

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, June 22, 2017

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

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| 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. David Meyer | <i>City of Fairfax</i> |
| Hon. Martin E. Nohe | <i>County of Prince William</i> |
| Hon. Sheila Olem | <i>Town of Herndon</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

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| 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> |
| Michelle Simmons | <i>Director, Human Services</i> |
| Peggy Tadej | <i>No. Va. Regional BRAC Coordinator</i> |

OTHERS PRESENT

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| Matthew Scoble | <i>Prince William County</i> |
| Ellen Volo | <i>Fairfax County Government Relations</i> |

CALL TO ORDER Chairman DiRocco called the meeting to order at 7:30 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

The members of the Commission have had ongoing discussions related to the issue of governance. The Commission at its May meeting had a productive dialogue with Delegates Minchew and Watts, and Senator McPike. It was the consensus of Commissioners that a Governance Sub-Sommittee be formed to further examine issues related to State/Local government relations.

The subcommittee consists out of the following Commission members:

- Commissioner Vihstadt
- Commissioner Cook
- Commissioner Garvey
- Commissioner Smith
- Commissioner Bailey

ACTION ITEMS Commissioner Bulova moved approval of the Resolution No. P17-19 – Adoption of FY 18 Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Olem and carried unanimously.

The Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director have prepared a proposed budget for FY 18. The budget proposal is consistent with the budget remediation plan that was adopted by the Commission.

Commissioner Gross emphasized the importance of hiring a demographer as soon as the budget allows it.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P17-20 – Appointing an auditor of the financial records of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cook and carried unanimously.

The staff is recommending the approval of Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates for an amount not to exceed \$17,375 for FY 18 with an option to extend the engagement for four more consecutive years.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Mr. Lazaro presented his report to the Commission, which included the financial report for May 2017 and the following:

- Northern Virginia Aging Network
 - NVRC hosted the Northern Virginia Aging Network (NVAN) as they start to plan their Annual Legislative Breakfast and to develop issues for the upcoming session of the Virginia General Assembly. NVAN will meet again in July.
- Plant NoVA Natives
 - The Plant NoVA Natives Campaign with the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia is now live.

- Solarize Update
 - Solar
 - 131 contracts
 - \$3.3 million with local, Virginia based contractors
 - 2,000,000 pounds of CO2 averted annually
 - Checkups & Weatherization
 - 652 Checkups
 - 8 Weatherization Projects
 - 1,025,512 pounds of CO2 averted annually
- NoVA Solar Map
 - NVRC's award-winning on-line solar map was a featured article in ESRI's magazine. A similar project is being undertaken for the City of Charlottesville.
- Fast Ferry Meeting
 - NVRC held the first of several planned meetings with interested parties and the consultant to begin the NEPA review process for the project and to plan outreach efforts.
- Pedestrian/Bike Safety
 - NVRC partnered with Inova Trauma Services to provide outreach at the Lorton Community Safety Day at the Lorton Community Center and Library and at the Herndon Festival.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Chairman DiRocco thanked Commissioner Gross and Commissioner Bulova for organizing the Inova Center tour prior to the Commission meeting.

Commissioner Gross proposed a second tour once the construction of the Inova Center for Personalized Health is completed.

MINUTES Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of May 25, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bulova and carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS Commissioner Gross encouraged Commissioners to come to the next Community & Military Partnership Meeting on July 13 – 10 a.m. at the NVRC office.

This meeting will follow up on the work undertaken at the May meeting related to workforce and cyber. We anticipate having each of the public school divisions that serve our region in attendance to talk about workforce/cyber education related matters. Further, representatives of the military will be present to talk about their cyber workforce needs of not only today, but the future.

There was also discussion regarding the following:

Whether to put a cap on the value of a house that a senior can live in and still give seniors property tax relief and another issue is the asset and the income guidelines and deferral vs. exemption.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman DiRocco adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director

Approved by:

Laurie A. DiRocco
Chairman