

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, July 28, 2022

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

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| Hon. Walter L. Alcorn | <i>County of Fairfax</i> |
| Hon. Victor S. Angry | <i>County of Prince William</i> |
| Hon. Andrea O. Bailey | County of Prince William |
| Hon. Kenny A. Boddye | County of Prince William |
| Hon. Juli E. Briskman | <i>County of Loudoun</i> |
| Hon. Kelly Burk | <i>Town of Leesburg</i> |
| Hon. John T. Chapman, NVRC Vice Chairman | City of Alexandria |
| Hon. Linda J. Colbert | <i>Town of Vienna</i> |
| Hon. Matt de Ferranti | <i>County of Arlington</i> |
| Hon. Libby Garvey¹ | County of Arlington |
| 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 | <i>City of Fairfax</i> |
| Hon. Cydney 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 Rishell² | City of Manassas Park |
| 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

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| Robert Lazaro | <i>Executive Director</i> |
| Linda M. Tenney | <i>Deputy Director</i> |
| Gina Kesselmann-Smith ³ | <i>Management Analyst</i> |
| Normand Goulet | <i>Environmental Services Director</i> |
| Jill Kaneff ⁴ | <i>Regional Demographer/Analyst</i> |
| Michelle Simmons | <i>Human Services Director</i> |
| Peggy Tadej ⁵ | <i>Director of Community and Military Partnerships</i> |

OTHERS

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| Allison Homer ⁶ | <i>Fairfax County Office of Environmental & Energy Coordination</i> |
| Neely Law ⁷ | <i>Fairfax County Office of Environmental & Energy Coordination</i> |
| Matthew Meyers ⁸ | <i>Fairfax County Office of Environmental & Energy Coordination</i> |

¹ Joined virtually – with Chairwoman’s permission

² Joined virtually – with Chairwoman’s permission

³ Joined virtually

⁴ Joined virtually

⁵ Joined virtually

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⁸ Joined virtually

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Neville called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION

Resilient Fairfax

Resilient Fairfax is a program to help Fairfax County become more resilient to changing conditions and climate change-related hazards such as extreme heat, severe storms, and flooding. Ms. Allison Homer, Fairfax County Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination, presented an overview of the County's Plan which just completed a public review and comment period.

ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P23-01— Authorization to Accept a Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Agreement. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:

The Northern Virginia Regional Commission is in the process of completing a Military Installation Resiliency Review and has identified four projects that will address redundancy, resiliency, storm waterflooding, and shoreline erosion. NVRC has submitted a Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Pre-Proposal to the Department of Defense to address the issues of flooding at Marine Corps Base Quantico (and surrounding counties) at the main gate, eroding shoreline due to storm surge and sea level rise, evaluate solutions for pluvial flooding, and provide a redundancy power and water sources to the base. The resolution allows NVRC to accept the funding from the Department of Defense.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P23-02 – Authorization to Submit a Go Virginia Grant. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:

International companies reinvest \$100 billion annually of their profits back into U.S. operations. The effects of these firms on job creation and salaries in Northern Virginia and within each jurisdiction of the region is not clearly understood and that the absence of these data about FDI weakens Northern Virginia's economic development efforts to engage in a purposeful, coordinated and strategic fashion. NVRC is partnering with the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority and other parties on this project.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- Great American Defense Community Recognition
 - We were pleased to receive a letter from U.S. Senator Mark Warner who congratulated NVRC and our

partners on the receipt of the Great American Defense Community designation.

- US Navy IGSA Signed
 - NVRC has executed its Intergovernmental Support Agreement with the US Navy in Hampton Roads.

- State of the Region Report
 - Our Senior Regional Demographer, Jill Kaneff, has published her report on the economic recovery from the COVID19 pandemic.
 - We are working to schedule a webinar on the report and its results.
 - Northern Virginia's GDP (\$228 billion) is greater than 25 states and 156 countries. It is the 49th largest economy in the world and is 41.5% of the GDP of the Commonwealth.

- Solarize NoVA 2014 to 2022

- Supporting our Veterans and Military Spouses
 - NVRC is pleased to partner with the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority and other local organizations to share information regarding an upcoming job fair (in person and virtual) to be held September 21 in person at the National Museum of the United States Army and virtually on September 22.

- Behavioral Health Work Group
 - NVRC convened the third meeting of the Behavioral Health Work Group. Teams are working on multiple aspects of issues related to the workforce shortage in the behavioral health field.
 - Progress is being made and a report will be provided after Labor Day.

- Balance of Schedule 2022
 - August – no meeting
 - September 22
 - October 27 – Audit Report to be presented
 - November – no meeting
 - December 15

CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT

Chairwoman Neville referred to Mr. Lazaro to update the Commissioners on a meeting which took place prior to the Commission

meeting regarding bringing NSU/VSU to Northern Virginia. Mr. Lazaro reported that it was very positive and pointed out that there is going to be a healthy competition amongst the localities to attract these schools together. The next phase consists of the schools developing a plan in terms of what they want to do. Mr. Lazaro also thanked the Commissioners and Chairwoman Neville for raising such important issues like the one bringing HBCUs to Northern Virginia.

COMMUNITY & MILITARY PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Gross reported that the July 21 Community and Military Partnership meeting was a great success. The agenda included the following:

- 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 – 10:45 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 AM Joe Simonelli, 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 action items:

- Follow up with the Board of Trade on getting Private Sector involved and establish working session before the next meeting to make connections
- Follow up with getting AECOM and Mr. Michael McGhee for Commission Meeting in September
- Joseph A. Simonelli, Jr., Colonel, U.S. Army, Retired with ESG to speak at September Meeting of CMFFP
- Look into legal barriers between local government and federal government working together (Dillon Rule)
- Is broadband a resiliency issue with the potential failure of the system due to climate change?

- Make sure the MIRR effort looks at the 1999 drought plan developed by COG. <https://www.mwcog.org/documents/2000/6/20/metropolitan-washington-water-supply-and-drought-awareness-response-plan-potomac-river-system/>
- Perhaps NVRC should review the DNI National Intelligence Estimate on climate https://www.dni.gov/files/ODNI/documents/assessments/NIE_Climate_Change_and_National_Security.pdf
- Mike McGhee took an action to see if NVRC could obtain access to or a demo of the DCAT tool
- NVRC might want to visit Meridian High School in Falls Church to understand how geothermal is working and could work in NOVA <https://meridianlasso.org/15191/news/the-brand-new-geothermal-mason/>

Commissioner Gross also provided an update on the Great American Defense Communities Filming:

- List of Interviewees for Filming – July 28 and 29
 - COL Brooks, MCBQ to focus on Afghan refugee resettlement 3 PM on 7/28
 - Dr. John Moeller, Deputy Commander, Fort Belvoir on history of Ft Belvoir and role in renaming process
 - Chaplain, Fort Belvoir lead for On Base DEI Listening Sessions
 - Carl Reid, Booz Allen Hamilton, Retired Army, facilitator of DEI listening sessions with EveryMind, support for Jermantown Cemetery Preservation Society and Legacy Day, Racial Reconciliation Group speaker at Greenspring Garden Juneteenth event
 - Aimee Stoddard, EveryMind for support to Listening Sessions and DEI Working Group

Commissioner Gross concluded by inviting everyone to attend the next Community and Military Partnership meeting on September 15, 2022, 10am-12pm.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bailey moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of June 23, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gross and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Neville adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director

Cydney A. Neville
Chairwoman