundation of Northern Virginia, Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce and the Northern Virginia Technology Council. The conference will focus on the business case for economic mobility.
 - Mr. Steven Partridge of the Northern Virginia Community College – Update on the Tech Talent Pipeline Project a Go Virginia initiative
 - **April**
 - 50th Anniversary Recognition
 - **May**
 - Watershed Implementation Plan III Update

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman DiRocco welcomed the new Commissioners Bennett-Parker, Chapman, Elston and de Ferranti.

MINUTES

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of November 29, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garvey and carried. Commissioner de Ferranti, Commissioner Elston and Commissioner Merkel abstained.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Gross reported on the Community & Military Partnership Meeting that took place on January 17, 2018.

Commissioner Gross also invited Commissioners to attend the next Community and Military Partnership meeting on March 21, 2019 from 10 am to Noon at the NVRC office location.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman DiRocco adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director

Approved by:

Laurie A. DiRocco
Chairman