

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, September 22, 2016

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

Hon. Willie F. Bailey	<i>City of Alexandria</i>
Hon. Tony R. Buffington	<i>County of Loudoun</i>
Hon. Sharon Bulova	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. David S. Butler	<i>Town of Leesburg</i>
Hon. Peter Candland	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. John C. Cook, NVRC Treasurer	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Laurie A. Dirocco, NVRC Chairman	<i>Town of Vienna</i>
Hon. Gerald M. Foreman II	<i>Town of Dumfries</i>
Hon. Kwasi Fraser, alt. Hon. Doug McCollum	<i>Town of Purcellville</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. Frank Jones	<i>City of Manassas Park</i>
Hon. Jeffrey C. McKay	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Lisa C. Merkel	<i>Town of Herndon</i>
Hon. Martin E. Nohe	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. Harry J. Parrish II	<i>City of Manassas</i>
Hon. Redella S. Pepper	<i>City of Alexandria</i>
Hon. Frank J. Principi	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. Phyllis J. Randall	<i>County of Loudoun</i>
Hon. David Meyer	<i>City of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Kathy L. Smith	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. David Tarter	<i>City of Falls Church</i>
Hon. John Vihstadt	<i>County of Arlington</i>

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Lazaro	<i>Acting Executive Director</i>
Linda M. Tenney	<i>Deputy Director</i>
Gina Kesselmann-Smith	<i>Executive Assistant</i>
Ken Billingsley	<i>Director, Demographics and Information</i>
Normand Goulet	<i>Senior Environmental Planner, IT Manager</i>
Jeongmin Kim	<i>NVRC international intern</i>
Julie Mehan	<i>Quality Manager</i>
Rashmi Puranik	<i>Federal Grants Data Analyst</i>
Michelle Simmons	<i>Director, Human Services</i>
Tylee Smith	<i>Human Services Planner</i>
Peggy Tadej	<i>No. Va. Regional BRAC Coordinator</i>

OTHERS PRESENT

Ellen Volo	<i>Fairfax County</i>
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CALL TO ORDER Acting Chairman DiRocco called the meeting to order at 7:40 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 Gross moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of July 28, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bulova and carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN Commissioner Gross made a motion to elect Acting Chairman DiRocco as the Chairman and Commissioner Tarter as the Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Hon. Laurie A. DiRocco	(Town of Vienna)	Chairman
Hon. David Tarter	(City of Falls Church)	Vice Chairman

EXECUTIVE SESSION Upon a motion made in accordance with Virginia Code No. 2.2, Section 3711 and duly seconded, the Commission decided unanimously to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Commissioner Gross 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. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Bulova and carried unanimously.

Chairman DiRocco announced that Mr. Gibb is retiring from NVRC effective September 30, 2016. He has served as the Executive Director for over 28 years and NVRC greatly appreciates all that he has done and wishes him a happy and healthy retirement. Mr. Lazaro will continue to be the Acting Executive Director.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to open a search for the Executive Director position and have the Executive Committee be in charge of this search. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Bulova and carried unanimously.

Chairman DiRocco announced that a job description is to follow in the October Commission meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT Mr. Lazaro referred to the July 2017 financial report print out.

BUDGET REMEDIATION PLAN Mr. Lazaro went through the budget remediation plan print out and elaborated on it.

ACTION ITEMS Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P17-02 By-laws amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pepper and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Cook moved approval of the Resolution No. P17-03 Reserve Fund Policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garvey and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P17-04 Holiday Schedule amendment – add December 23, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pepper and carried unanimously.

ACTING EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

Printed copies of the report were distributed and Mr. Lazaro referred to the slides:

- Community/Military Partnership
- Bike and Pedestrian Safety
- Virginia 2017 Open Space Plan
- Community Solar in Virginia
- Solar PV Map for the Region
- NoVA Region Dashboard

Then Mr. Lazaro asked Ms. Simmons (NVRC staff) to report on the upcoming changes of the Ryan White Part A Program. Ms. Simmons went through slides and elaborated on the problem, i.e. the upcoming implementation of fee for service on selected Ryan White services in Metro Washington. The concern is that a less than thoughtful system will emerge in order to meet the advertised March 1, 2017 start date. Other concerns are also:

- Client navigational issues
- Care Quality
- Provider Supply and Viability

Due to these impending changes the Commission is writing a letter to Michael Kharfen, Senior Deputy Director of HAHSTA, DC Department of Health explaining their concern. Congress members will be cc'd.

An update will be provided at the next Commission meeting in October.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman DiRocco summarized who is on the Executive Committee:

Chairman DiRocco
Commissioner Cook – Treasurer
Commissioner Tarter – Vice Chair
Commissioner Gross
Commissioner Bulova
Commissioner Nohe

Chairman DiRocco added that a 7th seat is still available and has to be filled by one of the Committee chairs. This will take place in the next few months.

Chairman DiRocco and Commissioner Gross then asked the Commissioners to study the Russ Linden report and its recommendations, as this needs to be driven by Commissioners and not by staff only.

Chairman DiRocco added that Commissioners should also encourage fellow Commissioners to come to the NVRC meetings.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Commissioner Cook proposed that since the legislative liaison had to be eliminated from the NVRC budget, the Executive Committee could track changes for now.

Commissioner Bulova proposed that NVRC could take direction from the regional liaisons.

Commissioner McKay emphasized that state funding is a big issue and that NVRC needs to stay focused on this.

WORKFORCE
COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Gross would like to engage the new Commander at the Ft. Myer-Henderson Hall, Col. Duggan, in the workforce activities.

COMMUNITY&MILITARY
PARTNERSHIP
COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner McKay summarized last Community & Military Partnership Meeting, which took place at the Lorton Workhouse Art Center on September 15, 2016.

The two main discussions were the following:

- Autonomous vehicles
 - Autonomous Vehicles and Transportation Alternative Work Group was formed to meet on October 12th at the NVRC offices to further discuss a Northern Virginia pilot program. The Work Group includes members from the private sector, federal Department of Defense and US Department of Transportation, Virginia Department of Transportation, local transportation agencies and base planning staff. All three bases in the region are interested in this pilot.
- Schools and benefits
 - The speakers for the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools provided an overview of the work of their organization and suggestions for what localities can do to ensure that their school systems are receiving the full benefits that they are entitled to from the Federal government.

Commissioner McKay announced that the next Community & Military Partnership Meeting is going to take place November 17th at 10 a.m.

NVTA REPORT

Commissioner Nohe reported that a recent Washington Post article praised Northern Virginia for working as a region together. He also suggested that the December 8th Commission Meeting should be a meeting on regionalism combined with the NVTA meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman DiRocco adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Acting Executive Director

Approved by:

Laurie A. DiRocco
Chairman