

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, September 28, 2017

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

Hon. Marc T. Aveni	<i>City of Manassas</i>
Hon. Willie F. Bailey	<i>City of Alexandria</i>
Hon. Sharon Bulova	County of Fairfax
Hon. Kelly Burk	<i>Town of Leesburg</i>
Hon. Peter Candland	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. John C. Cook, NVRC Treasurer	County of Fairfax
Hon. Laurie A. Dirocco, NVRC Chairman	Town of Vienna
Hon. Gerald M. Foreman II	<i>Town of Dumfries</i>
Hon. Libby Garvey	County of Arlington
Hon. Penelope A. Gross	County of Fairfax
Hon. Pat Herrity	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Geary Higgins	<i>County of Loudoun</i>
Hon. Catherine Hudgins	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Jeffrey C. McKay	County of Fairfax
Hon. David Meyer	City of Fairfax
Hon. Martin E. Nohe	County of Prince William
Hon. Sheila Olem	Town of Herndon
Hon. Redella S. Pepper	City of Alexandria
Hon. Frank J. Principi	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. Phyllis J. Randall	<i>County of Loudoun</i>
Hon. Jeanette Rishell	City of Manassas Park
Hon. Kathy L. Smith	County of Fairfax
Hon. David Tarter, NVRC Vice-Chairman	City of Falls Church
Hon. John Vihstadt	<i>County of Arlington</i>

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Lazaro	<i>Executive Director</i>
Linda M. Tenney	<i>Deputy Director</i>
Gina Kesselmann-Smith	<i>Executive Assistant</i>
Normand Goulet	<i>Senior Environmental Planner/IT Manager</i>
Dale Medearis	<i>Senior Environmental Planner</i>
Julia Philpott	<i>NVRC SolSmart Advisor</i>
Michelle Simmons	<i>Director, Human Services</i>
Peggy Tadej	<i>Director, Military Affairs</i>

OTHERS PRESENT

Ellen Volo	<i>Fairfax County Government Relations</i>
------------	--

- CALL TO ORDER** Chairman DiRocco called the meeting to order at 7:35 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.
- DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS** In May 2011, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission approved development of a Northern Virginia Regional Energy Strategy. The Regional Energy Strategy calls for NVRC to work with the region’s localities to:
- To develop regional energy actions that support local and regional energy goals
 - To bring together local energy goals, savings targets and measurement strategies to facilitate common actions
 - Complete energy use and greenhouse gas emission inventories in those localities not having a complete inventory
- Opportunities for regional actions include:
- Establishing a broad based energy efficiency program alliance
 - Providing training and assistance in developing district energy systems
 - Supporting energy-based economic development
 - Coordinating regional participation in utility solar demonstration and other programs
 - Expanding local green business challenges, and more
- The Commission received a presentation on NVRC’s energy activities and continued activities as outlined in the July 2017 report entitled: Sustainable Energy Planning in Northern Virginia – 2.0.
- ACTION ITEMS** Commissioner McKay moved approval of the Resolution No. P18-05 – Authorization to accept and subcontract Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) 2017-2018 funds in Suburban Virginia. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bulova and carried unanimously.
- Background: NVRC received a letter of intent to fund from the DC Dept. of Health/HAHSTA for the 2017 – 2018 grant year with an award of \$2,381,738. Starting in 2018-19, HOPWA formula awards to states and heavily impacted metro areas including Washington, DC will likely decline again as the formula changes to award funds based on living rather than cumulative HIV/AIDS cases.
- Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P18-06 – Authorizing the Executive Director to submit a letter to the National Science Foundation in support of a grant establishing a Cyber Certification program for High School teachers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garvey and carried unanimously.
- Background: NVRC through its Military and Community Partnership Committee has established a cyber/cyber-security work group to address the issue of cyber workforce. The workgroup consists of both private and public sector personnel. George Washington University is submitting a grant to the National Science Foundation and the letter requested is to support GWU’s application for this grant.

Commissioner Olem moved approval of the Resolution No. P18-07 – Making appointments to the Health System Agency for Northern Virginia. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garvey and carried unanimously.

Background: NVRC appoints several members to the Board of Directors of the Health System Agency for Northern Virginia. It is the recommendation to appoint Tom Fonseca and Adele McClure as representatives to the HSA.

