



Northern Virginia Regional Commission

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION
Thursday, February 22, 2018
7:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**..... *Laurie A. DiRocco, Chairman*
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION**

Affordable Housing

The Commission will receive a presentation from Enterprise Community Partners, a non-profit corporation, working to develop affordable housing throughout the region and country. Enterprise will provide community specific shortfalls as to the lack of affordable housing in Northern Virginia and propose solutions as to how the public and private sectors can work together.

Energy Strategy Update

In 2011 the Commission approved the development of a regional energy strategy with stated objectives and goals. Dr. Dale Medearis will update the Commission on what objectives and goals have been achieved and future steps being taken by the Commission and others.

LED Street Light Update

A brief update will be provided with respect to the ongoing dialogue on the regional level with Dominion Energy regarding the availability and pricing of LED Street Lights.

4. **ADOPTION OF ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Resolution P18-23 – Authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with George Mason University

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution P18-23

- B. Resolution P18-24 – Authorizing the Executive Director to sign an agreement with the Virginia Department of Health.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution P18-24

- C. Resolution P18-25 – Authorization to apply for funding from the United States Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration (MARAD), America’s Marine Highway Program.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution P18-25

5. *ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS*

No consent agenda items.

6. *EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT*

- Activity Report
- Financial Report

7. *CHAIRMAN’S REPORT*

8. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM January 25, 2018*

9. *OTHER BUSINESS*

10. *ADJOURNMENT*

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING: March 22, 2018



Northern Virginia Regional Commission

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. P18-23

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director
DATE: February 22, 2018

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission is comprised of 13 jurisdictions representing more than 2.4 million residents;

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) has set a national precedent for its systemic research, analysis and application of technical and policy innovations concerning renewable energy, resiliency, transportation, watershed restoration, “green” buildings, and economic development policies from pioneering countries such as Germany, the Netherlands and South Korea to Northern Virginia;

WHEREAS, many countries such as Germany, the Netherlands and South Korea are global leaders and innovators in renewable energy, climate change policy research, broadband telecommunications, urban infrastructure and economic development with much to offer Northern Virginia;

WHEREAS, the NVRC’s work in this context has helped the economic, environmental and social landscape of Northern Virginia, especially the region’s storm water management policies, energy programs, and transportation policies;

WHEREAS, the NVRC and George Mason University’s research, technical and policy faculties and staff offer the ideal constellation of technical and policy analysis to assess the transferability of innovations from countries such as Germany, the Netherlands and Korea into the very unique environmental, economic and political landscape of Northern Virginia;

WHEREAS, the signing of this agreement does not dictate that public funds will be expended in pursuing the goals and objectives of the cooperative agreement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission is authorized to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with George Mason University to support the activities of this MOU.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION THAT:

The Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission is hereby authorized to sign said agreement with George Mason University.

A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN

the

Northern Virginia Regional Commission

and

George Mason University

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”), dated this _____ day of March __, 2018 (the “Effective Date”), is revised by and between the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, located at 3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax, Virginia 22031, and George Mason University (“Mason”), an educational institution, located at 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-4444. Mason and NVRC are referred to individually as “Party” and collectively as “Parties”.

In order to advance the transfer of sustainable technology and policy innovations from abroad for the betterment of Northern Virginia, NVRC and Mason hereby agree to initiate cooperation between the two Parties.

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this MOU is to formalize long-term cooperation between Mason and the NVRC to support transfers of regional sustainability policy and technical innovations from Germany, Canada, France, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Austria, Sweden, Japan, the Netherlands and South Korea to Northern Virginia.
2. **Scope:** NVRC and Mason agree to explore the possibility of collaborative endeavors that could include the following areas of applied research:
 - a) Conduct collaboration involving potential transfers of innovative urban infrastructure financing from pioneering countries such as Germany, Canada, South Korea and the Netherlands;
 - b) Identify and strengthen collaboration with appropriate regional partner organizations engaged in transferring technical and policy innovations from pioneering countries such as Germany, the Netherlands and South Korea to Northern Virginia and work to expand shared programming efforts between NVRC and Mason concerning sustainable regional planning;
 - c) Gather data, analyze, and map a Northern Virginia Climate and Energy Atlas by drawing from innovative cartographic, energy planning, ecological and climate models in pioneering countries such as Germany, the Netherlands and South Korea;
 - d) Assess the transfer and application of climate resiliency policy and technical innovations, including, but not limited to storm water modeling and coastal zone management from overseas to Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth;

