

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

### Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, September 22, 2022

#### COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

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

#### STAFF PRESENT

Robert Lazaro	<i>Executive Director</i>
Linda M. Tenney	<i>Deputy Director</i>
Gina Kesselmann-Smith <sup>1</sup>	<i>Management Analyst</i>
Allison Collazo	<i>Federal Grants Contract Monitor</i>
Normand Goulet <sup>2</sup>	<i>Environmental Services Director</i>
Chris Landgraf	<i>Military Installation Resiliency Project Manager</i>
Rebecca Murphy <sup>3</sup>	<i>Resources Program Manager</i>
Michelle Simmons	<i>Human Services Director</i>
Peggy Tadej	<i>Director of Community and Military Partnerships</i>

#### OTHERS

Michael F. McGhee	<i>Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense</i>
Cassie Page	<i>City of Alexandria</i>
Shane Parson <sup>4</sup>	<i>AECOM</i>
Andrea Sweigart	<i>AECOM</i>

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<sup>1</sup> Joined virtually

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- CALL TO ORDER** Chairwoman Neville 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**
- Climate Change Planning by the US Department of Defense**
- Commissioners received a briefing from Michael F. McGhee, SES, PE, Executive Director, Climate Resilience, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense on climate change planning being undertaken by the US Department of Defense.
- Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) Update**
- Andrea Sweigart from AECOM provided the Commission with an update on our MIRR grant as NVRC reviews resilience related issues for the region’s military installations and communities.
- ACTION ITEMS**
- Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P23-03– Authorization to Accept and Subcontract Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) 2022-2023 Funds in Suburban Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- Background:
- Resolution authorizing the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with DC HAHSTA to continue as regional administrator in suburban Virginia and to accept all HOPWA funds for 2022-2023 on behalf of suburban Virginia, to execute such agreements or amendments with DC HAHSTA as may become necessary over the course of the contract period to implement the HOPWA program in suburban Virginia, and to amend the Commission’s Budget and Work Plan accordingly.
- Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P23-04 – Authorization to Enter into FY 2022 Virginia Coastal Zone Management Grant Agreement with Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- Background:
- Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into the 12-month grant agreement with Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for FY22. The grant allows NVRC to continue provide support for local, regional, and state efforts toward sustainable coastal resource management and to build long-term capacity for climate resilience planning and projects.
- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
- Mr. Lazaro presented his report to the Commission, which included the financial report for July and August 2022 and the following:
- Honoring Our Military Partners
    - The co-chair of our Community, Military & Federal Facilities Partnership, Supervisor Penny Gross,

presented a Proclamation from NVRC to outgoing Fort Belvoir Base Commander, Josh SeGraves, to honor his service to our country and region.

- Energy Efficiency Community Outreach
  - NVRC was pleased to co-sponsor an Energy Efficiency Community Outreach effort on August 20th in the Town of Dumfries in concert with the Town, ACTS and Community Housing Partners Energy Solutions. More than 300 households were provided information.
  - Dumfries by the Numbers
    - Reached over 300 households in 3 neighborhoods with flyers and door hangers
    - 12 Day of Event volunteers representing 4 organizations
    - 15 Households provided contact information to volunteers during the effort
    - 12 submissions through the QR code following the event
- NoVA Elected Leaders Summit
  - NVRC was pleased to co-host the 7th Annual NoVA Elected Leaders Summit with the various Chambers of Commerce that serve our region.
  - NVRC has served as a co-host for all seven years the meeting has been held.
- Regional Education on Use of Salt During Winter Months – September 27
  - NVRC will be leading a regional education effort with private contractors on the proper use of salt during the winter months as part of a regional effort to protect our waterways, streams and drinking water supply.
- NoVA Recreational Trails Summit – October 22
  - NVRC is pleased to work with our regional partners to host a regional meeting on the region's recreational trail planning priorities.
- Sharing Information on Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
  - NVRC was pleased to host a regional webinar with Fairfax County based ICF corporation to provide information on local government funding opportunities in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law related to climate issues. There are billions of dollars in funding available

for electric vehicle charging, school buses and other related matters.

- Solarize NoVA Dashboard

- Nora Jackson of our team put together an informative dashboard of our Solarize NoVA program. 2022 data will be added when more projects are installed.

- Other Items of Importance

- At the request of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors the land use model for the Occoquan will be run.
- The GO Northern Virginia grant to undertake the Foreign Direct Investment study for the region was approved. The study will begin shortly.
- NVRC submitted the REPI grant to undertake resilience projects at Marine Corps Base Quantico.

