

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, October 28, 2010

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

Hon. Sharon Bulova	County of Fairfax
Hon. John C. Cook	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. Robin Gardner	City of Falls Church
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. Michael C. May	County of Prince William
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, NVRC Treasurer	City of Alexandria
Hon. Frank J. Principi	County of Prince William
Hon. Kenneth "Ken" Reid	Town of Leesburg
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. Nancy West	Town of Dumfries
Hon. Scott K. York	County of Loudoun

STAFF PRESENT

G. Mark Gibb	Executive Director
Linda M. Tenney	Deputy Director
Linda Summerall	Executive Secretary
Normand Goulet	Sr. Environmental Planner
David Schwengel	Director, Regional Emergency Preparedness Planning
Debbie Spiliotopoulos	Sr. Environmental Planner
Peggy Tadej	No. Va. Regional BRAC Coordinator
Aimee Vosper	Director, Environmental & Planning Services

OTHERS PRESENT

Catherine Baker	Quantico Growth Management Committee
Bruce Bennett	Hunter Mill Defense League
Kate Boyle	Fairfax Co. Legislative Services
Mark G. Canale	Fairfax Co. BRAC Coordinator
Smitha Chellappa	Fairfax Co. Dept. of Transportation
Gerald R. Cichy	Maryland Transit Administration
Cyrena Eitler	Project Manager, OSD, Office of Economic Adjustment
Michael Felschow	Washington Headquarters Services, Business Performance Office
Rainer Gessler	Vice President, Verband Region Stuttgart, Germany
Brenda Z. Greene	resident, Fairfax County
David Grover	City of Alexandria BRAC Coordinator
Thomas Kiwitt	Verband Region Stuttgart, Germany
Jatinder Singh Khokhar	Dir., Community Development & Planning, Town of Dumfries
Andrea Morris	Arlington Co. BRAC Coordinator
David Moss	Prince William Co. BRAC Coordinator
Bradley Provancha	Deputy Dir., Washington Headquarters Services, Defense Facilities Directorate
Sue Rowland	NVRC Legislative Liaison; SR Consulting, Inc.
Alexandra Rosas	Washington Headquarters Services, Business Performance Office
Tom Rumora	Quantico Growth Management Committee

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Parrish called the meeting to order at 7:38 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Commissioner Favola moved approval of the minutes of the Commission's September 23 meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

RECOGNITION OF BRENDA GREENE Chairman Parrish welcomed Brenda Z. Greene back to the Commission, noting that Ms. Greene had served over 22 years on what was then the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission as a citizen representative for Fairfax County; she also chaired the Human & Community Services Committee for several years.

In 2004, the Commission appointed Ms. Greene to serve as a consumer representative on the Board of Directors of the Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia.

Northern Virginia hospital and nursing home facilities, many of which were built in the '60s and '70s, reached the end of their useful lives in the late '90s and early 2000s. Ms. Greene and her fellow HSANV board members participated in health planning activities that involved the rebuilding and modernization of most of the region's hospital infrastructure. This era saw the move away from primarily inpatient services to more focus on outpatient health care, and featured a doubling in the size and efficiency of emergency departments throughout Northern Virginia.

Also during Ms. Greene's six-year tenure on the board, rulings around proposed hospital mergers led to entry into Northern Virginia by two nonprofit hospital systems not previously present in the region — Sentara, from Norfolk, assumed Potomac Hospital, and Novant, from North Carolina, assumed Prince William Hospital.

Chairman Parrish presented Ms. Greene with Resolution No. P11-12. Commissioner York moved adoption of the resolution; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Greene thanked the Commissioners, adding that she enjoyed serving on the HSA's Board of Directors. She noted that the Health Systems Agencies are critical in regional health planning yet the state is de-funding them.

Commissioner Bulova called Ms. Greene the "epitome of the citizen representative" who did an outstanding job of serving on the Commission. Commissioner Gross concurred.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA BRAC UPDATE

Chairman Parrish welcomed the speakers:

- **Col. Mark Moffatt** is the Deputy Garrison Commander for BRAC at Ft. Belvoir. His 26-year military career began when he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers upon college graduation. Col. Moffatt's career reflects a variety of command and staff assignments throughout the U.S. and the world. He is currently working on his fourth year at Ft. Belvoir coordinating the installation and construction challenges associated with the \$4 billion of ongoing construction under BRAC 2005.

- **John Rosewarne** has served as the Director, Business Performance Office and BRAC Coordinator at Marine Corps Base Quantico since 2001. His office is responsible for the Continuous Process Improvement Program; Regional Planning; and Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). Mr. Rosewarne served in the Marine Corps for 30 years as an

infantry officer and held numerous command assignments, including during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

- **Paul McMahon** is the BRAC Director, Washington Headquarters Service, Defense Facilities Directorate, where he is responsible for execution of all aspects of the program to move approximately 6,400 people in the D.C. area to the military's new facility at the Mark Center in Alexandria. He has held this position since August 2009. Mr. McMahon spent 27 years as a civil engineer corps officer in the U.S. Navy, serving stateside and abroad. After retiring, he served as Vice President of Operations for the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey; Operations Director for Kellogg, Brown and Root; and Capitol Projects Administrator for the Architect of the Capitol.

Col. Mark Moffatt

The four billion dollars worth of BRAC-related construction, building renovation and infrastructure improvements at Ft. Belvoir began in late 2006 and is mandated by Congress for completion by September 15, 2011. Included is a new hospital approximately five times as large as the existing 52-year old hospital; it will have 120 beds and opens mid-August 2011. A wounded warrior center, a new dental facility, medical command quarters, and the Missile Defense Agency headquarters are also being built. Construction is also underway at the former "proving grounds" for the relocation of the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, which will have its own police and fire center and child care center. Additionally, when construction of the defense buildings is complete at the Mark Center it will come under the Ft. Belvoir command.

