

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, April 27, 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	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Kelly Burk	<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. 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	<i>Town of Herndon</i>
Hon. David Meyer	<i>City of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Martin E. Nohe	<i>County of Prince William</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. Jeanette Rishell	<i>City of Manassas Park</i>
Hon. Kathy L. Smith	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. David Tarter, NVRC Vice-Chairman	<i>City of Falls Church</i>
Hon. John Vihstadt	<i>County of Arlington</i>

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Lazaro	<i>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>
Peggy Tadej	<i>No. Va. Regional BRAC Coordinator</i>

OTHERS PRESENT

Ellen Volo	<i>Fairfax County Government Relations</i>
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CALL TO ORDER Chairman DiRocco called the meeting to order at 7:33 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 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.

1. Governance

- A subcommittee was created to work on this matter in depth and consists out of the following Commission members:
 - Commissioner Vihstadt
 - Commissioner Cook
 - Commissioner Garvey
 - Commissioner Smith
 - Commissioner Bailey

2. Energy

- Chairman DiRocco referred to the issues write up and pointed out that NVRC is doing a fair amount already.

3. Workforce/Affordable Housing

- Commissioner Gross emphasized the importance of continuing to have a discussion with the business community.
- Commissioner Gross also reminded the Commissioners that the Community and Military Partnership Meeting is May 11, 2017 from 10 am to Noon at the NVRC office. It will be a roundtable discussion with Government, private sector, Military and academic organizations on cyber security. The focus will also be on Workforce needs and development actions.

4. Economic Development

- Chairman DiRocco said that it touches 2. and 3. (see above)
- Commissioner Gross suggested a tour of the Inova Center for Personalized Health
- The Go Virginia matter is still unclear.

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

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

- Pedestrian Safety Workshops with AARP
 - NVRC partnered with AARP and Inova Health System for two programs. Combined both events brought more than 200 people together. NVRC shared its Share VA Roads information.
- Plan NoVA Natives Outreach Sessions
 - 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
- Meeting at Canadian Embassy
 - NVRC staff met with the Second Secretary and Trade Commissioner for Infrastructure and Clean Technologies at the Canadian Embassy at the invitation of the Embassy.
 - They are interested in working with NVRC and partner organizations regarding issues surrounding renewables, waste water, storm water and adaptation.
- NVRC Data Portal
 - We have established an open data portal to provide access to publicly available information via the various open data local government portals and other organizations in the region.
- Solarize NoVA Spring 2017 Kicks Off
 - Town of Vienna recognizes homeowners who went solar in 2016 as

part of the Solarize NoVA campaign. NVRC staff was pleased to attend to talk about the 2017 campaign.

- The Solarize Fairfax County campaign kicked off with a very well attended information session at the FFX County Government Center. Multiple information sessions are being held in the County, Fairfax City, the Town of Vienna and the City of Falls Church.
- HOPWA/Ryan White Meet and Greet
 - NVRC hosted its 3rd Annual HOPWA/Ryan White Meet, Greet, Lunch & Learn session Tuesday, April 25. Approximately 35 provider staff participated in this event designed to offer networking and partnership opportunities and increase knowledge to better serve clients.
 - HOPWA and Ryan White are two Federal HIV/AIDS grant programs administered by NVRC on behalf of the local jurisdictions. Rashaad Banks and Stephanie Rhodes, HIV Health Educators from the Inova Juniper Program, discussed the relevance of Trauma-Informed Care and Domestic Violence to interaction with clients.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Chairman DiRocco thanked everyone for the help in finding the new NVRC Executive Director.

MINUTES Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of March 23, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garvey and carried with Chairman DiRocco abstaining, as she had not attended the last Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT Chairman DiRocco adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director

Approved by:

Laurie A. DiRocco
Chairman