

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, February 9, 2006

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those present are highlighted)

Commissioner Hilda M. Barg	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Commissioner Melvin Bray	<i>Town of Dumfries</i>
Commissioner Sharon Bulova	County of Fairfax
Commissioner Gerald E. Connolly, NVRC Vice Chairman	County of Fairfax
Commissioner W. S. Covington, III	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Commissioner Joan Cross	<i>City of Fairfax</i>
Commissioner William T. Druhan, Jr.	<i>Town of Purcellville</i>
Commissioner Joan DuBois	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Commissioner Barbara A. Favola, NVRC Chairman	County of Arlington
Commissioner Robin Gardner	<i>City of Falls Church</i>
Commissioner Penelope A. Gross	County of Fairfax
Commissioner Catherine Hudgins	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Commissioner Elaine N. McConnell	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Commissioner Martin E. Nohe	County of Prince William
Commissioner Michael O'Reilly	<i>Town of Herndon</i>
Commissioner Harry J. Parrish, II, NVRC Treasurer	City of Manassas
Commissioner Redella S. Pepper	City of Alexandria
Commissioner Bryan Polk	<i>City of Manassas Park</i>
Commissioner M. Jane Seeman	Town of Vienna
Commissioner Paul C. Smedberg	City of Alexandria
Commissioner Linda Smyth	County of Fairfax
Commissioner Stephen Snow	<i>County of Loudoun</i>
Commissioner J. Walter Tejada	<i>County of Arlington</i>
Hon. Scott York for Commissioner Bruce E. Tulloch	County of Loudoun
Commissioner Kristen C. Umstatt	<i>Town of Leesburg</i>

STAFF PRESENT

G. Mark Gibb	<i>Executive Director</i>
Linda M. Tenney	<i>Deputy Director</i>
Linda Summerall	<i>Executive Secretary</i>
Kenneth Billingsley	<i>Director, Demographics</i>
Barbara Gordon	<i>Communications Director</i>
Doug Pickford	<i>Director, Environmental and Heritage Resources</i>
James Van Zee	<i>Director, Regional Planning Services</i>

GUESTS PRESENT

Hon. Thomas Davis Rust	<i>Virginia House of Delegates</i>
Hon. James Scott	<i>Virginia House of Delegates</i>
Sue Rowland	<i>Principal, SR Consulting</i>
Hon. Jane Woods	<i>Legislative Consultant</i>

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Favola called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION

NO. P06-15:

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS AND SIGN A CONTRACT FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE HUNTER MILL ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY

Mr. Gibb reported that last week, a panel composed of a representative from VDOT, a representative from the Hunter Mill Road Committee, Mr. Van Zee and himself interviewed three traffic consulting firms. The panel agreed to

Commissioner Pepper moved adoption of Resolution No. P06-15. The motion was seconded. At Commissioner Smyth's suggestion, the Commissioners agreed to add the phrase "and to execute said contract" in the resolved clause of the resolution. The resolution as amended carried unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN'S
REPORT**

Chairman Favola announced that the Commission will not meet on February 23 as previously scheduled, since so many members are planning on attending the Potomac Conference that evening.

**LEGISLATIVE
BRIEFING**

Ms. Rowland distributed a list of the Northern Virginia Delegation sorted by jurisdiction and funding committee. She also distributed a comparison of the House, Senate and Governor's transportation plans and related bills, pointing out that the House Republicans' transportation plan will be announced on February 10.

Del. Tom Rust

Delegate Rust reported that he introduced HB 1555 on transportation. It includes the transportation lock box language. Del. Lingamfelter's amendment would not count the \$50 million per year for Metro as part of the state's contribution. HB 1555 would raise \$468 million for transportation. Del. Rust reviewed the bill's components, adding that a substitute bill stripped most of the funding, leaving \$80 million.

Del. Rust urged the Commissioners to lobby the leadership to let them know that transportation is a critical issue to residents living in Northern Virginia.

The Commissioner thanked Del. Rust for his transportation bill.

Del. James Scott

Delegate Scott referred to two House bills for an additional 0.25% sales and tax use in the Metro transit compact jurisdictions.

He also reported on the are several proposals to restore part of the Housing Trust Fund. The Governor's budget includes \$2.5 million. Senator Whipple and Del. Scott have introduced companion bills providing \$3 million/year and Del. Suit has introduced a bill for \$10 million.

**OTHER
BUSINESS**

Ms. Rowland introduced Jane Woods, who will be working with her on some legislative issues. Ms. Woods served as Governor Warner's Secretary of Health and Human Resources; she is also a former member of the House of Delegates.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Favola adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director

Approved by:

Barbara A. Favola
Chairman