

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

### Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, February 23, 2023

#### COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

Hon. Walter L. Alcorn  
**Hon. Victor S. Angry**  
Hon. Andrea O. Bailey  
Hon. Kenny A. Boddye  
**Hon. Tyrone Brown**  
**Hon. Kelly Burk**  
**Hon. John T. Chapman, NVRC Chairman**  
Hon. Linda J. Colbert  
**Hon. Matt de Ferranti**  
**Hon. Libby Garvey**  
Hon. Alyia Gaskins  
**Hon. Sylvia Glass**  
**Hon. Penelope A. Gross**  
Hon. Pat Herrity  
Hon. Rodney L. Lusk  
**Hon. Sheila A. Olem, NVRC Vice Chairwoman**  
Hon. Dalia A. Palchik  
**Hon. Catherine Read**  
Hon. Jeanette Rishell  
Hon. Koran T. Saines  
**Hon. Kathy L. Smith, NVRC Treasurer**  
**Hon. David Tarter**  
Hon. James R. Walkinshaw  
Hon. Mark Wolfe

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

#### STAFF PRESENT

Robert Lazaro  
Linda M. Tenney<sup>1</sup>  
Gina Kesselmann-Smith<sup>2</sup>  
Normand Goulet<sup>3</sup>  
Jill Kaneff  
Chris Landgraf<sup>4</sup>  
Rebecca Murphy  
Michelle Simmons<sup>5</sup>  
Peggy Tadej<sup>6</sup>

*Executive Director*  
*Deputy Director*  
*Management Analyst*  
*Environmental Services Director*  
*Regional Demographer/Analyst*  
*Military Installation Resiliency Project Manager*  
*Resources Program Manager*  
*Human Services Director*  
*Community and Military Partnerships Director*

#### OTHERS

Joseph Mengedoth

*Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond*

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<sup>1</sup> Joined virtually

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- CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- ROLL CALL** The roll was called, and all members present or absent were noted for the record.
- PRESENTATION** **Presentation from Joseph Mengedoth, Regional Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond**
- Commissioners received a presentation on the state of the economy in Northern Virginia from Mr. Joseph Mengedoth who serves as a Regional Economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.
- ACTION ITEMS** Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P23-14– Engagement of Consultant for Compensation Review. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- Background:
- It has been five years since the Commission reviewed its pay plan and employee classification. The resolution authorizes the Executive Director to engage a consultant to undertake such a review so that its results can be contained in the upcoming FY24 budget.
- Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P23-15 – Authorization to Engage National Park Service Task Agreement on the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- Background:
- NVRC provides coordinative services for the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail at the request of the National Park Service (NPS). NVRC has been requested to provide additional services related to trail access and alignment. The resolution authorizes the Commission to enter into a task agreement with NPS.
- Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P23-16 – Authorization to Request Proposals and Sign an Agreement for 2023 Northern Virginia Clean Water Partners Online Stormwater Survey Services. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- Background:
- NVRC manages the Northern Virginia Clean Water Partners Campaign (NVCWP) on behalf of our local governments. On behalf of the NVCWP, NVRC authorizes the Executive Director to solicit proposals from professional survey marketing firms to develop and distribute a new online survey that will help evaluate the effectiveness of the NVCWP’s public outreach and education campaign over time.
- Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P23-17 – Authorization to Extend an Agreement with EffectTV for Northern

Virginia Clean Water Partners TV Advertising Services. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:

Northern Virginia jurisdictions are required by law to comply with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permits and watershed management plans that stipulate public outreach and education as a required component, with behavior change as the goal in support of meeting water quality standards. Through the Northern Virginia Clean Water Partners campaign the Commission helps our local governments comply with the law. The resolution authorizes the Executive Director to sign a contract for TV advertising services for a 12-month period in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 to help provide public outreach and education.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P23-18 – Authorization to Receive Funds from the Virginia Department of Health to Perform Various Technical Assistance Activities in Support of HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has contracted with NVRC for the past 35 years to receive and subcontract funds for HIV services in Suburban Virginia. The resolution authorizes the Executive Director to execute such agreements and amendments with VDH as may be necessary to accomplish NVRC HIV-related activities for the 2023-2024 grant year.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT

Mr. Lazaro presented his report to the Commission, which included the financial report for January 2023 and the following:

