

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, December 8, 2016

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

Hon. Willie F. Bailey	City of Alexandria
Hon. Tony R. Buffington	<i>County of Loudoun</i>
Hon. Sharon Bulova	County of Fairfax
Hon. David S. Butler	<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, NVRC Chairman	Town of Vienna
Hon. Gerald M. Foreman II	Town of Dumfries
Hon. Libby Garvey	County of Arlington
Hon. Penelope A. Gross	County of Fairfax
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. Doug McCollum	<i>Town of Purcellville</i>
Hon. Jeffrey C. McKay	County of Fairfax
Hon. Lisa C. Merkel	<i>Town of Herndon</i>
Hon. David Meyer	<i>City of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Martin E. Nohe	County of Prince William
Hon. Harry J. Parrish II	<i>City of Manassas</i>
Hon. Redelia S. Pepper	City of Alexandria
Hon. Frank J. Principi	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. Phyllis J. Randall	<i>County of Loudoun</i>
Hon. Kathy L. Smith	County of Fairfax
Hon. David Tarter, NVRC Vice-Chairman	City of Falls Church
Hon. John Vihstadt	County of Arlington

STAFF PRESENT

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.	<i>Acting Executive Director</i>
Kenneth F. Billingsley	<i>Director, Demographics and Information Services</i>
Jeongmin Kim	<i>NVRC international intern</i>
Corey Miles	<i>Senior Environmental Planner</i>
Michelle Simmons	<i>Director, Human Services</i>
Deborah Spiliotopoulos	<i>Senior Environmental Planner</i>
Peggy Tadej	<i>No. Va. Regional BRAC Coordinator</i>
Linda M. Tenney	<i>Deputy Director</i>

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeanette Rishell	<i>City of Manassas Park</i>
Sue Rowland	<i>Legislative Liaison for Solid Waste Management Board</i>
Nene Spivey	<i>Children's Science Center</i>
Nancy Vehrs	<i>Virginia Native Plant Society</i>
Ellen Volo	<i>Fairfax County Government Relations</i>

- CALL TO ORDER** 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 Garvey moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of October 27, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gross and carried unanimously.
- PRESENTATION** Chairman DiRocco welcomed and introduced Nene Spivey, Executive Director of the Children's Science Center.
- Ms. Spivey thanked NVRC for the opportunity to present to the Commission the activities being undertaken by the Science Center and the projected annual growth once they move into their new facility located on Route 28 on the Loudoun/Fairfax border.
- The current Science Center is 7700 square feet and has annual visitors of more than 70,000. It is located in the Fair Oaks Mall. The new center, which will be phased, is 30,000 to 70,000 square feet based upon a phased build out. The first phase of the project is \$30 million with an operating budget of \$5 million. It is projected to have more than 300,000 visitors annually.
- CONSENT AGENDA** Commissioner Bulova moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of the item outlined below. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vihstadt and carried unanimously.
- Resolution No. P17-09: Native Plants
- ACTION ITEM** Commissioner Gross moved approval of Resolution P17-10 authorizing the acceptance of an American Marine Highway Program Grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garvey and carried unanimously.
- DISCUSSION ITEM** Sue Rowland and Debbie Spiliotopoulos presented to the Commission an item regarding the Virginia Recycling Fund. A draft letter was presented to the Commission for consideration. Commissioner Gross moved and Commissioner Garvey seconded an endorsement of the letter. The motion carried unanimously.
- ACTING ED REPORT** Acting Executive Director Lazaro presented his report to the Commission which included the financial report for October 2016 and information regarding the Ryan White Planning Council, residential rain garden workshop, resiliency workshop, Solarize NoVA, the bike/pedestrian crash map, meeting of the VAPDC, program held at NVRC with the American Council on Germany, a demographics update and an update on the meeting held by the Sustainability Network at NVRC.
- CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** Chairman DiRocco reported to the Commission on the search effort for the Executive Directors position. The job position will be posted in a number of locations included Prince William County, Virginia Municipal League, COG and NVRC. The position closes January 9 and there will be an updated report on January 26.

COMMUNITY &
MILITARY
PARTNERSHIP
REPORT

Commissioner McKay gave a brief presentation from the Partnerships last meeting, which was held at the Lorton Workhouse. Commissioner McKay indicated that would be his last meeting chairing the Committee due to other responsibilities on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

NVTA REPORT

No report was given.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM by Chairman DiRocco.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Acting Executive Director

Laurie A. DiRocco
Chairman