

# NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

## Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, July 26, 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>
<b>Hon. John C. Cook, NVRC Treasurer</b>	<b><i>County of Fairfax</i></b>
<b>Hon. Laurie A. Dirocco, NVRC Chairman</b>	<b><i>Town of Vienna</i></b>
Hon. Cydney A. Neville	<i>Town of Dumfries</i>
Hon. Libby Garvey	<i>County of Arlington</i>
<b>Hon. Penelope A. Gross</b>	<b><i>County of Fairfax</i></b>
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>
<b>Hon. David Meyer</b>	<b><i>City of Fairfax</i></b>
<b>Hon. Martin E. Nohe</b>	<b><i>County of Prince William</i></b>
<b>Hon. Sheila Olem</b>	<b><i>Town of Herndon</i></b>
<b>Hon. Redella S. Pepper</b>	<b><i>City of Alexandria</i></b>
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>
<b>Hon. Kathy L. Smith</b>	<b><i>County of Fairfax</i></b>
<b>Hon. David Tarter, NVRC Vice-Chairman</b>	<b><i>City of Falls Church</i></b>
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>Management Analyst</i>
Felix Avellanet	<i>Federal Contract Monitor</i>
Dale Medearis	<i>Senior Environmental Planner</i>
Michelle Simmons	<i>Director, Human Services</i>

### OTHERS PRESENT

Kambiz Agazi	<i>Fairfax County</i>
Gaston Araoz	<i>Office of Senator Tim Kaine</i>
Maia Davis	<i>Senior Environmental Planner, Metropolitan Washington CoG</i>
John Gaffigan	<i>Leaders in Energy</i>
Charlie Logue	<i>AlexRenew</i>
John Morrill	<i>Arlington County</i>
Sue Rowland	<i>Go Virginia</i>
Tom Rust	<i>Go Virginia</i>
Tim Stevenes	<i>City of Falls Church</i>
Susan Stillman	<i>Town of Vienna</i>
Ryan Van Patten	<i>LEAP</i>
Sharon Virts	<i>Go Virginia</i>
Ellen Volo	<i>Fairfax County Government Relations</i>
Steve Walz	<i>Environmental Programs Director, Metropolitan Washington CoG</i>

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DiRocco called the meeting to order at 7:30 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

**Northern Virginia Greenhouse Gas Inventory**

NVRC has worked cooperatively with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) related to sharing data on greenhouse gases (GHG) in the region. Staff from COG presented data as to the progress of reducing GHG in the region against regionally established goals.

**Go Virginia Update**

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Go Virginia Northern Virginia Council provided an update on the activities of the local Council. NVRC plays an administrative role with respect to the operations of the Council.

ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner Nohe moved approval of the Resolution No. P19-01 – Authorization to Accept and Subcontract Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) 2018-2019 in suburban Virginia. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pepper and carried unanimously.

The Commission authorizes the Executive Director or his designee to accept approximately \$2,450,000 in HOPWA 2018-2019 funds initially for the grant period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, as well as any additional HOPWA funds that may be identified by DC HAHSTA to address unmet housing and supportive service needs in Northern Virginia.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- Studying Best Practices
  - NVRC was pleased to participate in a workshop sponsored by the Ecologic Institute about the energy transition in Germany and the impact of their efforts on the coal industry, electric vehicle infrastructure and energy efficiency.
  - NVRC also participated in a program organized by the Germany Research Agency. Delegation was given tour of the 4 Mile Run project which was positively received. Opportunities for cooperation and collaboration regarding best practices related to such subjects as water, energy, land use were presented.
- Only Rain Web Site Updated
  - With the help of our summer intern, the Only Rain web site has been modernized and updated.
- Volunteer Certified Trainers Making a Difference

- Pleased our volunteer safety instructors were at Fairfax Bike Rodeo in Chantilly and a Friends of the W&OD Trail picnic in Ashburn. The Chantilly event was sponsored by the Boy Scouts & conducted by the Fairfax County Police Department. Our volunteers were certified through NVRC's grant with DMV and use their training to successfully teach students bike safety skills.
- Future events will take place in Falls Church, Vienna, Alexandria, Springfield, Reston and Loudoun County (location TBD).
- Communicating What We Do
  - For the first six months of the year total impressions were 198,956.
- Upcoming Meeting Agenda Items
  - **September**
    - New Inova Health System CEO
    - Presentation re: Ferry Study
  - **October**
    - Audit results
    - Preliminary FY 2020 Budget for adoption
    - Community Foundation for Northern Virginia presentation

Mr. Lazaro also introduced Felix Avellanet, a Federal Contract Monitor and a new NVRC employee.

MINUTES

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of June 28, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Olem and carried. Commissioner Smith abstained.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was discussed whether the December 6 Commission meeting should be moved to November 29. Mr. Lazaro added that staff will look at both dates, reach out to the Executive Committee and inform the Commission of the outcome as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman DiRocco adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.  
Executive Director

Approved by:

Laurie A. DiRocco  
Chairman