

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, February 26, 2015

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

Hon. Sharon Bulova
Hon. David S. Butler
Hon. Peter Candland
Hon. Janet Clarke
Hon. John C. Cook
Hon. Laurie A. Dirocco
Hon. Jay Fisette
Hon. Gerald M. Foreman II
Hon. Kwasi Fraser
Hon. Libby Garvey
Hon. Penelope A. Gross, NVRC Chairman
Hon. Pat Herrity
Hon. Catherine Hudgins
Hon. Frank Jones
Hon. Jeffrey C. McKay
Hon. Lisa C. Merkel
Hon. Martin E. Nohe
Hon. Harry J. Parrish II
Hon. Redella S. Pepper, NVRC Treasurer
Hon. Frank J. Principi
Hon. R. Scott Silverthorne
Hon. Paul C. Smedberg
Hon. Linda Smyth
Hon. David Tarter
Hon. Scott K. York

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

STAFF PRESENT

G. Mark Gibb
Linda M. Tenney
Gina Kesselmann-Smith
Ken Billingsley
Normand Goulet
Robert Lazaro
Dale Medearis
Debbie Spiliotopoulos
Peggy Tadej

Executive Director
Deputy Director
Executive Assistant
Director, Demographics & Information Services
Senior Environmental Planner, IT Manager
Director, Regional Energy Planning
Senior Environmental Planner
Senior Environmental Planner
No. Va. Regional BRAC Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT

Sue Rowland (via phone)

NVRC – Legislative Liaison

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Gross called the meeting to order at 7:35 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 Upon a motion made and duly seconded, the minutes of the Commission meeting of January 22, 2015 were approved unanimously.

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

- **Resolution No. P15-18:** Authorization to sign MOU with LEAP
- **Resolution No. P15-19:** FY 2014 Audited Statements
- **Resolution No. P15-20:** Authorization to support the September 11 Trail
- **Resolution No. P15-21:** Authorization to submit a grant to the Department of Motor Vehicles to continue support of bicycle pedestrian safety guide and safety classes
- **Resolution No. P15-22:** 2015 Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program Grant – Coastal Resiliency Planning Phase 1
- **Resolution No. P15-23:** 2015 Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program Grant – “Plant NoVa Natives” – NoVa Native Plant Social Marketing Campaign
- **Resolution No. P15-24:** 2015 Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program Grant – Community Rating System Outreach and Education
- **Resolution No. P15-25:** Authorization to sign MOU with Fort Belvoir to provide an Arts Program for Military and Families
- **Resolution No. P15-26:** Authorization to renew Copier Lease Agreement

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Printed copies of the report were distributed and Mr. Gibb went through the slides:

- “Native Plants for Northern Virginia”
- Community, Military & Federal Facility Partnership
- Solarize Nova
- Northern Virginia Sustainability Network
- “Green Building”
- NVRC hosts Delegation from Bordeaux Metropole
- NVTC Events:
 - February 11: Delegation from City of Bordeaux to discuss regional energy and climate policies in Northern Virginia (NVRC offices)
 - March 2 (11:30am-2pm): Juergen Ruetters, Former Governor of the German State of North-Rhine Westfalia and Former German Federal Minister of Education, Science, Research and Technology, Speaking on “Current Transatlantic Relations: Challenges and Opportunities”. (George C. Marshall International

Center, Leesburg, Virginia)

- March 5-6 (all day): “Focus 2015: A Forum for Communities on Urban Sustainability”. (Embassy of France, Washington DC)
- Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace Insurance Enrollment – 2nd Open Enrollment”
- New Dental Activities for Ryan White Clients
- HOPWA Carryover Funds Awarded to NVRC

Furthermore, Mr. Gibb mentioned a military art show reception that is taking place March 13 at the Workhouse Arts Center, McGuire Woods Gallery.

CHAIRMAN'S
REPORT

Chairman Gross reported that the National Association of Regional Councils Winter Conference took place in Washington DC February 8-10 2015. Participants took a tour with the Silver Line Metro, which turned out to be a very successful trip and it was “Bragging rights for Northern Virginia to show off the Silver Line”. Furthermore, Ray LaHood, former Secretary of Transportation, was one of the speakers at this conference.

LEGISLATIVE
REPORT

Commissioner Cook, Legislative Committee Chairman, presented the summary of legislation put together by Sue Rowland (who joined the Commission meeting by polycom), who brought to the Commission’s attention that the budgets were adopted by both houses.

WORKFORCE
COMMITTEE
REPORT

Chairman Gross updated the Commission on the progress of the Workforce Committee and pointed out that this committee is currently working on the idea of a roundtable discussion. She added that March 16, 2015 will not be a doable date for the Workforce Summit, but early May is more realistic.

NVTA REPORT

Commissioner Nohe reported that a public hearing will take place Wednesday, March 25th 2015 at NVRC (regarding future projects). He asked for the jurisdictions to help promote this, as NVTA wants to solicit as much public comments as possible.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Upon a motion made in accordance with Virginia Code No. 2.1, Section 344 and duly seconded, the Commission decided unanimously to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Commissioner DiRocco made a motion to reconvene in public session and certify that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and 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.

Commissioner Merkel moved that the Commission authorizes hiring outside counsel for the matter discussed in the closed session. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Bulova and was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gross adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director

Approved by:

Penelope Gross,
Chairman