

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, January 22, 2009

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

Hon. Sharon Bulova	County of Fairfax
Hon. Joan Cross	City of Fairfax
Hon. Steve DeBenedittis	Town of Herndon
Hon. Barbara A. Favola	County of Arlington
Hon. John Foust	County of Fairfax
Hon. Penelope A. Gross	County of Fairfax
Hon. Pat Herrity	County of Fairfax
Hon. Catherine Hudgins	County of Fairfax
Hon. Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.	Town of Purcellville
Hon. Dan Maller for Hon. Harold Lippman	City of Falls Church
Hon. Michael C. May	County of Prince William
Hon. Stevens Miller	County of Loudoun
Hon. Suhas Naddoni	City of Manassas Park
Hon. Martin E. Nohe, NVRC Vice Chairman	County of Prince William
Hon. Harry J. Parrish II, NVRC Chairman	City of Manassas
Hon. Redella S. Pepper, <i>NVRC Treasurer</i>	City of Alexandria
Hon. Frank J. Principi	County of Prince William
Hon. M. Jane Seeman	Town of Vienna
Hon. Paul C. Smedberg	City of Alexandria
Hon. Linda Smyth	County of Fairfax
Hon. J. Walter Tejada	County of Arlington
Hon. Kristen C. Umstattd	Town of Leesburg
Hon. Clyde N. Washington, Jr.	Town of Dumfries
Hon. Scott K. York	County of Loudoun
vacancy	County of Fairfax

STAFF PRESENT

G. Mark Gibb	<i>Executive Director</i>
Linda M. Tenney	<i>Deputy Director</i>
Linda Summerall	<i>Executive Secretary</i>
Ken Billingsley	<i>Director, Information & Demographic Services</i>
Laura Grape	<i>Coastal Resources Program Manager</i>
Barbara Gordon	<i>Communications Director</i>
Paul Maltagliati	<i>loaned staff, Fairfax County</i>
Dale Medearis	<i>Senior Regional Planner</i>
David Schwengel	<i>Director, Regional Emergency Preparedness Planning</i>
Michelle Simmons	<i>Director, Human Services</i>
Debbie Spiliotopoulos	<i>Solid Waste Program Manager</i>
Aimee Vosper	<i>Director, Planning & Environmental Services</i>

GUESTS

Anna Bentley	<i>HNTB Corporation</i>
Joe Clemens, AICP	<i>Senior Planner, HNTB Corporation</i>
Jane Dembner, AICP	<i>Associate Vice President, HNTB Corporation</i>
Ian N. Kremer, Esq.	<i>Chief Communications & Outreach Officer, Alzheimer's Association</i>
Tammy Reardon	<i>Corporate Assistance Director, Alzheimer's Association</i>
Anthony Sudler	<i>President & CEO, Alzheimer's Association</i>
Sue Rowland	<i>NVRC Legislative Liaison; SR Consulting, Inc.</i>
Hon. Charlie Waddell	<i>Herndon Town Council</i>

CALL TO ORDER Vice Chairman Parrish called the meeting to order at 7:37 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.

Vice Chairman Parrish welcomed new members: Clyde Washington, Town of Dumfries; Suhas Naddoni, City of Manassas Park; Stevens Miller, Loudoun County; and Dan Maller, alternate for Hal Lippman, City of Falls Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Commissioner Umstadd moved approval of the minutes of the October 23, 2008, meeting of the Commission. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Nohe moved approval of the minutes of the December 17, 2008, meeting of the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded and carried, with Commissioner Naddoni and Mr. Maller abstaining.

PRESENTATIONS

ATLAS PHASE II RECOMMENDATIONS (Alternative Transportation and Land Use Study)

Jane Dembner HNTB Corporation was hired by VDOT to work with NVRC and the local jurisdictions' planning directors to review and recommend land use, climate change and transportation coordination best practices for Northern Virginia.

The study highlights reduced travel time; reduced vehicle miles traveled; mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions; and promotion of sustainable energy use practices.

Ms. Dembner reported that buildings and transportation account for 70% of the region's energy use, adding that density matters when trying to reduce vehicle miles traveled.

The study looked at other metropolitan regions' strategies for applicability to Northern Virginia:

- Helsinki's Climate Strategy 2030
- Denver-Boulder Mile High Compact (inter-governmental agreements)
- Chicago; Portland, Oregon; Los Angeles County (transit-oriented planning and development)
- San Antonio's Unified Development Code; Portland, Oregon's Infill Design Project (mixed-use re-development and infill housing)
- Charlotte (multi-modal planning, now called "complete streets")

Immediate and on-going priorities are those that can be implemented today, under current jurisdictional and legislative powers. In many cases, these strategies are already being tested and used in Northern Virginia. The ATLAS study recommends continuing and advancing these activities.

- Coordinated transit-oriented planning and development across jurisdictions. Create a regional, funded program that promotes and standardizes TOD planning.
- Mixed-use redevelopment and infill housing. Create model housing infill templates and infill zoning overlay district language to be customized and implemented locally.
- Complete streets. Promote complete streets and work with local jurisdictions to facilitate the adoption of complete streets guidelines.

