

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, February 24, 2022

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

Hon. Walter L. Alcorn	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Victor S. Angry	County of Prince William
Hon. Andrea O. Bailey	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. Kenny A. Boddye	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. Juli E. Briskman	County of Loudoun
Hon. Kelly Burk	Town of Leesburg
Hon. John T. Chapman¹	City of Alexandria
Hon. Linda J. Colbert	<i>Town of Vienna</i>
Hon. Matt de Ferranti	County of Arlington
Hon. Libby Garvey	<i>County of Arlington</i>
Hon. Alyia Gaskins	City of Alexandria
Hon. Penelope A. Gross	County of Fairfax
Hon. Pat Herrity	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Rodney L. Lusk	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. David Meyer, NVRC Vice Chairman	City of Fairfax
Hon. Cydny A. Neville, NVRC Chairwoman	Town of Dumfries
Hon. Sheila A. Olem	Town of Herndon
Hon. Dalia A. Palchik	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Jeanette Rishell	<i>City of Manassas Park</i>
Hon. Koran T. Saines	<i>County of Loudoun</i>
Hon. Kathy L. Smith, NVRC Treasurer	County of Fairfax
Hon. David Tarter	City of Falls Church
Hon. James R. Walkinshaw	County of Fairfax
Hon. Mark Wolfe	City of Manassas

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Lazaro	<i>Executive Director</i>
Linda M. Tenney	<i>Deputy Director</i>
Gina Kesselmann-Smith ²	<i>Management Analyst</i>
Normand Goulet	<i>Environmental Services Director</i>
Christopher Landgraf	<i>Military Installation Resiliency Project Manager</i>
Michelle Simmons	<i>Human Services Director</i>
Peggy Tadej ³	<i>Director of Community and Military Partnerships</i>

OTHERS PRESENT

Matt Dalon	<i>Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation</i>
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CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Neville called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

¹ Joined virtually – with Chairwoman’s approval

² Joined virtually

³ Joined virtually

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members present or absent were noted for the record.

PRESENTATION

Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan

In 2018, then Governor Northam directed The Chief Resilience Officer (Secretary of Natural Resources), with the assistance of the Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection, to create and implement a Coastal Resilience Master Plan for coastal Virginia to reduce the impacts of tidal and storm surge flooding. Among other things, the plan incorporated ongoing planned and proposed federal, state, and local projects and infrastructure to reduce tidal and storm surge flooding and flood risk. In developing this Master Plan, the Chief Resilience Officer consulted with localities and worked closely with all coastal planning district commissions to identify regional resiliency needs.

The Commission received an overview of the Resilience Master Plan and the tools developed to support the Plan from Matt Dalon, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. The Northern Virginia Regional Commission is a coastal planning district.

ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P22-19– Authorization to Amend the Reserve Fund Policy. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:

The Executive Committee of NVRC is recommending the Commission adopt the amended Reserve Fund Policy of the Commission. The Executive Committee discussed this matter at its January 24, 2022, meeting.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P22-20 - Authorization to Establish a New Position to Support NVRC's HIV Services. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:

With the NVRC Resolution 21-16 dated 2/25/21 and Resolution 22-05 dated 9/23/21, the Commission authorized the Executive Director to apply for and receive Ryan White Part B/Rebate funds from Virginia Dept. of Health and HOPWA funds from the DC Dept. of Health. Several current staff vacancies within the Human Service Division have led to the need for part-time clerical assistance. Such a position was not included in the FY2022 budget and personnel schedule adopted by the Commission on June 24, 2021. Only the Commission has the authority to amend the budget and approve the number, type, and original grade of staff positions.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P22-21 - Grading of Approved Position: Environmental Planner – Coastal and Chesapeake Bay. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:

The position in question is being advertised at a lower grade than the current vacant position. Only the Commission can make changes to the grade of a position. The resolution provides flexibility to fill the position at a lower grade or at the current grade depending on the qualifications of applicants.

