

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, January 22, 2015

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

Hon. Sharon Bulova

Hon. David S. Butler

Hon. Peter Candland

Hon. Janet Clarke

Hon. John C. Cook

Hon. Laurie A. Dirocco

Hon. Jay Fisette

Hon. Gerald M. Foreman II

Hon. Libby Garvey

Hon. Penelope A. Gross, NVRC Chairman

Hon. Pat Herrity

Hon. Catherine Hudgins

Hon. Frank Jones

Hon. Kwasi Fraser

Hon. Jeffrey C. McKay

Hon. Lisa C. Merkel

Hon. Martin E. Nohe

Hon. Harry J. Parrish II

Hon. Redella S. Pepper, NVRC Treasurer

Hon. Frank J. Principi

Hon. R. Scott Silverthorne

Hon. Paul C. Smedberg

Hon. Linda Smyth

Hon. David Tarter

Hon. Scott K. York

County of Fairfax

Town of Leesburg

County of Prince William

County of Loudoun

County of Fairfax

Town of Vienna

County of Arlington

Town of Dumfries

County of Arlington

County of Fairfax

County of Fairfax

County of Fairfax

City of Manassas Park

Town of Purcellville

County of Fairfax

Town of Herndon

County of Prince William

City of Manassas

City of Alexandria

County of Prince William

City of Fairfax

City of Alexandria

County of Fairfax

City of Falls Church

County of Loudoun

STAFF PRESENT

G. Mark Gibb

Linda M. Tenney

Gina Kesselmann-Smith

Ken Billingsley

Normand Goulet

Dale Medearis

David Schwengel

Michelle Simmons

Debbie Spiliotopoulos

Peggy Tadej

Aimee Vosper

Executive Director

Deputy Director

Executive Assistant

Director, Demographics & Information Services

Senior Environmental Planner, IT Manager

Senior Environmental Planner

Director, Regional Business Planning

Director, Human Services

Senior Environmental Planner

No. Va. Regional BRAC Coordinator

Director, Planning and Environmental Services

OTHERS PRESENT

Dana Kauffman

James Moran

Sue Rowland (via phone)

Robert Templin

Director of Government and Community Affairs, NVCC

Congressman, District 8

NVRC – Legislative Liaison

President of the Northern Virginia Community College

- CALL TO ORDER Chairman Gross called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.
- ROLL CALL The roll was called and all members present or absent were noted for the record.
- MINUTES Commissioner York moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of December 11, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bulova and carried unanimously.
- PRESENTATION Dr. Robert Templin (President of the Northern Virginia Community College) and Congressman James Moran are retiring from their positions after serving Northern Virginia for (in some cases) decades.

Chairman Gross read the resolution for Dr. Templin regarding all his achievements. Then Chairman Gross asked him to please “stick around” and be a resource for the Northern Virginia Regional Commission as long as he possibly can, and thanked him on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Clarke added that it has been an honor to work for Dr. Templin and to have seen all the work that he has done in the region. Out of 1 million students that came through Northern Virginia Community College, 500,000 of the students came during the leadership of Dr. Templin, which speaks volumes.

Commissioner Bulova, who is a graduate of Northern Virginia Community College, mentioned that she has seen the College grow and change and evolve and each new President brought his or her gift. And under Dr. Templin things have changed a lot and evolved into something really special. He helped younger people but also older people to be fully equipped and to live successfully in our communities. He is very important and she joined Chairman Gross hoping that he will stay close, as they appreciated what Dr. Templin has done and will continue to do for Northern Virginia.

Commissioner Parrish thanked Dr. Templin for allowing the citizens of Manassas and Prince William County to be part of what he has been providing in terms of education and thanked him for all that he has done.

Commissioner York thanked Dr. Templin on behalf of the citizens of Loudoun County. Dr. Templin had a major impact in the entire region and Commissioner York thanked him for his vision and his leadership.

Commissioner Garvey mentioned, that he made a huge difference in the lives of students including her daughter.

Commissioner Cook was amazed that the community college sends guidance counselors into the Northern Virginia high schools to guide the kids so they can succeed at Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC). She pointed out that Nova helps students get prepared and has a program where they will mentor students from the beginning of high school all the way through NVCC and then through George Mason University and it works. And that is the vision that Dr. Templin brought.

Dr. Templin then spoke and said that he was deeply honored by this recognition. He wanted NVCC to become a strategic resource to the future of Northern Virginia and then elaborated that today NVCC has 19,000 more students every year now. Most of the NVCC students are first-generation college goers. NVCC represents the hidden asset of this region, who have come from all over the world seeking opportunity. Having a strong back and good work ethics is not enough now, education is needed. And NVCC has doubled

the number of students transferring to George Mason University. 90% of them are nonwhite. NVCC has doubled its graduation rate and has been taking 1000 families out of poverty and into self-sufficiency annually, working with community-based nonprofit organizations. NVCC has also built a STEM pipeline that is just getting started that already has 15,000 young people in it who otherwise wouldn't be thinking of these particular fields. Dr. Templin then emphasized that none of that would have happened if the Northern Virginia localities didn't want to partner. A Big part of this partnership has been the work of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, who created a safe place for this region to gather and for Dr. Templin to have this dialogue. If it weren't for the Northern Virginia Regional Commission this regional dialogue would not have been possible. Then Dr. Templin added that NVCC now serves more African-American students than Howard University and University of District of Columbia combined. One third of all Latino students in college in Virginia are at Nova. 30% of all Asian-American undergraduates are Nova students. But NVCC had to have the capacity and that is what this commission also helped with immensely. Every single locality agreed to be a partner with NVCC. Therefore, Dr. Templin wanted to thank the Regional Commission.

Then Chairman Gross presented the next appreciation for congressman Moran and read the resolution with his achievements.

