

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, June 28, 2012

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

Hon. Sharon Bulova	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Peter Candland	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. Janet Clarke	<i>County of Loudoun</i>
Hon. John C. Cook	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Steve DeBenedittis	<i>Town of Herndon</i>
Hon. Jay Fisette	<i>County of Arlington</i>
Hon. Gerald M. Foreman II	<i>Town of Dumfries</i>
Hon. Robin Gardner	<i>City of Falls Church</i>
Hon. Libby Garvey	<i>County of Arlington</i>
Hon. Penelope A. Gross	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Pat Herrity	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Catherine Hudgins	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Robert W. Lazaro, Jr., NVRC Vice Chairman	<i>Town of Purcellville</i>
Hon. Fernando "Marty" Martinez	<i>Town of Leesburg</i>
Hon. Jeffrey C. McKay	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Suhas Naddoni	<i>City of Manassas Park</i>
Hon. Martin E. Nohe, NVRC Chairman	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. Jonathan Way for Hon. Harry J. Parrish II	<i>City of Manassas</i>
Hon. Redella S. Pepper, NVRC Treasurer	<i>City of Alexandria</i>
Hon. Frank J. Principi	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. M. Jane Seeman	<i>Town of Vienna</i>
Hon. R. Scott Silverthorne	<i>City of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Paul C. Smedberg	<i>City of Alexandria</i>
Hon. Linda Smyth	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Scott K. York	<i>County of Loudoun</i>

STAFF PRESENT

G. Mark Gibb	<i>Executive Director</i>
Linda M. Tenney	<i>Deputy Director</i>
Linda Summerall	<i>Executive Secretary</i>
Ken Billingsley	<i>Director, Demographics & Information Services</i>
David Schwengel	<i>Director, Regional Business Planning</i>
Michelle Simmons	<i>Director, Human Services</i>
Peggy Tadej	<i>No. Va. Regional BRAC Coordinator</i>
Aimee Vosper	<i>Director, Planning & Environmental Services</i>
Stephen Walz	<i>Director, Regional Energy Program</i>

OTHERS PRESENT

Bruce Bennett	<i>Hunter Mill Defense League/ Traffic Calming Cmte.</i>
Kate Boyle	<i>Fairfax County legislative staff</i>
Soeng Kim	<i>Dir. of Planning Div., Ministry of Public Administration & Security, South Korea/ NVRC International Fellow</i>
Sue Rowland	<i>NVRC Legislative Liaison; SR Consulting, Inc.</i>
Suzanne van Kruchten	<i>Province Noord-Holland, The Netherlands/ NVRC International Fellow</i>

CALL TO ORDER	Vice Chairman Lazaro called the meeting to order at 7:40 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. Vice Chairman Lazaro welcomed Libby Garvey, Arlington County Board, and

Gerald Foreman, Mayor, Town of Dumfries.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Commissioner York moved approval of the minutes of the May 24, 2012, Commission meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

NVRC DELEGATION
TO SOUTH KOREA

Commissioner Clarke explained this trip was made by invitation from the mayor of the city of Goyang to Kristin Umstattd, Mayor of Leesburg, who was unable to go and asked NVRC to arrange for a delegation. That delegation consisted of Commissioners Martinez and Clarke; state Senator Janet Howell; and Aimee Vosper, NVRC's Director of Planning and Environmental Services. Commissioner Clarke thanked Ms. Vosper for her assistance with the logistics. As a result of this visit, Loudoun County and Goyang city are discussing a "sister cities" agreement.

Goyang is a city of 900,000 in less than half the acreage of Fairfax County. Since 1997 it has been holding the world flower festival every three years, with 24 nations and 110 companies participating and half a million attendees.

Commissioner Martinez reported the downtown stream restoration in Seoul is a major accomplishment, and it reminded him of San Antonio's Riverwalk. Commissioner Clarke reported the city has a large business sector, faces growth challenges, and is concerned with protecting its agricultural areas. Senator Howell noted it is widely expected that the mayor of Goyang could someday be the country's president.

The delegation also visited Gyeonggi province, a high tech corridor with 25 million residents. The province is also home to the Korean Aerospace University. NVRC, Virginia and Gyeonggi province are considering a regional cooperation agreement.

The delegation members were struck by the fact that throughout the country historic buildings are surrounded by modern construction.

Mr. Gibb added that BB&T Bank was a sponsor of this trip as well as Gyeonggi province. He then introduced Soeng Kim, an international fellow from South Korea who is working with NVRC for six months. Ms. Kim is the director of planning division with the Ministry of Public Administration and Security of the South Korean government. While here, she is researching local government personnel management, local autonomy, and intergovernmental cooperation. Ms. Kim will report back to the Korean Ministry on new ideas in personnel management and local government policy.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda, consisting of the items outlined below, was moved by Commissioner York, seconded, and carried unanimously.