Short-term and on-going priorities are those that go beyond what is already in place or in progress but expected to be completed within the next three to four years. These priorities,

however, are already being discussed and considered as solutions for Northern Virginia and could be implemented in the short-term. The study recommends continued conversations, development of specific programs and timelines, and tracking of progress of these priorities.

- Regional climate action plan. Create a regional energy and climate change action plan that sets greenhouse gas emissions benchmarks as well as energy efficiency and renewable energy targets.

- Regional compact. Develop a regional growth plan and facilitate a compact in Northern Virginia.

ADDRESSING THE IMPACT OF ALZHEIMER'S ON THE LOCAL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE WORKFORCE

Ian Kremer

Currently, 500,000 people in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan region are impacted on a daily basis by Alzheimer's and related disorders. Over 80,000 people have been diagnosed with the disease; 160,000 are their direct family caregivers. Those caregivers are not paid and do not receive "time off" to give care. The average caregiver for a person with Alzheimer's loses 23 days a year. Alzheimer's costs U.S. businesses approximately \$61 billion per year; next year, it is expected to be closer to \$90 billion.

The Alzheimer's Association wants to help keep people in their jobs, both employees with early-stage diagnoses and employees who are caregivers. Mr. Kremer discussed the Alzheimer's Association corporate assistance program, and asked the Commissioners for their assistance in spreading the word to their jurisdictions' human resources directors and business communities.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Financial Reports for November and December 2008

Commissioner Umstattd moved approval of the financial reports. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

B. Resolution No. P09-13: Authorization for the Executive Director to Apply for a Grant from the Virginia Productivity Incentive Fund

Commissioner Umstattd moved adoption of Resolution No. P09-13. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gibb distributed a copy of his report and reviewed updates on

- Inauguration Planning
- Federal Stimulus Package Concern, including a letter from the Arlington County Manager to Rep. Moran regarding non-supplanting rules and passing stimulus aid through states, and a letter from Senators Webb and Warner to the heads of the Senate Finance and the Senate Appropriations committees regarding economic stimulus legislation.
- Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST) Charrette
- Protection of Headwaters
- Community Energy Planning Workshop
- Sustainable Shorelines
- Waste Board Annual Survey Highlights
- BRAC Impacts
- NVRC Delegation to Germany

Responding to Commissioner Foust's inquiry about the expansion of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST) charrette's scope from Seneca Park to now include the PHNST to Riverbend Park, Mr. Gibb assured him the scope will be refined.

Commissioner Gross raised the issue of public trust regarding single stream recycling, suggesting better PR is needed.

Commissioner Nohe raised the issue that the federal economic stimulus bill language restricts transportation funding to code-defined economically disadvantaged areas: Northern Virginia does not meet that criteria. Ms. Rowland assured the members that their local legislative staff are aware of this and are working with Congressional staff and leaders. Commissioner Favola moved that the Commission write to its Congressional Delegation supporting the points in the Arlington County Manager's letter to Rep. Moran, which they had before them. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Vice Chairman Parrish announced that the Commission will hold a brief meeting in Richmond on February 5 in conjunction with VML/VACo Lobby Day.

Ellen Bozman, former two-term NVRC Chairman and Arlington County Board member, passed away earlier this month.

Delegate Al Eisenberg has announced he will not run for re-election.

Vice Chairman Parrish reported he met with NVRC's senior staff prior to the Commission meeting for a program briefing.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Umstatted recalled for the members that the office of chairman is vacant, due to Commissioner Connolly's resignation with the assumption of a Congressional seat. The Nominating Committee met and recommends that the current officers move up, leaving the office of treasurer to be filled.

The Nominating Committee recommends the slate of officers:

Chairman	Harry J. Parrish II	(City of Manassas)
Vice Chairman	Martin E. Nohe	(Prince William County)
Treasurer	Redella S. "Del" Pepper	(City of Alexandria)

Vice Chairman Parrish called for nominations from the floor; there were none.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Umstatted moved election of the slate of officers. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Rowland, NVRC's Legislative Liaison, pointed out the new NVRC legislative folders included in the meeting package, adding that the Delegation members expressed appreciation for the inclusion of photos of the Commissioners as well as the photo page of Delegation members who are former members of NVRC.

To date, 2,000 bills have been introduced; January 23 is the last day for bills to be introduced.

The Governor's budget includes a reduction of funding for planning district commissions. There are no budget amendments for further reductions.

The two chambers disagree on the size of Virginia's deficit. Ms. Rowland added that the general thinking is that the effect of the federal economic stimulus package will be unknown by the conclusion of the General Assembly session.

Commissioner Smyth noted that the state has taken away transportation funding for projects already underway in the hopes that that funding will be replaced by federal economic stimulus funds. Ms. Rowland confirmed that this will not be known by the end of February when the General Assembly adjourns. The General Assembly can reconvene in a special session if they choose.

Commissioner Favola moved that the Commission support a 30¢ increase in the cigarette tax, via a letter to the Northern Virginia Delegation, adding that it costs the state approximately \$400 million per year to treat smoking-related illnesses. The motion was seconded and carried, with Commissioners Nohe and DeBenedittis opposed.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, Chairman Parrish adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director

Approved by:

Harry J. Parrish II
Chairman