

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, December 12, 2013

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

Hon. David Snyder for Hon. Nader Baroukh
Hon. Sharon Bulova
Hon. Peter Candland
Hon. Janet Clarke
Hon. John C. Cook
Hon. Jay Fisette
Hon. Gerald M. Foreman II
Hon. Libby Garvey
Hon. Penelope A. Gross, *NVRC Vice Chairman*
Hon. Pat Herrity
Hon. Catherine Hudgins
Hon. Frank Jones
Hon. Robert W. Lazaro, Jr., *NVRC Chairman*
Hon. Fernando "Marty" Martinez
Hon. Jeffrey C. McKay
Hon. Lisa C. Merkel
Hon. Martin E. Nohe (departed 7:40 p.m.)
Hon. Harry J. Parrish II (departed 7:50 p.m.)
Hon. Redella S. Pepper, *NVRC Treasurer*
Hon. Frank J. Principi
Hon. M. Jane Seeman
Hon. R. Scott Silverthorne
Hon. Paul C. Smedberg
Hon. Linda Smyth
Hon. Scott K. York

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County of Fairfax
County of Prince William
County of Loudoun
County of Fairfax
County of Arlington
Town of Dumfries
County of Arlington
County of Fairfax
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County of Fairfax
City of Manassas Park
Town of Purcellville
Town of Leesburg
County of Fairfax
Town of Herndon
County of Prince William
City of Manassas
City of Alexandria
County of Prince William
Town of Vienna
City of Fairfax
City of Alexandria
County of Fairfax
County of Loudoun

STAFF PRESENT

G. Mark Gibb
Linda M. Tenney
Linda Summerall
Ken Billingsley
Dale Medearis
David Schwengel
Michelle Simmons
Peggy Tadej
Stephen Walz
Aimee Vosper

Executive Director
Deputy Director
Executive Secretary
Director, Demographics & Information Services
Sr. Environmental Planner
Director, Regional Business Planning
Director, Human Services
No. Va. Regional BRAC Coordinator
Director, Regional Energy Planning
Director, Planning and Environmental Services

OTHERS PRESENT

Bruce Bennett
Kate Boyle
Tom Clarke
Sue Rowland
Ben Eldridge
Kibum Kim

Hunter Mill Traffic Calming Committee
Fairfax Co. legislative staff
resident, Town of Purcellville
NVRC Legislative Liaison; SR Consulting, Inc.
Cambridge Property Group, LP
Senior Fellow, Gyeonggi Province, South Korea

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Lazaro called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 October 24, 2013, Commission meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

BUILDING
BENCHMARKING
AND LABELING

Chairman Lazaro introduced the team of undergraduate students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute working with NVRC and the City of Alexandria on a project to benchmark the energy performance of government and private commercial buildings:

- Nathan Costa, mechanical engineering major
- Mai Tomida, an international student from Japan and Egypt, majoring in chemical engineering with a minor in materials science
- Jiedong Wang, an international student from China, majoring in management information systems with a minor in industrial engineering.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute has created an interdisciplinary requirement involving applied research that connects science or technology with social issues and human needs. The Washington, D.C., project center is one of 43 project centers. The students spend eight weeks working on their project.

This project was three-part:

- Government building benchmarking in the City of Alexandria
- Government building benchmarking and labeling plan for Northern Virginia
- Voluntary commercial building energy benchmarking and labeling program for Northern Virginia

The students reviewed the benchmarking cycle and process, and data collection and verification. They stressed the importance of communication with the public as well as providing the information to building managers to improve building performance. Efficient energy use could be incorporated into a marketing strategy for renting space in commercial buildings. The students will prepare a written report of this project and their findings.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Financial Reports for August and September 2013
- B. Resolution No. P14-12: Support for VAPDC's Collaborative Governance Initiative
- C. Resolution No. P14-13: Authorization to Support Initiative for Building a Forest Framework for Source Water Protection in the I-95 Corridor
- D. Resolution No. P14-14: FY 2013 Audited Statements

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

Printed copies of the report were distributed:

- NVRC Office Lease Update
- FACT Fund Grant
- Commuter Ferry Update
- Affordable Care Act
- New *Quick Guide 2013-2014*
- Dulles Airport Development
- Environmental Programs
- NVRC Energy Strategy
- Demographics
- Commission Meetings in January and February

Commissioner Bulova reported NVRTA has endorsed criteria for office co-location with another agency. Mr. Gibb noted that the search for office space looks at space near rail and the cost as well as locations served by transit. The expected build-out time is six

months from signing a lease. Commissioner Fisetta raised the issue that NVTC must be located on a rail line. Ben Eldridge, NVRC's broker for office space, explained he is discussing with all landlords extending the operating times of shuttles from rail stations.

Mr. Gibb distributed Resolution No. P14-16: Northern Virginia Regional Community, Military and Federal Facilities Alliance, authorizing acceptance of the \$300,000 in state FACT funds to staff the Alliance. Commissioner York moved adoption; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S
REPORT

Chairman Lazaro reported the Workforce Development Task Force is developing a "listening session" with business leaders in late January followed by one with academia representatives.

Chairman Lazaro spent the morning at Governor-Elect Terry McAuliffe's Local Government Advisory Council meeting. The group had a productive discussion with Suzette Denslow, his Deputy Chief of Staff. Both Commissioner Bulova and he spoke about NVRC's funding. Gov. McDonnell has put a small amount of money back into the budget; it is not known if that will survive.

While the Northern Virginia delegation of local elected officials was in Turkey at the invitation of the Turkish American Friendship Association, they visited a Syrian refugee camp. Upon return, Chairman Lazaro spearheaded a campaign and nearly 18,000 blankets were collected in Northern Virginia. Paxton Van Lines boxed and transported them to the Port of Norfolk at no charge, and Secretary Connaughton convinced Mersk shipping to ship them to Turkey at no charge. Chairman Lazaro and Commissioner York thanked the members for supporting this effort. Commissioner Bulova noted the business, faith, nonprofit and government communities came together to support this effort.

NVRC 2014
LEGISLATIVE
PROGRAM

Staff distributed an addendum of changes to the positions on transportation policy and funding, BRAC, and workforce development.

Commissioner Clarke spoke to the workforce development position and distributed information on Youth Career Connect Grants.

Commissioner Cook moved adoption of the amended legislative package. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

NVTA REPORT

Commissioner York reported the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority has discussed office co-location.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Lazaro adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director

Approved by:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Chairman