

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, March 23, 2017

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

Hon. Marc T. Aveni	<i>City of Manassas</i>
Hon. Willie F. Bailey	<i>City of Alexandria</i>
Hon. Sharon Bulova	County of Fairfax
Hon. Kelly Burk	<i>Town of Leesburg</i>
Hon. Peter Candland	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. John C. Cook, NVRC Treasurer	County of Fairfax
Hon. Laurie A. Dirocco, <i>NVRC Chairman</i>	<i>Town of Vienna</i>
Hon. Gerald M. Foreman II	<i>Town of Dumfries</i>
Hon. Kwasi Fraser, alt. Hon. Doug McCollum	Town of Purcellville
Hon. Libby Garvey	County of Arlington
Hon. Penelope A. Gross	County of Fairfax
Hon. Pat Herrity	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Geary Higgins	<i>County of Loudoun</i>
Hon. Catherine Hudgins	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Jeffrey C. McKay	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Lisa C. Merkel, alt. Hon. Jennifer Baker	Town of Herndon
Hon. David Meyer	City of Fairfax
Hon. Martin E. Nohe	County of Prince William
Hon. Redella S. Pepper	City of Alexandria
Hon. Frank J. Principi	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. Phyllis J. Randall	County of Loudoun
Hon. Jeanette Rishell	City of Manassas Park
Hon. Kathy L. Smith	County of Fairfax
Hon. David Tarter, NVRC Vice-Chairman	City of Falls Church
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>
Normand Goulet	<i>Senior Environmental Planner/IT Manager</i>
Dale Medearis	<i>Senior Environmental Planner</i>
Michelle Simmons	<i>Director, Human Services</i>
Peggy Tadej	<i>No. Va. Regional BRAC Coordinator</i>

OTHERS PRESENT

Kambiz Agazi	<i>Fairfax County</i>
Noel Kaplan	<i>Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning</i>
Lorrie Kirst	<i>Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning</i>
Deborah Albert	<i>Arlington County Planning Division</i>
Arlova Vonhm	<i>Arlington County Zoning Division</i>
David McGettigan	<i>Prince William County Planning Office</i>
Michelle Lohr	<i>Loudoun County Planning and Zoning</i>
Hyojung Garland	<i>Town of Vienna</i>
Christopher Murphy	<i>Town of Leesburg – Department of Planning and Zoning</i>
Steve Walz	<i>COG</i>
Brooke Hardin	<i>City of Fairfax</i>

CALL TO ORDER Vice-Chairman Tarter 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.

DISCUSSION *1. Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and Zoning*

As a follow up to the presentation by Audi in January, Mr. Steve Walz of COG discussed the joint application submitted by COG, NVRC and numerous other jurisdictional partners for funding from Electrify America for EV Charging Infrastructure as part of the VW diesel vehicle settlement with the Federal government.

Mr. Brooke Hardin from the City of Fairfax discussed the zoning amendment changes the City implemented in 2016 and how electric vehicle charging stations fit into their zoning ordinance.

2. Issues Follow Up

At the Commission meeting in February Commissioners identified the issues of Governance, Energy, Workforce/Affordable Housing and Economic Development as topics for further investigation and discussion.

Mr. Lazaro brought to the Commission's attention that the distributed write up of the issues is to help focus the discussion and give Commissioners the opportunity to hone in on subject matters for further study, review and action.

This item will be discussed in the April meeting.

ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lazaro presented his report to the Commission, which included the financial report for February 2017 and the following:

- Forest Health Planning for Insect Pest Workshop a Success
 - More than 60 persons from various localities and agencies across the region joined us for a very informative workshop on the impact of insect pests on forests and the urban tree canopy.
- 4 Mile Run Wetlands Restoration Wins Award
 - We are pleased our partners in the Alexandria won first place in the Best Habitat category of the Best Urban BMP from the Chesapeake Stormwater Network. NVRC has been working with the City and Arlington County for more than ten years on the 4 Mile Run Wetlands Restoration.
- Ryan White Consumer Health Care Coverage
- Plan NoVA Natives Outreach Sessions
 - 4/22/2017
Jamestown Elem. Earth Day
9:30 am - 2:30 pm
JES - 3700 N Delaware St, Arlington, VA 22207

- 4/22/2017
Burke Centre Earth Day
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Burke Centre Conservancy 6060 Burke Centre Parkway Burke, VA 22015
- 4/25/2017
NVCC Green Festival
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus
- 4/25/2017
School Environmental Action Showcase
9:00 am - 2:30 pm
4400 University Dr, Fairfax, VA 22030
- 4/29/2017
Prince William Compost Awareness Day
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Balls Ford Road Waste Facility, 1300 Balls Ford Road, Manassas, Virginia 20112
- 4/29/2017
Northern Alexandria Native Plant Sale
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
The Church of St. Clement, 1701 N. Quaker Lane Alexandria, Virginia 22302
- 4/29/2017
Alexandria Earth Day
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Lenny Harris Memorial Fields at Braddock Park, 1005 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria
- 5/6/2017
Reston Association Spring Festival
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston
- 5/20/2017
Mason Neck State Park Eagle Festival
10:00 am - 6:00 pm
7301 High Point Rd., Lorton, VA 22079
- Impact of Plant NoVA Natives
 - 200 Volunteers Trained
 - Over 1,000 volunteer hours were spent with a direct value of approximately \$43,380
 - Tabled at numerous community events throughout the region, including: Falls Church, Arlington, Reston, Mt. Vernon-Lee District Tree Forum, Northern Alexandria Native Plant Sale
 - Nursery Outreach: 18 Nurseries and Garden Centers engaged
- Solarize NoVA

- Solarize NoVA has kicked off with the Piedmont Environmental Council and will kick off with the Town of Vienna, and Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church in April.
 - Despite adding 192.4 MW of new solar in 2016, Virginia's ranking with respect to the amount of installed solar fell as other states are outpacing the Commonwealth.
- Weatherization Program
 - NVRC is pleased to be able to work with our not-for-profit partner, the Local Energy Alliance Program, to make our jurisdictions aware of the Dominion weatherization program. Annual savings in electricity costs is \$15,503.95

CLOSED 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 closed 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. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garvey and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gross moved that the Commission appointed Mr. Lazaro to the position of Executive Director subject to the terms of employment as outlined in closed session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garvey and carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Upon a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission meeting minutes of February 23, 2017 were approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Gross encouraged Commissioners to come to the next Community & Military Partnership Meeting on May 11 - 10 a.m. at the NVRC office.

Vice-Chairman Tarter added that NVRC has been invited to Military Tattoo at Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall in Arlington on August 2nd. Mr. Lazaro will send out more information regarding this event.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Tarter adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director

Approved by:

David Tarter
Vice - Chairman