

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting Held Thursday, September 26, 2013

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

Hon. Penelope A. Gross, *NVRC Vice Chairman*
Hon. Robert W. Lazaro, Jr., *NVRC Chairman*
Hon. Jeffrey C. McKay
Hon. Martin E. Nohe, *NVRC Immediate Past Chairman*
Hon. Redella S. Pepper, *NVRC Treasurer*
Hon. Paul C. Smedberg

County of Fairfax
Town of Purcellville
County of Fairfax
County of Prince William
City of Alexandria
City of Alexandria

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Hon. Harry J. Parrish II

City of Manassas

STAFF PRESENT

G. Mark Gibb
Linda M. Tenney
Linda Summerall
Michelle Simmons
Aimee Vosper
Stephen Walz

Executive Director
Deputy Director
Executive Secretary
Director, Human Services
Director, Planning & Environmental Services
Director, Regional Energy Planning

- CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Lazaro called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.
- RESOLUTION NO. P14-03** *Authorization to Sign International Regional Partnership Memorandum of Understanding with George Mason University*
- Commissioner Nohe moved adoption of Resolution No. P14-03. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- RESOLUTION NO. P14-04** *Authorization to Submit a Living Shorelines Project Proposal to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants*
- Commissioner Gross moved adoption of Resolution No. P14-04. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- RESOLUTION NO. P14-05** *Authorization to Submit a Living Shorelines Project Proposal to the National Fish Habitat Action Plan Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership FY 2014 Project*
- Commissioner Gross moved adoption of Resolution No. P14-05. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- NVRC OFFICE LEASE** Mr. Gibb reported that the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) (currently two employees) has moved into NVRC's office at no charge. The Health Systems Agency of No. Va. plans to move into the office as a paying subtenant.
- Chairman Lazaro urged staff to look at office space near a Metro station.
- Mr. Gibb noted that a larger conference room is needed to accommodate NVTA. Staff is using the same broker it used eight years ago and is currently focusing on space next door in our "sister" building, managed by the same management firm. The rent would be

less expensive for more than the current monthly rate and the first nine months would be free.

Responding to Commissioner Parrish, Mr. Gibb assured the members this has been discussed with NVTA and factored into NVRC's preliminary FY 2015 budget. The earliest the move could occur would be the summer of 2014, with the new lease being signed in the November/December timeframe. Mr. Gibb added NVRC's current lease could be re-negotiated if NVTA decides not to co-locate with NVRC.

EXPECTED
SHORTAGE OF
STATE FUNDS FOR
NO. VA. CLIENTS
NEEDING AIDS
DRUG ASS'T.

There is approximately \$31 million through the Ryan White program for HIV/AIDS drugs for the D.C. metropolitan region. Northern Virginia receives a little over \$5 million. D.C. and Maryland have moved a lot of these people onto their Medicaid programs; Virginia is not expanding its Medicaid program. The Ryan White program is intended to be the payer of last resort but currently the HIV Planning Council is apportioning these funds based on caseload. NVRC staff is requesting an additional \$2 million. Mr. Gibb believes NVRC will need the support of all its member jurisdictions and perhaps its Congressional delegation in making its case for additional funding.

Responding to Commissioner Gross, Ms. Simmons said Northern Virginia has good data on its side but the data system has always been problematic in D.C. and Maryland. She explained the task force established to review this situation and Northern Virginia's request has asked the three "state" health departments and Medicaid agencies to provide the same type of information so it can be compared. Ms. Simmons added that D.C. does not seem to be cognizant that they are tapping two different federal sources for services to the same population.

Chairman Lazaro directed staff to prepare a resolution and sample letter for the next Commission meeting.

M-495 MARINE
HIGHWAY

The Commission adopted Resolution No. 13-03 last fall requesting the designation of the Potomac, Anacostia and Occoquan rivers as the "M-495 Marine Highway Crossing." NVRC received notification on September 13 that U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx made this designation, which opens the way for applications for federal funds.

Mr. Gibb added that NVRC's recently completed commuter ferry analysis shows support and a commuter ferry could run at a profit.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Lazaro adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director

Approved by:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Chairman