Commissioner Bulova has known James Moran from the time he was in local government. and said that he has been the best partner one can possibly have, someone who understands all levels of government and very valuable person to have working with on all levels.

Commissioner Silverthorne mentioned that he has been star struck since he met Congressman Moran for the first time. He has been such a great leader for the region. He has always been somebody who was great to work with. Commissioner Silverthorne also said what he admires most about James Moran, which are his principles and the fact that he has always been willing to take on very tough issues, even when it "ruffled a few feathers". Then he thanked him for his great service.

Commissioner Garvey remembered that James Moran helped out with a protest permit in a very smooth and quick way.

Commissioner Nohe told the Commission that James Moran helped his family on an immigration problem. He was very thankful that James Moran listened and helped.

Chairman Gross also mentioned that Congressman Moran is known for his defense of the federal employees and a number of other things mentioned in the resolution earlier. But a few important things get overlooked. He was instrumental in bringing environmental issues to Congress for us locally. He brought legislation forward that has never been brought forward before. That will be a long term legacy.

Congressman Moran thanked the Commission and said that the "recognition may not be deserved, but is certainly appreciated".

CONSENT AGENDA Commissioner Bulova moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of the items outlined below. The motion was seconded by Commissioner York and carried unanimously.

- Resolution No. P15-12: Authorization to receive and subcontract 2015-2016 Part A funds for services under the Ryan White HIV/Aids Treatment Extension Act of 2009
- Resolution No. P15-13: Authorization to receive and subcontract 2015-2016 Part

B funds for services under the Ryan White HIV/Aids Treatment Extension Act of 2009

- Resolution No. P15-14: Funding Availability from USDOT's Maritime Administration America's Marine Highway Grant
- Resolution No. P15-15: Authorization to sign MOU with Northern Virginia Technology Council
- Resolution No. P15-16: MWCOG Rooftop Solar Challenge Grant
- Resolution No. P15-17: Authorization to sign MOUs with Ft. Belvoir and Quantico on regional issues that cover health care delivery, transportation, workforce transition, and joint disaster planning and training

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

Printed copies of the report were distributed and Mr. Gibb went through the slides:

- Four Mile Run Restoration Project
- Recaptured HOPWA ad Ryan White Funding
- Solarize Nova
- Additional Energy Activities
- Northern Virginia Sustainability Network
- Adopt A Hydrant
- Upcoming Events:
 - February 9 (2pm-4pm): Delegation from City of Bordeaux to discuss regional energy and climate policies in Northern Virginia (NVRC offices)
 - February 11 (8:30am-11am): Hosted by Northern Virginia Technology Council – “How Foreign Investment Responds to Regional Innovations”. (Teq Corner 1616 Anderson Road, McLean, Virginia)
 - March 5-6 (all day): By invitation only by the French Embassy “Focus 2015: A Forum for Communities on Urban Sustainability”. (French Embassy, Washington DC)

Robert Lazaro (staff NVRC) explained in more details how the “adopt a hydrant” program works.

CHAIRMAN'S
REPORT

Chairman Gross announced that the National Association of Regional Councils/National Conference of Regions will be in Washington DC February 8-10 2015. So if one is interested in registering for that and attending to let Chairman Gross know, so she can put one in touch with the right people.

LEGISLATIVE
REPORT

Commissioner Cook, Legislative Committee Chairman, presented the summary of legislation put together by Sue Rowland (joined the Commission meeting by polycom), who brought to the Commission's attention, that the budget amendments for additional 300.000 dollars in general funds for the planning district commission are item number 104. So when visiting Richmond and talking to the many committee members the Commission members need to advocate for item 104.

WORKFORCE
COMMITTEE
REPORT

Chairman Gross updated the Commission on the progress of the Workforce Committee (consisting of Commissioner Foreman, Commissioner Clarke, Commissioner Garvey, Chairman Gross, Commissioner Nohe) and pointed out that this committee is currently working on a Workforce Summit on Monday, March 16, 2015 (targeted date) at the Northern Virginia Community College. This will be a regional consortium and the taskforce is planning to ask the Governor to kick it off. This is built on the listening sessions that the committee has had over the last year. Chairman Gross emphasized that there is a need to

have a regional dialogue about “paddling the boat in the same direction”. She mentioned that more information will be provided at the next Commission meeting and asked to put a hold on the Commissioners’ calendars for March 16, 2015. It will start in the morning and should be done by noon.

Commissioner Clarke mentioned that it is important to show regional collaboration.

NVTA REPORT

Commissioner Nohe talked about the HB 599 process: Projects that NVTA is considering funding have been evaluated for their congestion relief efficiency. There is a numeric score that will be available starting the 23rd of January 2015 on the web. These scores are really important, as NVTA is legally not allowed to fund projects without this evaluation. These projects are also measured by the magnitude of the project, its cost effectiveness and project readiness (to determine the final project selection score). On February 13, 2015 the Project Implementation Working Group will have a committee meeting and will make a recommendation to the authority on which projects to fund. Then in March the authority will put out an advertisement for public hearing. And if all goes well, NVTA will be able to adopt their next round of projects in April.

Then Commissioner Nohe reported that 26 of NVTA’s high range transit projects that were approved in 2013 have now signed standard projects agreements. There are approximately 183 million dollars worth of projects on the street now. The actual projects will begin this summer.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Gross added that the Legislative Day for the Counties is on February 5, 2015 in Richmond. Item 104 is the additional money for the Regional Commission as mentioned earlier by Sue Rowland.

Mr. Gibb announced that Aimee Vosper (staff of NVRC) will be leaving NVRC and will go to Fairfax County, where she will be the Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gross adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director

Approved by:

Penelope Gross,
Chairman