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

Mr. Lazaro presented his report to the Commission, which included the financial report for January 2022 and the following:

- NVRC COVID19 Data Shared by Senate Majority Leader
 - Jill Kaneff's chart on the impact of COVID19 on the workforce in the region was shared by the Virginia Senate Majority Leader.
- Working with our Statewide Partners
 - NVRC's Executive Director was pleased to join with the President of the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions (VAPDC) and the Executive Director of the New River Valley Planning District to present Delegate David Bulova with VAPDC's Legislator of the Year Award. Delegate Bulova has been a strong supporter of regional planning districts throughout the Commonwealth.
- Clean Water Partners
 - Our Clean Water Partners campaign recently released a new video that will air on Comcast and on social media with respect to protecting our streams and waterways from pollution. NVRC coordinates this campaign to help our communities with MS4 permits meet their public education requirements of their permits from the Commonwealth.
 - There is also a web site that accompanies the program and NVRC staff undertakes webinars, etc. to help educate the public on the value of rain gardens, planting native plants, etc.
- Shape of the Region
 - NVRC is pleased to partner with a number of community organizations to help co-sponsor the Shape of the Region event with the Community Foundation of Northern Virginia focusing on Mental Health.
- Affordable Housing Grants
 - Next steps:
 - Develop agreements for each project

- Working with Thomas Jefferson Planning District & Central Shenandoah Planning District to help save resources
- Locality Salary Survey Update – Compensation of the elected officials in local jurisdictions

CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT

Chairwoman Neville thanked Commissioners for all their hard work.

COMMUNITY & MILITARY PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Gross invited everyone to attend the next Community and Military Partnership meeting on March 17, 2022, 10am-12pm.

The agenda will include the following:

- 10:00 - 10:10 AM Welcome and Introductions - Co-Chairs Penny Gross, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Victor Angry, Prince William County Board of Supervisors
- 10:10 – 10:45 AM Military Installation Resiliency Review Project - Christopher Landgraf, NVRC
- 10:45 - 11:00 AM Military Base Commander Response to MIRR - COL Michael L. Brooks, Commanding Officer, NCI NCR, Marine Corps Base Quantico
- Deputy CDR LTC Mark Paolicelli, JBM-HH
- COL Joshua SeGraves, Garris Commander Fort Belvoir
- 11:00 – 11:20 AM NOVA Workforce Update - Mike Batt, Director, Talent Initiative, Fairfax County Economic Development Authority
- 11:20 – 11:30 AM Planned Innovation Center -Supervisor Rodney Lusk, Lee District Supervisor, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
- 11:30 - 11:55 AM Critical Conversations -BG Terrence Adams, Military Deputy Director of Concepts and Strategy Air Force Futures
- 11:55AM – 12:00 PM Action Items and Proposed Schedule --- Co-Chairs

Commissioner Gross also provided Community and Military updates:

- On Wednesday, February 23, 2022 Chris Landgraf, NVRC MIRR Program Manager, testified before the General Assembly Military & Veterans Caucus in Senate subcommittee. Mr. Landgraf provided an overview of the region's military, our successes, our work with the three bases in Northern Virginia regarding the Regional Intergovernmental Support Agreement (R-IGSA) and the savings provided to the bases, the two Army Partnership Awards received in 2019 and 2020, and the work being done with the MIRR and our support for the Virginia Defense Community Infrastructure Grant Program (VADCIP) to support local infrastructure projects that enhance the value of military installations such as the Defense Community Infrastructure Program.
- After the hearing, Mr. Landgraf also met with New Secretary of Veterans & Defense Affairs Major General Craig Crenshaw, USMC (ret). The hope is to have him attend one of our future Community, Military, and Federal Facilities Partnership of Northern Virginia.

- At the urging of the last Community and Military Partnership, NVRC applied for the ADC 2022 Great American Defense Communities and will have good news to report shortly.
- Congratulations to Peggy Tadej, Director of Community and Military Partnership who will receive the 2022 Defense Community Champion Award at the ADC Conference on 8 March.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of January 27, 2022. The motion was seconded and carried. Commissioner Briskman, Commissioner Burk, and Commissioner Walkinshaw abstained.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Neville adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director

Cydny A. Neville
Chairwoman