- e) Map data and assess the effects of foreign trade and direct foreign investment and local economic development resulting from interactions between countries such as Germany, the Netherlands and the Northern Virginia region;
- f) Assess the transfer of energy, land-use, transportation, “green” building and operational technical and policy innovations from countries such as Germany, Canada, France, the United Kingdom the Netherlands and South Korea for possible application in the Northern Virginia region;
- g) Assess the transfer and application of innovative heat conveyance policy and technology innovations from data centers through district energy; Support and promote cross-national policy exchanges to pioneering countries to study the suitable transfer of policy and technology innovations through officials and representatives of the region’s governmental, civil society, commercial, research and educational organizations;
- h) Co-hosting international researchers, NVRC staff and/or Mason students and faculty at each of the Parties’ respective institutions within the context the programs developed under this Agreement;
- i) .

3. **Implementation:** Specific collaborations shall be the subject of separately negotiated agreements and projects. These agreements and projects shall specify the appropriate and necessary financial arrangements sufficient to support these activities, and shall be in compliance with all Mason academic policies and NVRC administration guidelines. These include policies on joint and/or dual degrees. Neither party guarantees specific funding for the activities under this MOU.

4. **Coordinators.** Each Party shall designate a coordinator to oversee and facilitate the implementation of this MOU.

Administrative Coordinator for NVRC:

Dale Medearis, PhD
 Senior Environmental Planner
 Northern Virginia Regional Commission
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 Fairfax, Virginia 22031

Administrative Coordinators for Mason:

Dann Sklarew, Ph.D. (dsklarew@gmu.edu)
 Associate Director, Potomac Environmental Research and Education Center (PEREC)
 Associate Professor, Environmental Science and Policy, and
 Coordinator of Sustainability Initiatives, Office of the Provost
 George Mason University
 4400 University Drive
 Fairfax, Virginia

5. **Future Cooperation:** Both Parties expect to continue discussions concerning possible future phases of their work together. This MOU is entirely independent of future cooperation on subsequent phases, which will be separately evaluated and shall require separate agreements.
6. **Approval:** This MOU is contingent upon the approval, if appropriate, of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools-Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC) and/or the State Council for Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV). This MOU and any supplemental agreements must comply with all Mason policies, as well as those of relevant accrediting agencies or government bodies.
7. **Term and Termination:** This MOU shall continue for three (3) years, at which time the Parties may negotiate a written renewal. Either Party may terminate this MOU without cause upon providing written notice to the other Party no later than six (6) months prior to the date of termination.
8. **General:**
 - a. **Intellectual Property:** The parties will ensure that the intellectual property rights are fully addressed and agreed upon consistent with Mason policies and existing laws and regulations, prior to the initiation of each academic collaborative activity.
 - b. **Export Control:** The Parties understand that activities under this MOU may be subject to applicable export control laws. Each Party shall be responsible for compliance with such laws.
 - c. **Entire Agreement.** This MOU constitutes the entire understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter herein, and supersedes all prior oral and written agreements.
 - d. **Publicity.** Except as specifically provided for herein, Parties shall not use, in its external advertising, marketing programs, or promotional efforts, any data, name, insignia, trademarks, pictures or other representation of the other Party or its employees except on the specific written authorization in advance by the Party. All requests for authorization must be received in writing by no later than ten (10) days in advance of the use date.
 - e. **Image.** Parties shall not take any action or inaction, which may be detrimental to the image or reputation of the Parties.
 - f. **Independent Contractors:** The relationship of the Parties to each other is solely that of independent contractors. No Party shall be considered an employee, agent, partner or fiduciary of the other except for such purposes as may be specifically enumerated herein, nor shall anything contained in this MOU be construed to create any partnership

or joint venture between the Parties. Mason does not sponsor, endorse, or make any express or implied warranties for NVRC.

