

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, June 23, 2022

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

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

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Lazaro	<i>Executive Director</i>
Linda M. Tenney	<i>Deputy Director</i>
Gina Kesselmann-Smith ¹	<i>Management Analyst</i>
Normand Goulet	<i>Environmental Services Director</i>
Christopher Landgraf ²	<i>Military Installation Resiliency Project Manager</i>
Michelle Simmons	<i>Human Services Director</i>
Debbie Spiliotopoulos	<i>Solid Waste Program Planner</i>
Peggy Tadej ³	<i>Director of Community and Military Partnerships</i>

¹ Joined virtually

² Joined virtually

³ Joined virtually

- CALL TO ORDER** Chairwoman Neville called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.
- ROLL CALL** The roll was called and all members present or absent were noted for the record.
- PRESENTATION** **State of the Region: Economic Recovery and Transformation from the COVID19 Pandemic**
- It has been over two years since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. A state of the region report from NVRC’s Regional Demographer, Jill Kaneff, will be available in a published format in late June or early July. This presentation was to provide details on the state of Northern Virginia’s economic recovery and the economic transformation the region has undergone and will need to be prepared to undergo for the long-term because of the impact of COVID-19. Findings indicate that the greatest obstacle to Northern Virginia’s COVID-19 pandemic economic recovery is a labor shortage. As of April 2022, the region had 50,600 fewer people in the labor force than February 2020 right before the onset of the pandemic, while at the same time a record number of job postings. Details on factors causing were supposed to be presented. But unfortunately, Ms. Kaneff fell ill. As such, Debbie Spiliotopoulos, NVRC’s Solid Waste Program Planner presented highlights from 2021 Report on Public Solid Waste Services in Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia.
- ACTION ITEMS** Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P22-35– Election of Officers for FY23. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- Background:
- At the May meeting of the Commission the following slate of Commissioners were recommended for officer positions for a one-year term. There were no other nominees.
- Hon. Cyndy A. Neville – Chairwoman
Hon. John Taylor Chapman – Vice-Chairman
Hon. Kathy L. Smith – Treasurer
- Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P22-36 – Authorizing Executive Director to Sign a Contract for Auditing Services. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- Background:
- At its April meeting the Commission authorized the issuance of an RFP for auditing services. The Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director recommend Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates for an amount not to exceed \$22,735 with options for up to four one-year extensions.
- Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P22-37 – Adoption of Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:

Resolution adopting the fiscal year 2023 budget and workplan for the Northern Virginia Regional Commission.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P22-38 – Authorization to Extend Line of Credit. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:

Resolution authorizing the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and Treasurer to sign appropriate documents with Truist to extend the Commission's existing line of credit. The Northern Virginia Regional Commission has been advised by the United States Navy and United States Marine Corps that they will be actively ordering materials via the Regional Intergovernmental Services Agreement. The Executive Director has recommended arranging for an extension of our line of credit with Truist Company as a cash management strategy for a line of credit or loan up to \$500,000 for a period of no longer than two years.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

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

- Behavioral Health Work Group
 - The first meeting of the behavioral health work group met on May 31. There were 23 persons in attendance from all the major jurisdictions. Group identified issues of concern and will be working to develop a report by the end of the summer. Commissioners Garvey and Meyer participated in the meeting.
- Helping Ukraine
- Pride Clinic Opening in Falls Church
 - NVRC was pleased to attend opening of Inova's PRIDE Clinic in the City of Falls Church. It is the first clinic in Northern Virginia that serves the LGBTQ+ community. NVRC has had a long-standing relationship working with Inova Health System. We were able to meet some of our community service organizations who we fund through State HIV/AIDS funding at the event.
- Great American Defense Community
 - Commissioner Garvey represented NVRC and our Community/Military Partnership at the Military Tattoo sponsored at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. Commissioner Libby Garvey was welcomed by Col. Bowling, the Base Commander, to present the Great American Defense Community Flag. NVRC is pleased to be able to work with our local military

installations to the benefit of the bases and the communities they serve.

- Welcome Rebecca Murphy
 - NVRC is pleased to welcome Rebecca to our team. Rebecca will be leading our Coastal program.
 - Rebecca has her undergraduate degree from Tulane University and her Master's degree from Duke University.
 - Rebecca is a native of the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT

Chairwoman Neville thanked Commissioner Meyer who has been serving on the Commission as Vice Chair. Chairwoman Neville also congratulated the FY23 NVRC Board.

COMMUNITY & MILITARY PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Gross invited everyone to attend the next Community and Military Partnership meeting on July 21, 2022, 10am-12pm.

Agenda:

- 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
- 10:05 – 10:45 AM Military Installation Resiliency Review Project Update
 - Christopher Landgraf, NVRC
- 10:45 – 11:05 AM DoD's Perspective on Incorporating Climate Change Considerations into Installation Management Planning
 - Michael F. McGhee, SES, PE, Executive Director, Climate Resilience Office of the Defense (Environment & Energy Resilience)
- 11:05 - 11:30 Military Base Commander Response Regarding the DoD Climate Adaption Policy
 - COL. Joshua SeGraves, Garrison Commander Fort Belvoir (COL SeGraves last meeting)
 - COL. David Bowling, Base Commander, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall
 - Col. Michael L. Brooks, Commanding Officer, MCI National Capital Region Marine Corps Base Quantico
- 11:30 – 11:40 AM Fairfax County Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan
 - Allison Homer, AICP, LEED AP ND, Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination, Fairfax County
- 11:40 – 11:50 AM Arlington Initiative to Rethink Energy (AIRE)
 - Rich Dooley, AICP, AIRE Program Manager, Arlington County
- 11:50 – 11:55 ESG – Defense Community Energy and Water Resilience Program
- 11:55 – 12:00 PM Action Items and Proposed Schedule
 - Co-Chairs

Commissioner Gross also reported on the following:

- MIRR Update
 - Workshop #2 held 13-17 Jun
 - Topics of discussion during the workshop:
 - Exposure to climate stressors (flooding, heat, winter weather, wind, etc.)
 - Vulnerabilities of assets to climate stressors
 - Generally well attended, still need more Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to weigh in on the analysis
 - Follow-up discussion for Parks and Natural Areas held 21 Jun was well attended by county and installation SMEs
 - Next Steps:
 - Policy Committee Meeting 21 Jul
 - Technical Review Committee Meetings 26-28 Jul
- ESG Presentation Breaking Down The Fenceline
 - Bringing Resiliency to both the Military Installation as well as the Defense Community that serves them
 - Defense Community Energy & Water Resilience Program has five goals:
 - Develop Community Relationships
 - Identify needs
 - Find Funding for projects
 - Package the funding and solutions
 - Execute Installation and Community-level Resiliency Project
 - Northern Virginia wants to be a potential community through a collaborative effort
 - Develop a Community Framework, started with the MIRR
 - Find Opportunities to build Resilient Infrastructure both outside and inside the installation
 - “Future Proof” the Community by building in backup energy and water resources
 - Seek funding to support projects

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of May 26, 2022. The motion was seconded and carried. Commissioner Olem abstained.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Neville adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director

Approved by:

Cydny A. Neville
Chairwoman