

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, May 26, 2016

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

Hon. Willie F. Bailey

Hon. Tony R. Buffington

Hon. Sharon Bulova

Hon. David S. Butler

Hon. Peter Candland

Hon. John C. Cook

Hon. Laurie A. Dirocco

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. Phyllis J. Randall

Hon. R. Scott Silverthorne

Hon. Kathy L. Smith

Hon. David Tarter

Hon. John Vihstadt

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County of Prince William

City of Manassas

City of Alexandria

County of Prince William

County of Loudoun

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County of Fairfax

City of Falls Church

County of Arlington

STAFF PRESENT

G. Mark Gibb

Linda M. Tenney

Gina Kesselmann-Smith

Ken Billingsley

Normand Goulet

Jeongmin Kim

Robert Lazaro

Dale Medearis

Michelle Simmons

Peggy Tadej

Executive Director

Deputy Director

Executive Assistant

Director, Demographics and Information

Senior Environmental Planner, IT Manager

NVRC international intern

Director, Regional Energy Planning

Senior Environmental Planner

Director, Human Services

No. Va. Regional BRAC Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT

Bruce Bennett

Maurice Jones

Kevin McNulty

Scott Ralls

Jennifer Zoerkler

HMDL-HMRTCC

Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade

Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce

President of the Northern Virginia Community College

Executive Director, VHO, Inc.

- 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.
- APPRECIATION** Chairman Gross introduced the monthly Chairman's "Thank you Award" and honored one staff member at NVRC for this month: Gina Kesselmann-Smith.
- MINUTES** Commissioner Silverthorne moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of April 28, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Butler and carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Bulova, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Foreman abstained, as they had not attended the last Commission meeting.
- PRESENTATION** Chairman Gross introduced the Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade Maurice Jones, and Dr. Scott Ralls, President of the Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA), who reported on the Go Virginia progress.
- Secretary Jones began his report by giving a quick summary of the Go Virginia Initiative. What Go Virginia attempts to do is provide more tools to the regions for economic development.
- Go Virginia basically consists of three big pieces:
1. Regional Councils are to be formed. The regional designations are supposed to occur between now and October/November 2016
 2. The Regions will then receive Grant dollars to basically do regional economic development plans / regional business plans.
 3. There will be dollars allocated to the regions based on the headcount in those regions. There will also be a competitive pool of dollars that regions can get.
- Secretary Jones emphasized that Go Virginia is meant to incent collaboration between regions.
- Then Secretary Jones referred to Dr. Ralls, who gave a quick summary on NOVA's new programs and how both NOVA and GMU are working with companies to assess their gaps, especially in the Information and Technology sector.
- Secretary Jones concluded by saying that Go Virginia is a big opportunity, it will help regions maximize their efforts and that the process also will be refined over time.
- Questions and answers* Commissioner Bulova asked who would certify the regional council. Secretary Jones answered that it would be the State Board in case of competition. But normally it is expected that the regions will sort it out amongst themselves.
- Commissioner Nohe asked when the State Board is going to be appointed. Secretary Jones said that it should be the case by fall 2016 and that it is a collaborative effort between the Senate, the House and the Governor of Virginia.
- Mr. Gibb asked if it can be assumed that one of the regions will look like PDC 8. Secretary Jones responded by saying that it is still a work in progress, but it is very likely, as this region has a strong voice.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Jones moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of the items outlined below, limited to Resolution No. P16-20 through P16-23. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Foreman and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Garvey moved approval of the Resolution No. P16-24. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nohe and carried, with Commissioner Bailey abstaining and Commissioner Pepper voting against this resolution.

- Resolution No. P16-20: Extension of Auditor Engagement
- Resolution No. P16-21: FY 2015 Audited Statements
- Resolution No. P16-22: Re-establishment of a Line of Credit
- Resolution No. P16-23: Selection of Contractor for Leesylvania Living Shoreline Project
- Resolution No. P16-24: Application to US Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration for Planning and Environmental Analysis

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

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

- Solarize Spring 2016
- Four Mile Run – Alexandria Wetlands Ribbon Cutting
- Delegation from the State of Hesse, Germany
- Sharing Best Practices / Knowledge Transfer
- Working with Japan
- Leesylvania State Park Living Shoreline
- Community and Military Partnerships of NOVA
- Commission hosts Training

Then Mr. Gibb referred to Ms. Jennifer Zoerkler (Executive Director of VHO, Inc.) who reported on VHO's work during the contract period, that just ended 3/31/2016. VHO provides Certified Application Counselors (CAC's) to the Consortium clinics enrolling ADAP clients for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Federal Marketplace during Open Enrollment - Nov 2015-Jan 2016. ADAP is the AIDS Drug Assistance Program available through the Virginia Department of Health. ADAP provides drugs to low income HIV/AIDS clients. VDH also pays insurance premiums for qualifying clients. It is less costly for VDH to pay the premiums where medications are covered than to pay for costly HIV medications throughout the year. Also, it is shown that there are better overall health outcomes when clients are able to seek medical treatment for non-HIV related illnesses.

This is the third year that VHO has enrolled ADAP clients for health insurance. Consistency in services is an important aspect of serving these clients. They enjoy seeing the same CAC year after year for enrollment. Also, clients that are new to health insurance are very grateful when they complete the enrollment. Having health insurance is empowering for clients to be able to take control of their health without financial burden.

Ms. Zoerkler thanked the Commission and Michelle Simmons (NVRC staff) and her team for continuing to support this program.

For further questions Ms. Zoerkler can be reached at 703-501-5220 or at jzoerkler@vahealthoptions.com.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Gross commented on the status of the NVRC management audit that was discussed at the Commission meeting December 10, 2015 and announced that it is still in process, but that the interviews are now completed. The report is currently being written.

WORKFORCE COMMITTEE REPORT Chairman Gross referred to Mr. Lazaro's report on the April 22nd Roundtable discussion, that was sent out to all Commissioners and asked to please take a look at it for the next Commission Meeting June 23rd, 2016.

COMMUNITY&MILITARY PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT Commissioner McKay reported on the last Community & Military Partnership Meeting, May 12th, 2016 and pointed out the Military Child Identifier program. Information regarding this program will be emailed to all Commissioners after this Commission Meeting.

Commissioner McKay also announced that the next Community & Military Partnership Meeting will take place July 14th and will be chaired by Chairman Gross, since Commissioner McKay won't be available that day.

NVTA REPORT Commissioner Nohe reported that in two weeks the public hearing on the FY 17 proposed funding plan is taking place at the NVRC offices and that this is the last year that there will be funding projects based on the current TransAction plan. The final decision about project selection in July.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT Commissioner Nohe, who is appointed to serve as the Nominating Committee's Chairman, explained that the Nominating Committee didn't have time to meet.

So Commissioner Nohe offered his recommendation, that is as follows:

Commissioner Silverthorne, City of Fairfax – Chair of the Commission
Commissioner DiRocco, Town of Vienna – Vice Chair of the Commission
Commissioner Cook, Fairfax County – Treasurer of the Commission

ADJOURNMENT Chairman Gross adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director

Approved by:

Penelope Gross,
Chairman