- Loudoun View Senior Citizen Affordable Housing Project
  - NVRC was pleased to attend the ribbon cutting for this project which was funded in part by NVRC's Virginia Housing grant. This project provides 98 units of affordable housing for senior citizens.
- Affordable Housing Grant: Loudoun
  - NVRC is one of eight funding partners on this project which contains 52 units. Will be the first building in Loudoun County to be certified by four independent green building programs. Projected occupancy is Fall 2023.
- Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail Webinar – March 15
  - NVRC is hosting a webinar with our colleagues at the National Park Services on our 2022 Corridor Analysis and new dashboard for the PHNST.
  - Jill Kaneff, Rebecca Murphy and Debbie Spiliotopoulos are co-leading this project on behalf of NVRC.

- Litter Monitoring Webinar – March 22
  - NVRC is pleased to co-host a webinar with our colleagues at MWCOG on March 22 to explore litter monitoring activities and to learn from their monitoring in the Anacostia watershed.
  
- Urban Land Institute’s Leadership Institute
  - NVRC’s Executive Director and the Director of Community Military Partnerships both participated in ULI’s Leadership Institute to talk about regional infrastructure projects.
  - NVRC presented on the Commuter Ferry project. Lots of good conversation and questions about this project.

Mr. Lazaro also reminded everyone that NVRC is joining with the regional elected officials to announce a fundraising campaign to help victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. The press conference will take place at the Fairfax County Government Center on March 3 at 3pm. A modest goal to raise \$25,000 was set, which will purchase more than 8 tons of food to be distributed directly in the earthquake zone. Details can be found on the NVRC website:

<https://www.novaregion.org/1568/Help-Earthquake-Victims>

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Chairman Chapman had nothing to report.

**COMMUNITY & MILITARY PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

Commissioner Gross invited everyone to attend the next Community and Military Partnership meeting on March 16, 2023, 10am-12pm in person/hybrid.

Meeting agenda:

- 10:00 - 10:05 AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS  
  
Co-Chairs Penny Gross, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Victor Angry, Prince William County Board of Supervisors
- 10:05 – 10:15 AM MILITARY INSTALLATION RESILIENCY REVIEW PROJECT UPDATE  
  
Christopher Landgraf, NVRC
- 10:15 – 10:20 AM WORKFORCE UPDATE – First Transitioning Military, Military Spouse, and Veteran’s Community Alliance  
  
Mike Batts, VP Fairfax County Economic Development Authority
- 10:20 - 10:25 AM DEI UPDATE  
  
Aimee Stoddard, Everymind
- 10:25 – 10:35 REGIONAL FAIR HOUSING PLAN

Hilary S. Chapman, Housing Program Manager, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

- 11:15 – 11:45 MILITARY BASE COMMANDER RESPONSE ON HOUSING AND REQUIREMENTS

COL. Joseph Messina, Garrison Commander Fort Belvoir

COL. David Bowling, Base Commander, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall

Col. Michael L. Brooks, Commanding Officer, MCI National Capital Region Marine Corps Base Quantico

Colonel, Joerg Drania, GS

- 11:45 – 11:55 AM COUNTY HOUSING POLICIES

Mr. Tom Fleetwood, HCD Dir. Housing and Community Development, Fairfax County

Mr. Richard Tucker, Housing Arlington Coordinator, Arlington County

Joan S. Duckett, Director Office of Housing and Community Development, Prince William County

- 11:55 – 12:00 PM ACTION ITEMS AND PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Co-chairs

Further updates included:

- Inaugural Meeting of the Transitioning Military, Military Spouse, and Veterans Community Alliance with 31 participants and 18 participating online
- Suggested creating an internal portal to share resumes of individuals that companies don't have the capacity to hire.
- Suggested requesting a reduction in sponsorship fees to events if companies are V3
- Additional participants recommended to join the Community Alliance (e.g., Air Force Officers)
- 19 January and 22 February NVRC briefed Fort Belvoir Agency Heads and Community Partners
- 22 February NVRC briefed the General Assembly Military Veteran Caucus (GAMVC)
- On-going briefings to Congressional Staff on MIRR projects and request for Congressionally Directed Spending
- Preparation for Industry Day March 1, 2023

Remaining Schedule for 2023 is as follows:

- 16 March
- 18 May
- 20 July
- 21 September

- 16 November

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of January 26, 2023. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Chapman adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.  
Executive Director

Approved by:

John T. Chapman  
Chairman