- g. **Authorized Signatures:** The signatory for each Party certifies that he or she is an authorized agent to sign on behalf such Party.
- h. **Conflicts of Interest:** No employee of Mason may receive compensation from NVRC unless authorized by Mason in writing.
- i. **Sovereign Immunity:** Nothing in this agreement shall be deemed a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- j. **Notice:** Any notice required by this MOU shall be in writing and shall be deemed given when sent, postage prepaid, through the United States Postal Service by certified mail, return receipt, or when sent by internationally recognized overnight delivery service, or personally served upon the appropriate Party.

To:

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Executive Director
Northern Virginia Regional Commission
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Fairfax, Virginia 22031
Email: rlazaro@novaregion.org
Address:

, Ph.D. Date
Executive Vice President and Provost
George Mason University

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director
Northern Virginia Regional Commission

Date



Northern Virginia Regional Commission

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. P18-24

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director
DATE: February 22, 2018

AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PERFORM VARIOUS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF HIV/AIDS CARE AND PREVENTION (APRIL 1, 2018 - MARCH 31, 2019)

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) has demonstrated its commitment to facilitating the availability of services to persons living with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) since the reauthorization by Congress of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act (Treatment Extension Act) in 2009 and its predecessor legislation the Ryan White CARE Act in 1990; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) distributes Treatment Extension Act Part B funds to states and territories for the purchase of AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) benefits and other health and social services for persons living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, in Virginia the Federal Recipient of Part B funds -- the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has contracted with NVRC for the past 27 years to receive and subcontract funds for HIV services in Suburban Virginia on behalf of the Northern Virginia HIV Consortium (an unincorporated body); and

WHEREAS, HRSA is now encouraging states to move away from funding HIV services via the regional consortia model, and as such VDH has chosen to end NVRC's administrative agent role on Part B at the conclusion of the current contract period on March 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, VDH senior staff has met with NVRC staff to discuss a continuing work relationship between our agencies that leverages NVRC staff's years of experience and expertise on Ryan White HIV/AIDS issues; and

WHEREAS, the types of new tasks identified for NVRC staff that would be performed under contract to VDH are consistent with NVRC's role and mission, including: training and technical assistance, research, program development, and neutral convener; and

WHEREAS, VDH staff has indicated the source of funding for such work would include drug rebates earned as a result of Ryan White Part B activities, as well as other funds (e.g. CDC prevention awards); and

WHEREAS, VDH staff has received and is currently reviewing a budget and work plan prepared by NVRC staff that articulates a variety of proposed projects and their estimated costs (roughly equivalent to the current Part B award) that embrace these proposed new staff roles;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NVRC authorizes the Executive Director to execute such agreements and amendments with VDH as may be necessary to accomplish the new role of HIV/AIDS technical assistance for the 2018-2019 grant year;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to amend the Commission's Work Plan accordingly.



Northern Virginia Regional Commission

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. P18-25

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director
DATE: February 22, 2018

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, MARTINE ADMINISTRATION (MARAD), AMERICA'S MARINE HIGHWAY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission has been involved in the coordination of a regional response to the transportation congestion as a result of the growth experienced during the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), through development of alternative modes to single-occupancy vehicles traveling along I-95 and Route 1; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx designated the M-495 as a new Marine Highway in September, 2013; with the Occoquan, Potomac, and Anacostia Rivers making up the "M-495 Marine Highway Crossing;" and

WHEREAS, In May 2014, funding was received from the Federal Transit Administration from the Ferry Boat Program, to provide for two boats and two docks on the Potomac River, requiring, however, a National Environment Protection Agency Analysis completion prior to using the funding; and

WHEREAS, NVRC released the Final Market Analysis Report for Commuter Ferry Service on the Occoquan, Potomac, and Anacostia Rivers in June 2015, identifying corridors connecting terminals with the potential for market viability; and

WHEREAS, the Martine Administration's Marine Highways program awarded the Northern Virginia Regional Commission funding to support planning efforts focused on an Infrastructure Gap Analysis and completion of NEPA documentation for development of a new commuter ferry service on the Potomac River; and

WHEREAS, said alternatives analysis will focus on service from Woodbridge, to Joint Base Anacostia/Bolling, and then into SW/SE DC.

