

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION**

**Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, December 11, 2003**

**COMMISSIONERS**

(The names of those present are highlighted)

**Commissioner Hilda M. Barg**  
**Commissioner Johnine P. Barnes**  
**Commissioner Charles J. Billand**  
**Commissioner Albert J. Boudreau**  
Commissioner Melvin Bray  
**Commissioner Sharon Bulova**  
Commissioner James C. Chesley  
**Commissioner Gerald E. Connolly**  
**Commissioner Joan Cross**  
Commissioner Anna F. Dixon  
**Nicholas Pelchar** for Commissioner William T. Druhan, Jr.  
**Commissioner Albert C. Eisenberg**  
**Commissioner Barbara A. Favola, NVRC Treasurer**  
**Commissioner Jay Fisette**  
Commissioner Robin Gardner  
**Commissioner Robert C. Goessman**  
**Commissioner Brenda Z. Greene**  
**Commissioner Penelope A. Gross**  
**Commissioner Katherine K. Hanley**  
Commissioner Mark R. Herring  
**Commissioner Edgar B. Holley**  
**Commissioner Catherine Hudgins**  
Commissioner John D. Jenkins  
Commissioner David Kirkpatrick, Jr.  
**Commissioner Lyman Krekel**  
**Commissioner D. Patrick Lewis**  
Commissioner Jesse Ludvigsen  
Commissioner Elaine N. McConnell  
Commissioner Stuart Mendelsohn  
Commissioner Natalie Mosher  
**Commissioner Michael O'Reilly**  
**Commissioner Sally B. Ormsby**  
**Commissioner Harry J. Parrish, II**  
**Commissioner Redella S. Pepper**  
**Commissioner Lilla D. Richards**  
**Commissioner Paul C. Smedberg**  
**Commissioner J. Walter Tejada**  
**Commissioner Kristen C. Umstattd, NVRC Vice Chairman**  
Commissioner Don White  
Commissioner Edgar S. Wilbourn, III  
Commissioner William R. Wren  
**Commissioner Scott K. York, NVRC Chairman**

**County of Prince William**  
**County of Fairfax**  
**County of Loudoun**  
**Town of Vienna**  
*Town of Dumfries*  
**County of Fairfax**  
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*County of Fairfax*  
**Town of Purcellville**  
**County of Arlington**  
**County of Arlington**  
**County of Arlington**  
*City of Falls Church*  
**City of Manassas**  
**County of Fairfax**  
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*County of Loudoun*  
**County of Prince William**  
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**City of Falls Church**  
**County of Fairfax**  
*City of Manassas Park*  
*County of Fairfax*  
*County of Fairfax*  
*City of Alexandria*  
**Town of Herndon**  
**County of Fairfax**  
**City of Manassas**  
**City of Alexandria**  
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**City of Alexandria**  
**County of Arlington**  
**Town of Leesburg**  
*County of Prince William*  
*County of Prince William*  
*City of Manassas Park*  
**County of Loudoun**

**STAFF PRESENT**

G. Mark Gibb  
Linda M. Tenney  
Linda Summerall  
Normand Goulet  
Doug Pickford  
Michelle Simmons  
James Van Zee

*Executive Director*  
*Deputy Director*  
*Executive Secretary*  
*Sr. Environmental Planner/Information Systems Mgmt. Analyst*  
*Director, Environmental and Heritage Resources*  
*Director, Human Services*  
*Director, Regional Planning Services*

**GUEST PRESENT**

Sue Rowland

*SR Consulting*

CALL TO ORDER Chairman York called the meeting to order at 8:07 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.

MINUTES The minutes of the September 25, 2003, meeting of the Commission were moved, seconded and carried as written.

CONSENT AGENDA Commissioner Connolly moved the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded. Commissioner Hudgins reported that the Human and Community Services Committee wished to consider Resolution No. P04-10 at a future meeting and bring it back to the Commission. Commissioner Connolly amended his motion to consist of the items outlined below. That motion was moved, seconded and unanimously carried.

