NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION
Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, February 24, 2022

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. Kenny A. Boddye  
County of Prince William

Hon. Juli E. Briskman  
County of Loudoun

Hon. Kelly Burk  
Town of Leesburg

Hon. John T. Chapman¹  
City of Alexandria

Hon. Linda J. Colbert  
Town of Vienna

Hon. Matt de Ferranti  
County of Arlington

Hon. Libby Garvey  
County of Arlington

Hon. Alyia Gaskins  
City of Alexandria

Hon. Penelope A. Gross  
County of Fairfax

Hon. Pat Herrity  
County of Fairfax

Hon. Rodney L. Lusk  
County of Fairfax

Hon. David Meyer, NVRC Vice Chairman  
City of Fairfax

Hon. Cydny A. Neville, NVRC Chairwoman  
Town of Dumfries

Hon. Sheila A. Olem  
Town of Herndon

Hon. Dalia A. Palchik  
County of Fairfax

Hon. Jeanette Rishell  
City of Manassas Park

Hon. Koran T. Saines  
County of Loudoun

Hon. Kathy L. Smith, NVRC Treasurer  
County of Fairfax

Hon. David Tarter  
City of Falls Church

Hon. James R. Walkinshaw  
County of Fairfax

Hon. Mark Wolfe  
City of Manassas

STAFF PRESENT
Robert Lazaro  
Executive Director
Linda M. Tenney  
Deputy Director
Gina Kesselmann-Smith²  
Management Analyst
Normand Goulet  
Environmental Services Director
Christopher Landgraf  
Military Installation Resiliency Project Manager
Michelle Simmons  
Human Services Director
Peggy Tadej³  
Director of Community and Military Partnerships

OTHERS PRESENT
Matt Dalon  
Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

CALL TO ORDER  
Chairwoman Neville called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

¹ Joined virtually – with Chairwoman’s approval
² Joined virtually
³ Joined virtually
ROLL CALL
The roll was called and all members present or absent were noted for the record.

PRESENTATION

Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan

In 2018, then Governor Northam directed The Chief Resilience Officer (Secretary of Natural Resources), with the assistance of the Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection, to create and implement a Coastal Resilience Master Plan for coastal Virginia to reduce the impacts of tidal and storm surge flooding. Among other things, the plan incorporated ongoing planned and proposed federal, state, and local projects and infrastructure to reduce tidal and storm surge flooding and flood risk. In developing this Master Plan, the Chief Resilience Officer consulted with localities and worked closely with all coastal planning district commissions to identify regional resiliency needs.

The Commission received an overview of the Resilience Master Plan and the tools developed to support the Plan from Matt Dalon, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. The Northern Virginia Regional Commission is a coastal planning district.

ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P22-19 - Authorization to Amend the Reserve Fund Policy. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:

The Executive Committee of NVRC is recommending the Commission adopt the amended Reserve Fund Policy of the Commission. The Executive Committee discussed this matter at its January 24, 2022, meeting.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P22-20 - Authorization to Establish a New Position to Support NVRC’s HIV Services. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:

With the NVRC Resolution 21-16 dated 2/25/21 and Resolution 22-05 dated 9/23/21, the Commission authorized the Executive Director to apply for and receive Ryan White Part B/Rebate funds from Virginia Dept. of Health and HOPWA funds from the DC Dept. of Health. Several current staff vacancies within the Human Service Division have led to the need for part-time clerical assistance. Such a position was not included in the FY2022 budget and personnel schedule adopted by the Commission on June 24, 2021. Only the Commission has the authority to amend the budget and approve the number, type, and original grade of staff positions.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P22-21 - Grading of Approved Position: Environmental Planner – Coastal and Chesapeake Bay. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
Background:

The position in question is being advertised at a lower grade than the current vacant position. Only the Commission can make changes to the grade of a position. The resolution provides flexibility to fill the position at a lower grade or at the current grade depending on the qualifications of applicants.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lazaro presented his report to the Commission, which included the financial report for January 2022 and the following:

- NVRC COVID19 Data Shared by Senate Majority Leader
  - Jill Kanef's chart on the impact of COVID19 on the workforce in the region was shared by the Virginia Senate Majority Leader.

