

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, July 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	County of Fairfax
Hon. Kelly Burk	<i>Town of Leesburg</i>
Hon. Peter Candland	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. John C. Cook, <i>NVRC Treasurer</i>	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
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	<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	County of Prince William
Hon. Sheila Olem	Town of Herndon
Hon. Redella S. Pepper	City of Alexandria
Hon. Frank J. Principi	County of Prince William
Hon. Phyllis J. Randall	<i>County of Loudoun</i>
Hon. Jeanette Rishell	City of Manassas Park
Hon. Kathy L. Smith	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. David Tarter, NVRC Vice-Chairman	City of Falls Church
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>
Dale Medearis	<i>Senior Environmental Planner</i>
Julia Philpott	<i>NVRC SolSmart Advisor</i>

OTHERS PRESENT

Susan Hafeli	<i>VEPGA</i>
Wayne Korrer	<i>Fairfax County/CAPUDCD</i>
Paul Liberty	<i>George Mason University</i>
John Morrill	<i>Arlington Initiative to Rethink Energy (AIRE)</i>
Robert Ritter	<i>Town of Dumfries</i>
Sue Rowland	<i>Go Virginia</i>
Thomas Davis Rust	<i>Go Virginia</i>
Peter Shogren	<i>Fairfax County Energy Management</i>
Ellen Volo	<i>Fairfax County Government Relations</i>

- CALL TO ORDER** Chairman DiRocco 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.
- GO VIRGINIA UPDATE** Mr. Rust, who is on the regional Go Virginia council, updated the Commissioners on the Go Virginia matter.
- A Growth and Diversification Plan for Northern Virginia is to be adopted in August 2017. Projects need a 50/50 match from non-state sources – cash or in-kind. Local governments must participate and will receive a letter from the chairman of the regional Go Virginia council making the local governments aware of this and requesting financial help.
- DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS** NVRC’s role past, present and future on the issue of energy was the discussion point of this meeting.
- NVRC received presentations from local staff on the success of their programs to implement LED lighting in their communities. Additionally, the Commissioners heard from the Chairman of the Virginia Energy Purchasing Governmental Association (VEPGA), which negotiates with Dominion Power the various rate schedules for local governments.
- John Morrill, Energy Manager, Arlington Initiative to Rethink Energy (AIRE)
 - Peter Shogren, Assistant Director of Energy Management, Fairfax County
 - Susan Hafeli, Chairman, VEPGA
- Mr. Lazaro added that Dominion Energy has requested to meet with the Commission in the Fall to update Commissioners on their plans.
- ACTION ITEMS** Commissioner Olem moved approval of the Resolution No. P18-01 – Authorizing the Executive Director to submit and sign an agreement with AARP. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Foreman and carried unanimously.
- Background: NVRC has been invited to submit a grant application for an AARP Community Challenge Grant for pedestrian safety.
- Commissioner Bulova moved approval of the Resolution No. P18-02 – Authorizing the Executive Director to sign an agreement to provide administrative support to the Go Virginia Northern Virginia Regional Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Olem and carried. Commissioner Nohe and Chairman DiRocco abstained.
- Background: NVRC was notified it was awarded the contract via a competitive RFP process to provide administrative support to the Go Virginia Northern Virginia Regional Council. The resolution authorizes the Executive Director to sign the agreement on behalf of NVRC.
- Commissioner Pepper moved approval of the Resolution No. P18-03 – Making an appointment to the Health System Agency for Northern Virginia. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Olem and carried unanimously.

Background: NVRC appoints several members to the Board of Directors of the Health System Agency for Northern Virginia. There is a vacancy that has occurred that must be filled by a representative of the Northern Virginia Area Network on Aging (NVAN). It is the recommendation to appoint Terri Lynch as the representative for NVAN to the HSA. Ms. Lynch serves as the Director of Aging and Adult Services for the City of Alexandria. There will be several more recommendations for appointments at our September meeting.

Commissioner Olem moved approval of the Resolution No. P18-04 – 40th Anniversary of employment at the Commission – Linda M. Tenney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pepper and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

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

- Electrify America
 - NVRC staff attended a briefing by the senior leadership of Electrify America regarding their first installation of EV charging infrastructure in the region. It is their goal to have 25 locations installed and operational within the next 30 months.
 - Several existing stations in the region have already been upgraded under this plan.
- Air India Direct Service to Dulles
 - Air India launched non-stop service from New Delhi to Dulles International Airport. The three-times a week service is anticipated to carry 30,000 passengers annually and have an economic impact of \$30 million.
 - Discussions are already taking place to extend the service to 7 days a week. This is the 33rd world capitol served direct from Dulles.
- Four Mile Run Update
- Leesylvania Shoreline Restoration Project
 - It has been nearly a year since NVRC and our partners undertook the shoreline restoration project at Leesylvania State Park. The grasses are growing in well and other sections will be replanted where the plants died or were eaten by wildlife.
- Solariza NoVA Challenge
 - Congratulations to the City of Falls Church for winning the Solarize NoVA challenge for the Spring campaign!
 - Over the last three years the challenge has been won by each of the participants: Town of Vienna, City of Fairfax and the City of Falls Church.
 - As of July 24, 33 contracts for 295.8 kW of solar projects with a value of \$829,203 have been signed as part of the Solarize NoVA Spring campaign.

- Overall, Solarize has resulted in 1.248 MW of new solar with construction value of more than \$4 million.
- Community/Military Partnership
 - NVRC hosted a well attended partnership meeting regarding cyber, workforce readiness and potential curriculum changes needed at the local public school division level. A multi-jurisdiction, public/private work group is going to be put together to take steps to undertake several recommendations.
- Trail Tour in Prince William County
 - NVRC coordinated a trail alignment tour that was attended by 29 state and local trails, economic development, planning staff, local media, and businesses with interests in promoting and developing recreational resources. Department of Conservation and Recreation staff noted according to a recent VCU study of a similar James River trail in Richmond, there is a 60x return on trail investment, and outdoor trails ranks higher as an attraction than any museums.
- Welcome Julia Philpott – SolSmart Advisor
 - NVRC is pleased to have been awarded a SolSmart advisor – Julia Philpott. Julia will initially be working with the Cities of Alexandria and Fairfax and Arlington County.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Chairman DiRocco thanked Commissioners for their participation during the FY 2017.

MINUTES Commissioner Bulova moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of June 22, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Olem and carried. Commissioner Garvey and Commissioner Foreman abstained.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director

Approved by:

Laurie A. DiRocco
Chairman