

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, July 25, 2013

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

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

STAFF PRESENT

G. Mark Gibb	<i>Executive Director</i>
Linda M. Tenney	<i>Deputy Director</i>
Linda Summerall	<i>Executive Secretary</i>
Normand Goulet	<i>Sr. Environmental Planner</i>
Dale Medearis	<i>Sr. Environmental Planner</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>
Stephen Walz	<i>Director, Regional Energy Planning</i>

OTHERS PRESENT

Bruce Bennett	<i>Hunter Mill Traffic Calming Committee</i>
Kate Boyle	<i>Fairfax Co. legislative staff</i>
Hon. William Hazel	<i>Secretary of Health and Human Resources</i>
Bill Knight	<i>President & CEO, 2015 World Police & Fire Games</i>
Sue Rowland	<i>NVRC Legislative Liaison; SR Consulting, Inc.</i>
Ben Snyder	<i>2015 World Police & Fire Games</i>

CALL TO ORDER	Chairman Lazaro called the meeting to order at 7:31 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 York moved approval of the minutes of the June 27, 2013, Commission meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

HEALTH CARE
EXCHANGE
IMPLEMENTATION
IN VIRIGNIA

Chairman Lazaro welcomed *William A. Hazel, Jr.*, Virginia's Secretary of Health and Human Resources. Dr. Hazel is an orthopaedic surgeon from Northern Virginia. He graduated from Duke University School of Medicine and completed his orthopaedic residency at the Mayo Clinic. He is a founding member of Commonwealth Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation.

As Secretary, Dr. Hazel oversees twelve state agencies which provide often-vital services to Virginians – including:

- those with disabilities
- the aging
- low-income working families
- children
- caregivers and
- the service providers who assist them.

His tenure as Secretary has been marked by significant work on:

- Virginia Health Reform Initiative
- Virginia Center for Health Innovation
- Training Center Closure Settlement with U.S. DOJ, and
- IT system transformation for health and human resources in Virginia.

William Hazel

Dr. Hazel reported \$2.5 trillion was spent on health care in the U.S. in 2009 (roughly 18% of the economy); of that, \$765 billion (30%) was waste. Waste is categorized as unnecessary services, excessive administrative costs, inefficiently delivered services, prices that are too high, fraud, and missed prevention opportunities.

As of 2010, 70% of the uninsured in Virginia live in families with at least one full-time or part-time worker. Only 37% of small businesses (under 50 employees) in Virginia offer health insurance.

Dr. Hazel reviewed the three major components of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Medicaid expansion, the estimated cost of expansion in Virginia, and what is included in Medicaid expansion and the federal match. He reviewed Virginia's legislative approach to Medicaid expansion, the objectives of Medicaid reform and the three phases of Medicaid reform, and Virginia's Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission and its members (Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committee members plus *ex officio* members Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Secretary of Finance).

Virginia has opted not to create an exchange (now called health insurance market places). The health insurance market place is designed to provide a tax subsidy to individuals between 138-400% of the federal poverty level. Dr. Hazel reviewed the five core exchange functions. Virginia will provide management of the insurance companies/plans for compliance with federal standards. Northern Virginia will have three plans. Insurance premium rates have not yet been set; Dr. Hazel cautioned that they will most likely be more expensive than expected.

questions & answers

Commissioner Gross asked about training on the new system. Dr. Hazel said ADAPT will remain until 2016; social service workers are making the transition.

Commissioner Nohe asked to what degree the uninsured population is ready to complete the lengthy form to purchase insurance. Dr. Hazel said it will be a challenge to educate the public that the health insurance is not free. Once people purchase insurance there will be issues around providers and access to care.

Responding to Commissioner Garvey, Dr. Hazel said emergency room personnel work with the uninsured to sign them up for Medicaid if they are eligible. He expects the insurance navigators will help with this process under the expanded system.

2015 WORLD
POLICE & FIRE
GAMES

Chairman Lazaro welcomed *Bill Knight*, President & CEO of the 2015 World Police and Fire Games. Mr. Knight has worked in the sports industry for 25 years and has over 20 years of executive leadership primarily with major international event management and consulting groups. Prior to his current appointment, Mr. Knight served as Vice President of Venue Operations for the 1994 World Cup USA, and as General Manager for all venues and events in Athens, Georgia, for the 1996 Summer Olympic Games. Before starting his own business, Mr. Knight served as Vice President, Business Operations for the Atlanta Super Bowl XXXIV Host Committee.

Bill Knight

The 2015 World Police and Fire Games were awarded in 2009 to the U.S. for 2015. Twelve thousand participants are expected and could be as many as 15,000, with 30,000 visitors. The games will be held June 26 – July 5, 2015. The opening ceremony will be held at Nationals Park. There will be a fire muster on July 4 in D.C. Events will be held in Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William and Arlington counties, Quantico and three venues in suburban Maryland.

questions & answers

Mr. Gibb reported that the Northern Virginia Chief Administrative Officers Committee received this presentation last week and suggested it be given to the Commission.

Replying to Commissioner Foreman, Mr. Light said the organization welcomes athlete recruitment. The website is fairfax2015.com.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Resolution No. P14-01: Authorization to Enter into Agreement with Worcester Polytechnic Institute for Governmental and Commercial Building Benchmarking and Labeling

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

Printed copies of the report were distributed:

- Ryan White Program
- Four Mile Run
- Potomac River Watershed
- Dulles Airport Summit
- Real Time Ridesharing
- Commuter Ferry Market Analysis
- Day to Serve
- Demographics – House Flipping
- NVRC Energy Strategy
- 2013 Commission Meeting Schedule

CHAIRMAN'S
REPORT

Chairman Lazaro noted the Commission does not meet in August. Since the board retreat will be on Saturday, September 28, at the Purcellville Town Hall, the Executive Committee will meet at 12:00 noon on Thursday, September 26, at NVRC for a business meeting. All Commissioners are welcome to attend the Executive Committee meeting.

Additionally, Bruce Katz, co-author of *The Metropolitan Revolution*, will address the Commission at its December 12 meeting.

ADOPTION OF
FINAL FY14
BUDGET

Commissioner Pepper reported the Operations Committee met, and it appears FY 2013 will close in the black.

The FY 2014 budget maintains the dues rate. The Operations Committee unanimously recommends adoption of the budget. Commissioner Pepper noted the 2014 work plan is

a very impressive, innovative program, adding that NVRC has found its own niche in serving the community. She thanked the staff for their work.

Commissioner Gross seconded those thoughts, pointing out that 30% of staff positions are unfilled (pgs. 8-9 in the budget), meaning existing staff have taken on additional work.

Commissioner Smedberg asked about the 81% increase in non-local travel and meetings. Mr. Gibb explained this covers the airport summit, potential charrettes, and international exchanges. Commissioner Gross reported the Operations Committee had noted this and requested an explanatory footnote be added.

Commissioner Pepper moved adoption of the FY 2014 Budget and Work Plan. The motion was seconded.

Commissioner York asked about new office space. Mr. Gibb replied NVTA's interim director will have a temporary office at NVRC, and a search for nearby office space that can accommodate both agencies will be made; NVRC's lease expires in 18 months. Commissioner York asked if a move would result in a dues increase and was told it is a possibility, since additional space may result in a higher rent.

The budget was adopted unanimously.

- NVTA REPORT Commissioner Nohe reported the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority adopted its FY 2014 project list and hired John Mason as its interim director.
- OTHER BUSINESS Commissioner Nohe announced the Governor's foster children adoption initiative kicks off next week.
- ADJOURNMENT Chairman Lazaro adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director

Approved by:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Chairman