WHEREAS, the 2015 Potomac River Commuter Ferry Ridership Market Analysis recommended that next steps should provide development of a governance structure, and a pilot to demonstrate the operations and implementation plan; and

WHEREAS, a commuter ferry may alleviate traffic congestion on I-95 and Route 1; provide additional commuter transportation choices in lieu of the Metro; has the ability to move people out of Washington, DC, during emergency situations; is a more environmentally friendly commuter option than building more highway lanes; provides cheaper options than building a new bridge over the Potomac; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission agrees to sponsor, and authorizes the Executive Director to submit, a proposal to the USDOT, Marine Administration for up to \$500,000.00 for continued planning for a governance structure and pilot demonstration from Woodbridge to Joint Base Anacostia/Bolling and SE/SW DC.

Executive Director's Report

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Electric Vehicle/Electric Vehicle Charging Workshop



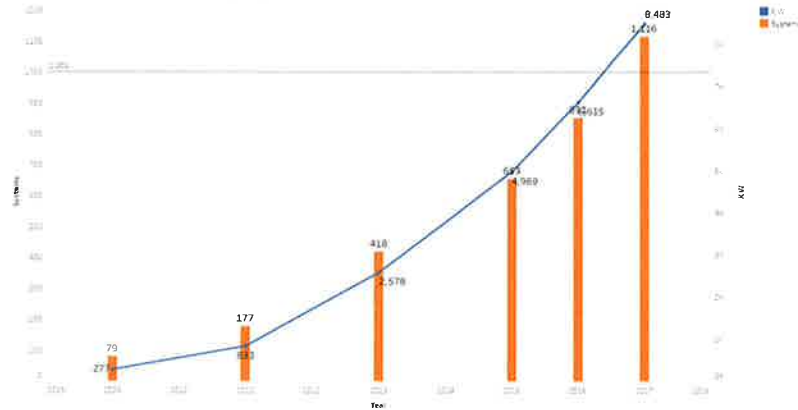
NVRC was pleased to co-host a well-attended workshop on EVs and EV charging with VA Clean Cities. A number of local governments partners attended the event.

Solarize NoVA 2018 – Spring Campaigns



Solarize NoVA Smashes Through 1,000 Rooftop Goal

Historic Growth of Solar in Northern Virginia



Rain Garden Workshop



NVRC held a residential rain garden workshop with Arlington County and the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District. 50 homeowners attended the workshop.



Social Benefits of Renewable Energy



NVRC was pleased to host Dr. Sebastian Helgenberger of the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies Potsdam for a very good discussion on the social benefits of renewable energy. Several local government partners participated in the workshop.



SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
January 31, 2018

	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR 2018 Cumulative Total 7 months</u>	<u>Adopted FISCAL YEAR 2018 FINANCIAL PLAN</u>	Actual is:
REVENUE EARNED				lower/(higher) than plan
Local (50¢) and State Contributions	\$114,168	799,176	1,365,400	566,224
Local (10¢) Designated Contributions	\$21,428	148,860	242,691	93,831
Local Agreements	\$82,177	235,528	960,324	724,796
State Grants and Contracts	-	-	-	-
Direct Federal Grants and Contracts	166	67,340	186,047	118,707
Indirect Federal Grants and Contracts	451,716	3,156,745	8,127,086	4,970,341
Shared Facilities Revenue	12,832	87,260	142,850	55,590
Other	12,567	67,035	68,600	1,565
Interest	487	2,884	3,000	116
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	\$ 695,540	4,564,827	11,095,998	6,531,171
 EXPENSES				lower/(higher) than plan
Personnel	\$ 166,613	909,748	\$ 1,772,486	862,738
Consultants / Contracts	426,253	2,959,666	8,065,680	5,106,014
Housekeeping Expenses	45,656	335,683	607,725	272,042
Operating Expenses	1,490	22,337	73,413	51,076
Duplicating Expenses	1,586	9,832	39,367	29,535
Travel and Conference Expenses	537	25,665	51,047	25,382
Recruit and Development Expenses	-	1,300	16,922	15,622
Other	298	1,980	5,000	3,020
Total Expenses	\$ 642,433	4,266,211	\$ 10,631,640	6,365,429
 INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	\$ 53,107	298,616	\$ 464,358	\$ 165,742

