

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, February 22, 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	County of Fairfax
Hon. Kelly Burk	Town of Leesburg
Hon. Peter Candland	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. John C. Cook, NVRC Treasurer	County of Fairfax
Hon. Laurie A. Dirocco, NVRC Chairman	Town of Vienna
Hon. Gerald M. Foreman II	Town of Dumfries
Hon. Libby Garvey	County of Arlington
Hon. Penelope A. Gross	County of Fairfax
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	County of Prince William
Hon. Sheila Olem	Town of Herndon
Hon. Redella S. Pepper	City of Alexandria
Hon. Frank J. Principi	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. Phyllis J. Randall	<i>County of Loudoun</i>
Hon. Jeanette Rishell	City of Manassas Park
Hon. Kathy L. Smith	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. David Tarter, NVRC Vice-Chairman	City of Falls Church
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

Melissa Bondi	<i>Enterprise Community Partners</i>
Helen Mcllvaine	<i>City of Alexandria, VA Office of Housing</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

Affordable Housing

The Commission received a presentation from Melissa Bondi, who serves as the Mid-Atlantic State and Local Policy Director to Enterprise Community Partners, a non-profit corporation, working to develop affordable housing throughout the region and country. Ms. Bondi provided community specific shortfalls as to the lack of affordable housing in Northern Virginia and proposed solutions as to how the public and private sectors can work together. Ms. Bondi's presentation was also distributed to all Commissioners.

Energy Strategy Update

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

Commissioner Gross added the importance of monitoring what was happening with new technologies.

LED Street Light Update

A brief update was provided with respect to the ongoing dialogue on the regional level with Dominion Energy regarding the availability and pricing of LED Street Lights. The next meeting between NVRC staff and Dominion Energy is set to take place on February 26, 2018.

ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P18-23 – Authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with George Mason University. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garvey and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P18-24 – Authorizing the Executive Director to sign an agreement with the Virginia Department of Health. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Olem and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bulova moved approval of the Resolution No. P18-25 – Authorization to apply for funding from the United States Department of Transportation, Martine Administration (MARAD), America's Marine Highway Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gross and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lazaro presented his report to the Commission, which included the financial report for January 2018 and the following:

- 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

- Vienna
 - Prince William
 - Manassas Park
 - Falls Church
 - Fairfax City
 - Fairfax County
 - Piedmont
- Solarize NoVA Smashes Through 1,000 Rooftop Goal
 - 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.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Chairman DiRocco informed the Commissioners that the annual review of Mr. Lazaro will take place at the next Executive Committee meeting on March 22, 2018. She invited Commissioner to attend and added that if Commissioners had any feedback they would like to add, to please reach out.

MINUTES Commissioner Bulova moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of January 25, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gross and carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS Commissioner Gross invited Commissioners to attend the next Community and Military Partnership meeting March 15, 2018 from 10am to Noon at the NVRC office location. The notice for this meeting was distributed. The meeting will include an update on the one-day conference (June 26, 2018 at George Mason University) that will focus on teachers and transitioning military to address the cyber security crisis in this region.

ADJOURNMENT Chairman DiRocco adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director

Approved by:

Laurie A. DiRocco
Chairman