

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION**

**Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, October 27, 2016**

**COMMISSIONERS**

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

**Hon. Wille F. Bailey**  
Hon. Tony R. Buffington  
**Hon. Sharon Bulova**  
Hon. David S. Butler  
Hon. Peter Candland  
**Hon. John C. Cook, NVRC Treasurer**  
**Hon. Laurle A. Dirocco, NVRC Chairman**  
Hon. Gerald M. Foreman II  
Hon. Kwasi Fraser, alt. **Hon. Doug McCollum**  
**Hon. Libby Garvey**  
**Hon. Penelope A. Gross**  
Hon. Pat Herryty  
Hon. Catherine Hudgins  
Hon. Frank Jones  
**Hon. Jeffrey C. McKay**  
Hon. Lisa C. Merkel  
Hon. David Meyer  
**Hon. Martin E. Nohe**  
Hon. Harry J. Parrish II  
**Hon. Redella S. Pepper**  
Hon. Frank J. Principi  
**Hon. Phyllis J. Randall**  
Hon. Kathy L. Smith  
**Hon. David Tarter**  
**Hon. John Vihstadt**

**City of Alexandria**  
**County of Loudoun**  
**County of Fairfax**  
*Town of Leesburg*  
*County of Prince William*  
**County of Fairfax**  
*Town of Vienna*  
*Town of Dumfries*  
**Town of Purcellville**  
**County of Arlington**  
**County of Fairfax**  
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*City of Manassas Park*  
**County of Fairfax**  
*Town of Herndon*  
*City of Fairfax*  
**County of Prince William**  
*City of Manassas*  
**City of Alexandria**  
*County of Prince William*  
**County of Loudoun**  
*County of Fairfax*  
**City of Falls Church**  
**County of Arlington**

**STAFF PRESENT**

Robert Lazaro  
Linda M. Tenney  
Normand Goulet  
Jeongmin Kim  
Michelle Simmons  
Peggy Tadej

*Acting Executive Director*  
*Deputy Director*  
*Senior Environmental Planner, IT Manager*  
*NVRC international intern*  
*Director, Human Services*  
*No. Va. Regional BRAC Coordinator*

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ellen Volo

*Fairfax County Government Relations*

CALL TO ORDER	Chairman DiRocco called the meeting to order at 7:40 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 Gross moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of September 22, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bulova and carried unanimously.
FINANCIAL REPORT	Mr. Lazaro referred to the Quarterly financial report print out, the restatement of retirement plan and trust and the FY 16 Audit. The NVRC auditor Mark Rhodes explained further details regarding the FY 16 Audit and answered questions.
BUDGET	Mr. Lazaro went through the FY 17 budget adjustments and the FY 18 preliminary budget material and elaborated on it.
ACTION ITEMS	<p>The following Action Items, consisting of the items outlined below were moved and approved unanimously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resolution No. P17-05: FY 17 Budget Amendment (Moved approval by Commissioner Bulova and seconded by Commissioner Garvey)</li><li>• Resolution No. P17-06: Restatement of Retirement Plan and Trust (Moved approval by Commissioner Gross and seconded by Commissioner Bulova)</li><li>• Resolution No. P17-07: Acceptance of FY 16 Audit (Moved approval by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner McKay)</li><li>• Resolution No. P17-08: Adoption of Preliminary FY 18 Budget (Moved approval by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Garvey)</li></ul>
CONSENT AGENDA	Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P17-09 Ryan White Act / HOPWA. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bulova and carried unanimously.
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT	<p>Printed copies of the report were distributed and Mr. Lazaro referred to the slides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community/Military Partnership</li><li>• Community Center Update</li><li>• Solarize NoVA</li><li>• Four Mile Run Groundbreaking</li><li>• Upcoming Meetings/ Events</li></ul>

Then Mr. Lazaro updated the Commission on the status of the letter that was sent to the DC Department of Health regarding the Ryan White Program. The letter received a response. The good news is that it encouraged the DC staff to come out and look at the different areas and understand the concern. As a result Ms. Simmons, who runs this program at NVRC, has suggested, that as a follow up Ms. Simmons and Mr. Lazaro will go see Mr. Kharfen, the Senior Deputy Director of HAHSTA to let him know that we are interested in working with them.

An update will be provided as soon as it is available.

Then Mr. Lazaro informed the Commission that it was announced that NVRC received a \$173,000 grant to do a generic environmental study for the ferry.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman DiRocco updated the Commission on how the Executive Director search is going. The Executive Committee met with Prince William's HR staff, who is helping NVRC with this search. One of the main things that drives this is the job description. So the Executive Committee has put together a preliminary job description that the Commissioners can take a look at and propose changes if they like.

Chairman DiRocco also referred to the Commissioners' meeting schedule for 2017.

**COMMUNITY&MILITARY  
PARTNERSHIP  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Commissioner McKay announced that the next Community & Military Partnership Meeting is going to take place November 17th at 10 a.m. at the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center.

Commissioner McKay also pointed out how bad the situation is regarding contributions from the federal government towards the cost of education. So he asked that if the Commissioners are in a jurisdiction that puts together legislative packages, have the staff figure out the exact number that the government contributes and hopefully join others in the region and advocate with our representatives in Congress that that needs to be adjusted.

Commissioner Gross proposed to invite Col. Duggan, the new Commander at the Ft. Myer-Henderson Hall, to speak at one of the Commission meetings.

**NVTA REPORT**

Commissioner Nohe reported that a vacant position of NVTA Vice Chairman was just filled by Commissioner Randall.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Vihstadt asked who prepared the potential issues for the 2017 General Assembly document.

Mr. Lazaro answered that it was prepared by Mr. Caton, the legislative liaison for the City of Alexandria. Mr. Caton addressed all the issues mentioned in the print out at the Chief Administrative Officers meeting October 20, 2016.

Regarding the AirBnB Commissioner Vihstadt mentioned that Arlington County Board launched at its October meeting a request to advertise to consider an Airbnb homestay short-term rentals housing regulatory protocol. So the essential question is whether it is the heavy hand of government trying to stifle to sharing economy or is it a well reasoned regulation to protect the integrity of single family neighborhoods. So he asked the Commissioners whether other jurisdictions were thinking about a similar set up. Commissioner Randall said that Loudoun County is currently thinking about how to handle this issue. Chairman DiRocco added that this issue is being talked about in multiple jurisdictions.

Commissioner Vihstadt also asked whether it is possible to save money and still get notice to the community by advertising using social media, etc., rather than having to publish something 30 days in advance in the newspaper. So he asked if anyone in the Commission is considering modernizing ways of pushing out the tax and budget rate public meetings ahead of time through advertisements.

Chairman DiRocco said that this legislation has not passed last year. The towns of Northern Virginia will be looking into this again in November.

Commissioner Bulova added that she will be sending some information regarding VRS to Mayors and Chairs of Northern Virginia and asking the Governor to look at the acceleration of VRS which was done when it looked like things were turning around

and everything looked good to accelerate and fully fund VRS. If that was rolled back to what was originally agreed to it would save the state about \$ 71 Million and it would save each of our jurisdictions and our school systems a significant amount of money. And hopefully, this will benefit all of the Northern Virginia jurisdictions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman DiRocco adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.  
Acting Executive Director

Approved by:

Laurie A. DiRocco  
Chairman