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, January 25, 2018

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	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Kelly Burk	<i>Town of Leesburg</i>
Hon. Peter Candland	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. John C. Cook, NVRC Treasurer	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Laurie A. Dirocco, NVRC Chairman	<i>Town of Vienna</i>
Hon. Gerald M. Foreman II	<i>Town of Dumfries</i>
Hon. Libby Garvey	<i>County of Arlington</i>
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	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. Sheila Olem	<i>Town of Herndon</i>
Hon. Redella S. Pepper	<i>City of Alexandria</i>
Hon. Frank J. Principi	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. Phyllis J. Randall	<i>County of Loudoun</i>
Hon. Jeanette Rishell	<i>City of Manassas Park</i>
Hon. Kathy L. Smith	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. David Tarter, NVRC Vice-Chairman	<i>City of Falls Church</i>
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>Director, Environmental Services</i>
Dale Medearis	<i>Senior Environmental Planner</i>
Michelle Simmons	<i>Director, Human Services</i>
Peggy Tadej	<i>Director, Military Partnerships</i>

OTHERS PRESENT

Niels Crone	<i>Customer First Renewables</i>
Kathleen Daley	<i>Sierra Club</i>
Bill Eger	<i>City of Alexandria</i>
Susan Hafeli	<i>Fairfax County Staff</i>
Debra Jacobson	<i>Sierra Club</i>
Wayne Korrer	<i>Fairfax County UDCD/CAP/DPWES</i>
Norbert Pink	<i>Sierra Club/Great Falls Group</i>
John Morrill	<i>Arlington County Staff</i>
Terence de Pentheny O'Kelly	<i>Customer First Renewables</i>
Tim Stevens	<i>Sierra Club</i>

CALL TO ORDER Chairman DiRocco called the meeting to order at 7:34 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.

DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS

LED Street Light Update

Since the Commission meeting in November senior staff from the various localities have met with Dominion Energy two occasions to discuss LED street light technology, replacement, cost, etc. The last meeting with Dominion Energy was held on January 8. The purpose of this presentation and discussion was to provide information to Commissioners as to the results of the meetings and receive further feedback. Staff from several localities (Fairfax County, Arlington County, City of Alexandria, Town of Leesburg) were present at the meeting to provide their perspective.

Purchase of Bulk Renewable Energy

NVRC and local government staff have met with Customer First Renewables to explore the purchase of bulk renewable energy to help reduce energy operating costs for local governments and other entities. Commissioners received a briefing of the status of this project to date and the opportunities for local governments to move forward with this project. The presenter from Customer First Renewables was Niels Crone and his presentation was emailed to all Commissioners afterwards.

Legislative Matters

Fairfax Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova co-chaired Governor Northam's Transition Committee on Local Government. The Committee adopted a report of recommendations. Chairman Bulova provided a briefing on the report. A copy of the report was provided at the meeting.