- A. Financial Reports for August, September and October 2003
- B. Resolution No. P04-06: FY 2003 Audited Statements
- C. Resolution No. P04-07: Authorization to Apply for, Receive, and Subcontract Year 14/2004-2005 Title I Funds Under the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS resources Emergency (CARE) Act of 1990, as Amended, For Services to Persons Living with HIV/AIDS
- D. Resolution No. P04-08: Authorization to Apply for, Receive, and Subcontract Year 14/2004-2005 Title II Funds Under the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS resources Emergency (CARE) Act of 1990, as Amended, For Services to Persons Living with HIV/AIDS
- E. Resolution No. P04-09: Authorization to Apply for, Accept, and Subcontract Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Year 13/FY 2005 in Suburban Virginia
- G. Resolution No. P04-12: Consent Resolution Amending and Re-establishing Cafeteria Plan

RESOLUTION  
NO. P04-11

ADOPTION AND TRANSMITTAL OF THE NVRC 2004 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Commissioner Connolly, Legislative Committee Chair, noted the priority position on "Restructuring of State and Local Government Tax Authorities." Commissioner Connolly briefly reviewed the positions.

Two additional position statements were distributed. The Human and Community Services Committee submitted a statement on "In-State Tuition." After discussion, it was agreed to drop the word "alien" when describing undocumented students in the school system. The other statement pertained to "The Virginia Recycling Markets Development Council." Ms. Rowland explained that the Northern Virginia Waste Management board has requested NVRC's support for this item.

Commissioner Connolly moved adoption of the 2004 Legislative Platform as modified by the addition of the two above-referenced position statements. The motion was seconded and the floor opened to discussion.

A few minor changes were made to some of the statements. Resolution No. P04-11 was adopted unanimously.

RESOLUTION  
NO. P04-10

FY 2005 BUDGET POLICY

Commissioner Favola, Operations Committee Chair, reported on the Commission's tight budget constraints, noting the dramatic decline in State contributions for planning district commissions over the years. The Commission's reserves are depleted and staff has been reduced by 20 percent over the past three years.

The Operations Committee proposes a three-year phased in dues increase of 18¢ at 6¢ per year. For Fiscal Year 2005, the additional 6¢ per capita dues rate would provide \$40,000 for the reserves, approximately \$20,000 for a consultant to establish a 501(c)(3) to accept grants, and the remainder for personnel funding. Further, an additional 3¢ per capita dues rate would be sought to staff the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.

Commissioner Ormsby called the members' attention to the chart included in the meeting package, noting how low NVRC's per capita dues rate is compared to the other PDCs.

Commissioner Favola moved adoption of Resolution No. P04-10. The motion was seconded and the floor opened to discussion.

Commissioner Hanley commented that the additional 3¢ per capita dues increase to support NVTA was not fair to the towns, since they are not represented on that body.

Commissioner Connolly stated that he does not want to commit to a dues increase until Fairfax County's budget is set in the spring.

Commissioner Billand suggested looking at charging for Commission services and products and was assured this is already being done.

Commissioner Bulova pointed out that this is a budget request, and the jurisdictions need this information to compile their own budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. Commissioner Favola noted that several areas have already been impacted by budget constraints, such as solid waste, GIS, and the Chesapeake Bay Program.

Chairman York stated that NVRC is worthwhile for all the jurisdictions and the members need to support the organization.

The motion carried with Commissioner Connolly voting against and Commissioner Hanley abstaining.

Commissioner Favola thanked the staff for their work in preparing the documentation.

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman York reported that four members were going off the Commission. He presented Commissioner Hanley with a certificate of appreciation for her 16 years of service. Commissioner Hanley thanked the members. She noted that regionalism is hard work but the relationships developed from it are invaluable.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, Chairman York adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

G. Mark Gibb  
Executive Director

Scott K. York  
Chairman