- Working with our Statewide Partners
  - NVRC's Executive Director was pleased to join with the President of the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions (VAPDC) and the Executive Director of the New River Valley Planning District to present Delegate David Bulova with VAPDC's Legislator of the Year Award. Delegate Bulova has been a strong supporter of regional planning districts throughout the Commonwealth.

- Clean Water Partners
  - Our Clean Water Partners campaign recently released a new video that will air on Comcast and on social media with respect to protecting our streams and waterways from pollution. NVRC coordinates this campaign to help our communities with MS4 permits meet their public education requirements of their permits from the Commonwealth.

  - There is also a web site that accompanies the program and NVRC staff undertakes webinars, etc. to help educate the public on the value of rain gardens, planting native plants, etc.

- Shape of the Region
  - NVRC is pleased to partner with a number of community organizations to help co-sponsor the Shape of the Region event with the Community Foundation of Northern Virginia focusing on Mental Health.

- Affordable Housing Grants
  - Next steps:
    - Develop agreements for each project
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- Working with Thomas Jefferson Planning District & Central Shenandoah Planning District to help save resources

- Locality Salary Survey Update – Compensation of the elected officials in local jurisdictions

CHAIRWOMAN’S REPORT

Chairwoman Neville thanked Commissioners for all their hard work.

COMMUNITY & MILITARY PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Gross invited everyone to attend the next Community and Military Partnership meeting on March 17, 2022, 10am-12pm.

The agenda will include the following:

- 10:00 - 10:10 AM Welcome and Introductions - Co-Chairs Penny Gross, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Victor Angry, Prince William County Board of Supervisors
- 10:10 – 10:45 AM Military Installation Resiliency Review Project - Christopher Landgraf, NVRC
- 10:45 - 11:00 AM Military Base Commander Response to MIRR - COL Michael L. Brooks, Commanding Officer, NCI NCR, Marine Corps Base Quantico
- Deputy CDR LTC Mark Paolicelli, JBM-HH
- COL Joshua SeGraves, Garris Commander Fort Belvoir
- 11:00 – 11:20 AM NOVA Workforce Update - Mike Batt, Director, Talent Initiative, Fairfax County Economic Development Authority
- 11:20 – 11:30 AM Planned Innovation Center - Supervisor Rodney Lusk, Lee District Supervisor, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
- 11:30 - 11:55 AM Critical Conversations -BG Terrence Adams, Military Deputy Director of Concepts and Strategy Air Force Futures
- 11:55AM – 12:00 PM Action Items and Proposed Schedule --- Co-Chairs

Commissioner Gross also provided Community and Military updates:

- On Wednesday, February 23, 2022 Chris Landgraf, NVRC MIRR Program Manager, testified before the General Assembly Military & Veterans Caucus in Senate subcommittee. Mr. Landgraf provided an overview of the region’s military, our successes, our work with the three bases in Northern Virginia regarding the Regional Intergovernmental Support Agreement (R-IGSA) and the savings provided to the bases, the two Army Partnership Awards received in 2019 and 2020, and the work being done with the MIRR and our support for the Virginia Defense Community Infrastructure Grant Program (VADCIP) to support local infrastructure projects that enhance the value of military installations such as the Defense Community Infrastructure Program.
- After the hearing, Mr. Landgraf also met with New Secretary of Veterans & Defense Affairs Major General Craig Crenshaw, USMC (ret). The hope is to have him attend one of our future Community, Military, and Federal Facilities Partnership of Northern Virginia.
At the urging of the last Community and Military Partnership, NVRC applied for the ADC 2022 Great American Defense Communities and will have good news to report shortly.

Congratulations to Peggy Tadej, Director of Community and Military Partnership who will receive the 2022 Defense Community Champion Award at the ADC Conference on 8 March.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES
Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of January 27, 2022. The motion was seconded and carried. Commissioner Briskman, Commissioner Burk, and Commissioner Walkinshaw abstained.

ADJOURNMENT
Chairwoman Neville adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.  Executive Director

Approved by:
Cydny A. Neville  Chairwoman