Commissioner Bulova made a motion to write a letter to the delegation from the Commission's jurisdictions at the General Assembly in support of the items mentioned in the report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McKay and carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P18-19 – Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with VML/VACO regarding their VIP investment plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P18-20 – Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Maryland Energy Office to participate in an LED Street Light project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garvey and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P18-21 –

Authorization to enter into an agreement with Coastal Design and Construction, Inc. to complete construction at the Living Shoreline at Leesylvania State Park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garvey and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P18-22 – Authorization to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the participants in the Clean Water Partners Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bulova and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

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

- New Website Launched
- Neabsco Boardwalk Groundbreaking
 - NVRC was pleased to participate in the Neabsco boardwalk groundbreaking.
 - NVRC sponsored and oversaw the funding used for the boardwalk design.
 - The boardwalk is an amazing educational and recreational element in completing a connection between Rippon Lodge and Leesylvania State Park.
- 2017 By the Numbers
 - **Solarize NoVA**
 - 196 Total Projects
 - 1,505 kW of new solar
 - \$4,744,856 in contract value
 - 18 Weatherization Projects resulting in 302,011 kWh annual savings or \$33,221.21
 - **Social Media**
 - 141,500 Twitter Impressions
 - 49,416 Facebook Unique Viewers
 - **E-Newsletter Communications**
 - 247 E-Newsletters
 - 8815 opens
 - 3880 unique clicks
 - **Web Site**
 - 22,522 novaregion.org web site visits
 - 104,748 plantnovanatives.org web site visits
 - 15,634 sharevaroads.com web site visits
 - 4,400 novasolarmap.com web site visits
- SolSmart Project
 - Congratulations to our colleagues in Alexandria, Arlington County and Fairfax City in achieving Bronze status.
- A First for Solarize NoVA

- Our first commercial Solarize NoVA installed – 42 kW in Tysons.
- Upcoming Events
 - February 1 – meeting with Katie Cristol, new Chair of Arlington County Board
 - February 5 – Follow up meeting with local governments only re: LED street lights
 - February 6 - Hosting event with Virginia Clean Cities Coalition to showcase Electric Vehicles, talk about EV charging infrastructure and planning for such.
 - September - Hosting a delegation from Stuttgart Region in September. NVRC has had a 19 year relationship with Region Stuttgart.

MINUTES

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of November 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Olem and carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Gross briefed the Commissioners on the recent Community & Military Meeting that took place January 18, 2018 at the NVRC office location at 10 am. She also invited Commissioners to attend the next meeting March 15, 2018 from 10am to Noon at the NVRC office location.

The meeting on January 18 included the following speakers and discussion:

- Dr. Will Rowe presented an update on the Academic Alliance and a discussion proceeded on the next steps to include: Preparing for a conference on Cybersecurity Training and Education Resources for Building Talent in NOVA for both Teachers and Transitioning Veterans.
- Mike Coleman spoke on behalf of the Secretary of Veterans & Defense Affairs on the strides the Commonwealth of Virginia has made to ensure our military remains ready, willing, and able to assist in our Nation's defense. He briefed the group on an update on the "Growing the Military Mission" report that was completed by Matrix.
- John Simmons from the Roosevelt Group provided the annual update from Capitol Hill and the 2018 Priorities.
- Kathleen Ferguson who is a Senior Advisor to The Roosevelt Group gave her impressions of another round of BRAC and the need for an evolution of the Base of the Future.
- **ACTION ITEMS:** A joint invitation is being drafted to send to the School Superintendents and Veteran Organizations for a one-day workshop on June 26th at George Mason University from 9AM to 4 PM that will meet the following objectives:
 - Understand types of jobs needed in the NOVA Region

- Understand training pathways and programs for veterans to get qualified, and high school teachers to get trained
- Solidify information link to cyber jobs and training curriculum
- Develop updated plan for the Alliance from inputs at the conference
- Provide direction to move the Academic Alliance Initiative that includes partnerships with the academic, military, governments, and industry.

Commissioner Garvey brought up the problematic situation with Waze. With highways frequently congested, navigation apps like Waze started telling drivers to cut through residential streets instead and get back on the highway where traffic cleared up a bit. The apps attempt to prevent congestion by distributing traffic on all public streets, even to quiet residential roadways, which is not met with enthusiasm by the affected neighborhoods. After discussing the situation the Commission came to the conclusion to monitor the situation for now, as this issue is complicated on a lot of levels.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman DiRocco adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director

Approved by:

Laurie A. DiRocco
Chairman