

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, December 13, 2012

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

Hon. Nader Baroukh	<i>City of Falls Church</i>
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. Jay Fiset	<i>County of Arlington</i>
Hon. Gerald M. Foreman II	<i>Town of Dumfries</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., <i>NVRC Vice Chairman</i>	<i>Town of Purcellville</i>
Hon. Fernando "Marty" Martinez	<i>Town of Leesburg</i>
Hon. Jeffrey C. McKay	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. C. Melissa Jonas for Hon. Lisa C. Merkel	<i>Town of Herndon</i>
Hon. Suhas Naddoni	<i>City of Manassas Park</i>
Hon. Martin E. Nohe, <i>NVRC Chairman</i> (arrived 8:30 p.m.)	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. Harry J. Parrish II	<i>City of Manassas</i>
Hon. Redella S. Pepper, <i>NVRC Treasurer</i>	<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>
Tim Agar	<i>Human Services Planner</i>
Ken Billingsley	<i>Director, Demographics & Information Services</i>
David Schwengel	<i>Director, Regional Business Planning</i>
Debbie Spiliotopoulos	<i>Sr. Environmental Planner</i>
Aimee Vosper	<i>Director, Environmental & Planning Services</i>
Stephen Walz	<i>Director, Regional Energy Planning</i>

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeff Liu	<i>Taipei Economic & Cultural Office, Washington, D.C.</i>
Katie Boyle	<i>Fairfax Co. legislative staff</i>
Sue Rowland	<i>NVRC Legislative Liaison; SR Consulting, Inc.</i>
Jane Woods	<i>Driftwoods Consulting LLC</i>

CALL TO ORDER	In Chairman Nohe's absence, Vice Chairman Lazaro called the meeting to order at 7:39 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.

MINUTES

Commissioner Foreman moved the minutes of the October 25, 2012, Commission meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

NORTHERN
VIRGINIA'S
CHANGING
DEMOGRAPHICS

Mr. Billingsley, NVRC's Director of Demographics and Information Services, distributed a breakdown of voting in Virginia from the presidential election; the results show Northern Virginia's impact on the election outcome.

Mr. Billingsley's presentation focused on the aging population, one of the most significant and challenging trends that the region and the country will be confronting in the coming decades. He commented on the baby boomer tsunami, noting that the baby boomers first started turning 65 in 2011 and are beginning to leave the workforce.

The state projection for the period 2010-2030 shows a large increase of the elderly (65 and older) in Northern Virginia at 31 percent of the population, up from five percent in 1950-1970. Baby boomers comprise one-third of Northern Virginia's workforce, so this has huge implications for future workforce readiness, with a substantially reduced volume of new workers generated from future population growth.

Age-appropriate housing will be another issue the region – and country – will need to address.

questions & answers

Commissioners commented on: the need for a better or different approach to education rather than incarceration of young people; and the difference in workforce culture/attitude between the baby boomers and the millenials. Mr. Billingsley said he has not looked at that.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Martinez moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of the items outlined below. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

- A. Resolution No. P13-04: Authorization to Sign International Regional Partnership Memorandum of Understanding With Gyeonggi Province, Republic of Korea
- B. Resolution No. P13-07: Authorization to Contract for Website Services Associated with "Sharing The Road in Virginia" for Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Guide

2013 LEGISLATIVE
PLATFORM

Staff distributed an addendum pertaining to the Route 1 corridor under the transportation policy and funding position for consideration. After much discussion about regional priorities (during which Chairman Nohe arrived), it was agreed Route 1 should be mentioned since it is related to BRAC and the growth of military installations and employment centers; the members concurred. Commissioner Gross reminded the members that NVRC's legislative platform is designed for the members and NVRC's legislative team to use when speaking with their state representatives. (Chairman Nohe arrived.) Commissioner Hudgins suggested combining the paragraphs on Tyson's and Dulles rail; the members agreed.

Commissioner Gross moved adoption of Resolution No. P13-08, including changes discussed to the transportation position. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gross asked the members to adopt the proposed letter (distributed) to the Northern Virginia Congressional Delegation concerning sequestration. It was noted that several of the local jurisdictions are sending similar letters. The Commissioners agreed unanimously to send the letter.

The members next reviewed Del. David Bulova's proposed amendment (distributed) to the Virginia Code concerning preparation and adoption of the regional strategic plan. Commissioner Gross reported that Del. Bulova attended last month's Legislative

Committee meeting and discussed his proposed amendment.

REPORT - NVRC
DELEGATION VISIT
TO TAIWAN

Chairman Nohe introduced Jeff Liu, a career diplomat with the Republic of China, also known as Taiwan. He currently serves as an executive officer with the consular division of the Taipei economic and cultural representative office. Mr. Liu's office functions as an embassy.

Chairman Nohe added that the government of Taiwan, in operation for 101 years, was the representative government in China before the communists took power. The U.S. maintains a special relationship with Taiwan.

This is the first time Taiwan has sponsored a visit that included representatives of local governments; usually only state representatives are invited. NVRC's delegation included Chairman Nohe and Commissioners Lazaro, Baroukh and McKay as well as state secretaries Jim Cheng and Sean Connaughton, Del. Vivian Watts, and Mr. Gibb and Ms. Vosper (staff).

According to Chairman Nohe, the visit to Taiwan was a "once in a lifetime trip." Mr. Gibb said the delegation was struck by the many similarities between the two nations. For example, 17 years ago Taiwan introduced a national health care system. Some of the issues, such as cost and availability, are the same issues the U.S. is grappling with. Taiwan is currently building an above ground metro line to the airport; it looks similar to our system to Dulles Airport.

Commissioners commented on the country's density, especially the city of Taichung. The country is also dealing with immigration issues. School children in Taiwan learn to speak three languages.

A high-speed rail line connects the major cities on the west side, and the line has eclipsed the regional airports in terms of usage. Many of the regional airports are being redeveloped. Commissioners commented on the unity of purpose between the national and local governments. The federal government paid for the high-speed rail, turned it over to private industry to run, and required any city wanting a station to present a land use plan which became encoded in national law.

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

Printed copies of the report were distributed:

- JLARC Regional Report
- Climate Adaptation Planning Conference — Jan. 14 at the Dutch Embassy
- No. Va. Regional Military & Federal Facilities Alliance — stakeholders meeting Dec. 12 discussed mission, vision & purpose as well as first deliverables
- Real Time Ridesharing — over 300 registered participants
- Commuter Ferry Market Analysis — 7 recommended study corridors
- 911 Outages Studies — MWCOG has issued preliminary report
- No. Va. Home Performance with Energy STAR
- 2013 Winter General Assembly & Commission Meetings — may want to combine January meetings?

CHAIRMAN'S
REPORT

Chairman Nohe extended congratulations to Commissioner Hudgins on the receipt of MWCOG's David Scull Metropolitan Public Service Award for her work as Chairman of Board of Directors of WMATA.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Nohe adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director

Approved by:

Martin E. Nohe
Chairman