Paul McMahon

Defense offices located in Crystal City and Rosslyn will move into the Mark Center. DoD's Washington Headquarters Services (WHS) developed a transportation management plan to promote more efficient employee commuting patterns, with the goal of reducing employee Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) trips by 40 percent. DoD will run shuttle buses serving the Mark Center from five locations in Northern Virginia, as well as from the Pentagon. The bus routes have been tested using Alexandria's DASH buses and drivers.

A Transportation Management Office has been established, along with a transportation coordinator, to manage, operate and maintain the shuttle bus system; pre-relocation employee outreach; public transit program; rideshare program; variable work hour/flex time; bicycle and pedestrian program; and monitoring and evaluation. Additionally, short and mid-term transportation improvements are being made at seven locations surrounding the Mark Center. Washington Headquarters Services is coordinating with numerous transportation providers.

John Rosewarne

The military defense investigative agencies will re-locate to Marine Corps Base Quantico. The building is scheduled for completion this December, then three months for IT setup, with relocation of 2,767 employees into the building between April-August 2011. The facility will be located on the west side of the base and includes local road widening and improvements to I-95 at exit 148 interchange.

A Quantico Growth Management Committee has been established and has spent the last five years working mainly on transportation issues with Prince William and Stafford counties. Post-BRAC, the military wants to keep working with the local governments on regional planning issues.

questions & answers

Commissioner Bulova commented on the need to work cooperatively to address transportation for the Mark Center. Mr. Rosewarne confirmed that the DoD shuttles are free. Commissioner Gross expressed concern for traffic that will go through her district, noting that the Little River Turnpike/ Beaufort intersection is already very congested, and suggested looking at alternative routing for the shuttles. Bradley Provanca, Deputy Director, Washington Headquarters Services, Defense Facilities Directorate, thanked her for pointing that out, adding that the military is committed to making this work. Addressing Commissioner Favola's inquiry, Mr. Rosewarne said WHS is working with local elected officials on expanding the Seminary Road interchange on I-395.

Commissioner Pepper asked about fire and police services for the Mark Center facility. Mr. Provancha is working with the City of Alexandria on a cooperative agreement.

At Commissioner Gardner's suggestion, Mr. Rosewarne said he will contact the City of Falls Church regarding shuttle service from the West Falls Church Metro station.

Commissioner Principi asked if the military has looked at the feasibility of using a commuter ferry for the Mark Center, which is about four miles from the Potomac, and was told only current commuting patterns have been studied. If the ferry turns out to be a viable commuting pattern the military will look at it.

Chairman Parrish asked the numerous BRAC Coordinators in attendance to introduce themselves.

Commissioner Tejada urged the military to continue working with the local governments to address both emergency and non-emergency issues.

Commissioner Favola urged the commands to become involved with NVRC and other regional agencies.

[Commissioner York left the meeting.]

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Parrish introduced and welcomed two guests from the Verband Region Stuttgart, NVRC's sister regional council in Germany: Rainer Gessler, the Verband's Vice President, and Thomas Kiwitt. They are guests of the German Embassy and in town for NVRC's Northern Virginia Regional Energy Summit, at which Mr. Gessler is one of the speakers.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gibb distributed a copy of his report, which included information/updates on:

- Chesapeake Bay TMDL
- Northern Virginia Regional Energy Summit
- Ferry Summit
- Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail
- Clean Water Partners Essay Award Winner
- Rain Garden Workshop
- NoVa Outside
- Northern Virginia Tidal Shoreline Situation Report

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial reports for July 2010 were distributed. Commissioner Lazaro moved acceptance. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. P11-13

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR RESEARCH GRANT FROM IBM FOUNDATION

Commissioner Lazaro moved adoption of Resolution No. P11-13. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Pepper, Chairman of the Operations Committee, reported the committee met prior to the Commission meeting and recommends adoption of the FY12 Preliminary Budget. The member per capita contribution rate remains unchanged, and there are no raises or cost of living adjustment for staff.

Commissioner Bulova moved adoption of Resolution No. P11-14. The motion was seconded.

Commissioner Bulova raised the issue of the Executive Director's contract renewal, with Commissioner Gross stating that the Executive Director is supposed to receive an annual performance appraisal. Mr. Gibb added that last year, his contract had been extended for one year. It was agreed that Commissioner Gross will take the lead on this issue, working with the Chairman and members of the Operations Committee.

Commissioner Cook stated he could not support the preliminary budget because it increases his county's dues [due to a population increase], since he voted to cut the county's FY12 budget.

Resolution No. P11-14 was adopted with one opposed.

OTHER BUSINESS • Commissioner Nohe reported that VAPDC (Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions) is working with VML and VACo to make it "VML/VACo/VAPDC" Day during the General Assembly session.

• Staff distributed a draft 2011 Legislative Platform. Commissioner Gross reported the Legislative Committee met prior to the Commission meeting and reviewed the draft platform. Positions on BPOL, K-12 education, and the Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute will be added.

Chairman Parrish requested that M&T be added with BPOL, explaining that if M&T tax is reduced, the City of Manassas will lose five percent of its school funds; coupled with a cut in BPOL, \$7.5 million will be lost from the city's revenue.

• Commissioner West introduced Jatinder Khokahar, the Town of Dumfries' new Director of Community Development & Planning.

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

Respectfully submitted:

G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director

Approved by:

Harry J. Parrish II
Chairman