- A. Financial Reports for April 2012
- B. Resolution No. P12-31: Authorization to Request Extension and Continuation of Grants from DOD Office of Economic Adjustment for the Regional BRAC Program
- C. Resolution No. P12-32: Engagement of Public Auditor

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

Mr. Gibb distributed a copy of his report on:

- No. Va. Training Center – first meeting of the (Northern Virginia) Regional Intellectual Disability Stakeholders Group with Secretary Hazel occurred June 22. Also, staff and the local CSBs prepared the local analysis transmitted to the secretary.
- MS4 Permit – current permit expires July 2013. Phase II permit will significantly increase requirements, including expanded urban area boundaries.
- State Stormwater Regulation Rollout – program development begins this summer with

- adoption of revised local ordinances by July 1, 2014.
- BRAC Update – Real Time Dynamic Ridesharing Program will beta test at DHHQ and Fort Belvoir in July with a full launch in September. The contractor for the market analysis of the commuter ferry has been chosen. Contract negotiations are underway, so Resolution No. P12-33 will be deferred to next month. In reply to Mr. Way's comment that the previous commuter studies have not resulted in a ferry, Mr. Gibb explained this is BRAC-related, would serve several military installations, and has DOD's interest.
- Investment Pool – VML/VACo Finance is investigating establishing a new investment pool and will solicit applications this summer/fall. NVRC hosted a meeting for local government financial staff; eight jurisdictions attended.
- Regional Energy Strategy – commercial building energy efficiency program is being launched. 248 homes have enrolled in the home performance with energy STAR with a total of 545 homes visited. New NVRC/NOVA Green website – spin off of Loudoun County's green home program. NVRC's Steve Walz 1 of 8 US energy experts on energy exchange to Israel looking at economic development opportunities and exchanges of local and regional government officials.
- National Rankings from 2010 Census – comparison of No. Va. residents with a college degree to counties nation-wide.
- National Assn. of Regional Commissions (NARC) – Commissioner Gross is president-elect.
- Urban Crescent Transportation Funding Initiative – local officials and PDC directors of from Hampton Roads, Petersburg, Richmond, Fredericksburg and No. Va. met to discuss state transportation funding crisis and addressing the governor and General Assembly on this state responsibility.
- NVRC's International Fellows – In addition to Ms. Kim, NVRC is hosting Suzanne van Kruchten from the Province Noord-Holland in The Netherlands. She is studying No. Va.'s economic and social landscape, and researching the relation between sea level rise and climate change and land use and economic development.
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety – NVRC awarded \$80,000 in Transportation Enhancement Funds from the CTB to expand/update NVRC's safety guide.

FY 2013 BUDGET

Commissioner Pepper reminded the members they adopted the preliminary FY13 budget last fall. A modest three-cent increase in the per capita dues rate was approved as well, but the agency's viability will continue to be dominated by lack of state funding: the \$150,000 annual contribution pays for just five months' rent.

The Operations Committee met earlier in the evening and endorses the final budget. Commissioner Pepper moved adoption of Resolution No. P12-34. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT/ELECTIONS

Commissioner York reported the committee's slate of officers for election:

Martin Nohe	Chairman
Robert Lazaro	Vice Chairman
Redella Pepper	Treasurer

Commissioner York moved adoption of the slate of officers as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried. Commissioner York then moved that nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried. The officers were re-elected unanimously.

Commissioner York moved that the Operations Committee look at amending the Bylaws to a two-year term for officers. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

BRAC

Commissioner McKay reported the committee heard from Secretary Suit and Mark Brunner at its last meeting, and as Mr. Gibb reported, the Real Time Ridesharing program is being beta tested at Defense Healthcare Headquarters just down Rt. 50 from NVRC and also at Ft. Belvoir. Also discussed was defense funding and the hits the defense contractors – many of which are located in Northern Virginia – may take in the future.

Commissioner Gross commented how informative these meetings are, and they are beneficial even if the jurisdiction doesn't contain a defense facility. She urged all members to attend.

Operations

Commissioner Pepper reported the attorney answered the committee's questions about bylaws and articles of incorporation for the nonprofit affiliate, and she distributed this document to the members, asking that they review it prior to the September Commission meeting. (Commissioner York departed.) Commissioner Fisette asked that the attorney attend the Commission's September meeting to answer questions, expressing concern about separation of funds and staff. Ms. Simmons replied that staff will see if the CPA who has also provided guidance can attend the meeting. Commissioner McKay thought it worthwhile to consider how a nonprofit affiliate relates to the Commission's state funding.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

At 8:50 p.m., Commissioner Bulova moved that the Commission convene in closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711, subsection A-1 concerning the executive director's performance review. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

OPEN SESSION

At 8:55 p.m., Commissioner Bulova moved certify that (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed session by the Commission. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Bulova reported that Fairfax County's 18-month energy task force process has concluded. It is important to do outreach to the residents and neighborhoods as well as older commercial areas. A nonprofit will be created and funded with membership dues and report to the Board this fall. She thanked NVRC for its support and assistance.

Vice Chairman Lazaro presented Commissioner DeBenedittis with a certificate of appreciation upon the completion of his term, thanking him for his active participation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Lazaro adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director

Approved by:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Vice Chairman