- Welcome Allison Collazo

- NVRC is pleased to welcome Allison to our Human Services team.
- Allison was born and raised in Scarsdale, New York. She received her Bachelor of Arts from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in 2006 with a major in Russian studies and received her Master of Social Work from Wichita State University in 2012.
- Allison has over ten years' experience working in various aspects of housing services, including group homes, homeless shelters, and assisted living.

- Balance of Schedule for 2022

- October 27 – Audit Report to be presented and presentation from GMU on their climate modeling for the region related to rain events
- November – NO Meeting
- December 15

## CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT

Chairwoman Neville referred to Mr. Lazaro's presentation regarding the Energy Efficiency Community Outreach. NVRC was pleased to co-sponsor an Energy Efficiency Community Outreach effort on August 20th in the Town of Dumfries in concert with the Town, ACTS and Community Housing Partners Energy Solutions. More than 300 households were provided information. Chairwoman Neville also added that the Community Outreach Project along with the Northern Virginia Regional Commission have been nominated for the Virginia Energy

Efficiency Council Award. The celebration is scheduled for November 1, 2022.

Chairwoman Neville concluded by saying that she is looking forward to talking about impacts of the Pandemic on education.

#### COMMUNITY & MILITARY PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Angry reported that the September 15 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 – 10:15 AM Military Installation Resiliency Review Project Update
  - Christopher Landgraf, NVRC
- 10:15 – 11:15 AM Industry resilience strategies and technologies
  - Joseph A. Simonelli, Jr., COL U.S. Army, Retired, Department of Defense Engagement Executive, ESG – Defense Community Energy and Water Resilience Program (DCEWaRP)
  - John Malueg, Manager of Resilience Programs, Stantec
  - Josh Johnson, SVP & Chief Strategy Officer, LSI
- 11:15 - 11:45 Military Base Commander Presentations on the FY 23 Top Infrastructure Projects on Energy, Water, Wastewater, and Transportation
  - COL Joseph V. Messina, Garrison Commander Fort Belvoir (Welcome)
  - COL David Bowling, Base Commander, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall
  - Col. Michael L. Brooks, Commanding Officer, MCI National Capital Region Marine Corps Base Quantico
- 11:45 – 11:55 AM NOVA Workforce Update on Career Fair and Institutionalizing Veteran Workforce (Connecting TSM's, Veterans and Military Spouse to the Business Community)
  - Mike Batt, Vice President, Talent Fairfax County Economic Development Authority
- 11:55 – 12:00 PM Action Items and Proposed Schedule
  - Co-Chairs

Commissioner Angry also reported on the following action items:

- Identify resilience project funding successes in other regions around the country to inform resilience funding strategies in Northern Virginia.
  - Leverage best practices and lessons learned from the DC Interoperability Summit with the military and community.
  - Best practices and lessons learned from efforts in Ridgecrest for China Lake and in Annapolis.
- Look into Executive Order 14057 as part of developing a whole government approach to funding infrastructure projects.
- Consider new NDAA provisions that allow ERCIP and O&M funds to be combined for energy projects

- Ensure installation commanders are aware of all funding sources and possible uses of these funds for projects through training
- Ensure Northern Virginia MIRR efforts are informed by related bodies of work ongoing in the DMV (e.g., October Cyber Security TableTop Exercise led by COG, Chesapeake Bay water resiliency efforts)
- American Water to meet with Ft. Belvoir on water supply re-chlorination efforts
- Chris Landgraf to participate on ESG resilience panel at the ADC Installation Innovation Forum in Phoenix, AZ on November 1, 2022.
- Col. Joseph Messina to develop a CONOPS for Civilian Workforce Security for Fort Belvoir. Perhaps consider developing a CONOPS for water, wastewater, and energy security that includes MIRR strategies
- JBMHH has developed a Facility Investment Plan for the installation. Ensure on-post efforts are coordinated with off-post aspects that could impact on-post investments
- Quantico MCB has developed an Installation Energy Security Plan. Ensure installation plans are coordinated with off-installation project requirements
- NVRC and Fairfax County Economic Development Authority to formalize Talent Task Force for transitioning military, veterans, and military spouses and report talent progress at bi-monthly partnership meetings

The next Community and Military Partnership meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2022, 10am-12pm. Proposed Schedule for 2023 is as follows:

- 19 January
- 16 March
- 18 May
- 20 July
- 21 September
- 16 November

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of July 28, 2022. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairwoman Neville adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.  
Executive Director

Cydny A. Neville  
Chairwoman