Commissioner Meyer moved approval of the Resolution No. P18-08 – Authorizing the Executive Director to submit a letter to the Virginia Board of Housing and Community Development in support of increased energy efficiency in the building code. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garvey and carried unanimously.

Background: The Virginia Board of Housing and Community Development is taking up matters related to the energy efficiency. Northern Virginia Regional Commission recommends that the Commonwealth of Virginia adopt all of the provisions of the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code for incorporation into the 2015 Uniform Statewide Building Code. The Commission supported similar efforts in 2012.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- **Resolution No. P18-09:** Expressing the support of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission for full funding for the Federal Chesapeake Bay Act
- **Resolution No. P18-10:** Setting the meeting calendar of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission for calendar year 2018
- **Resolution No. P18-11:** Letter of Agreement for Clean Water Partner Advertising Services

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lazaro presented his report to the Commission, which included the financial report for July, August 2017 and the following:

- Plant NoVA Natives
 - Volunteers from our Plant NoVA Natives campaign planted a native plant garden at the Wolf Trap National Park for Performing Arts in August. Plant NoVA Natives has been invited back to set up a table at several performances to share information about the program.
- Cyber Security Work Group
 - The Cyber Security Work Group met twice in the month of August.
 - Specific agenda items include:
 - Creating a Summer 2018 cyber externship program for public school teachers
 - Identifying a cadre of qualified cyber experts
 - Pre-clearance program
 - Preparing a List of Grants and Scholarships
 - Creating a clearinghouse for pre-certified Cyber talent
 - Working with GWU on a Cyber Masters Certification program

- Sharing Knowledge With Other Regions
 - NVRC was pleased to set up video conference for State officials (DMME & Commerce and Trade) with experts in Germany and German US Embassy to talk about pump storage for abandoned coal mines. The North Rhine/Westphalia region has been studying this for the past three years.
- Solar Eclipse – August 21
 - NVRC staff joined with NVTA, HSNVA and fellow tenants to observe the solar eclipse.
- Solariza NoVA Update
 - Solarize NoVA has resulted in 178 contracts for new solar installations representing 1.377MW of new solar and in excess of \$4.3 million in contracts utilizing local installers.
 - Overall Solarize through LEAP has resulted in 2.265 MW of new solar statewide with 322 contracts.
 - Solarize NoVA represents 55% of the contracts issued through the Solarize campaign.
- Economic Impact of Solarize NoVA
 - \$4.3 million in contracts for 1.377 MW of solar
 - 716,555 kWh in energy saved annually due to Home Energy Check Ups and weatherization projects
 - 1,801,662 kWh in energy produced annually by new solar arrays
 - Total energy savings/production: 2,518,217 kWh
 - Annual Value of Energy Savings/Production: \$277,003.87
- Regional Leaders Summit
 - NVRC was pleased to co-host the NoVA Elected Leaders Summit with the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce along with the Chambers from Alexandria, Arlington, Loudoun and Prince William.
 - Issues discussed included: Emergency Preparedness; Metro Funding; Highway Construction and Economic Development.
- Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Industry Day
 - Col Patrick Duggan explains Cyber Ecosystems will have all things connected including the region. Industry day featured: Automated Vehicles, Drone Technology, 3D Printer to make innovative tools for the field, 3D Visualization.
- Loudoun Trail Familiarity Tour
 - NVRC's Debbie Spiliotopoulos and Corey Miles helped lead the effort with staff from Visit Loudoun to put together a trail familiarity tour. Attending were members of the Loudoun BOS, staff and colleagues from the State and Federal governments.
- Southern Fairfax Trail Familiarity Tour
 - NVRC's Debbie Spiliotopoulos helped coordinate a well attended tour

on behalf of Fairfax Supervisor Dan Storck of community resources within the Woodlawn Historic District.

- Four Mile Run Stream Restoration Ribbon Cutting
 - NVRC was pleased to participate in ribbon cutting ceremony for Arlington portion of 4 Mile Run Stream Restoration project. NVRC has helped coordinate this project for more than a decade.
- Fast Ferry Summit
 - NVRC was pleased to work with Supervisor Frank Principi on helping coordinate Fast Ferry Summit. NVRC sponsored study by Nelson/Nygaard is due to be completed the end of December 2017.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Chairman DiRocco referred to Commissioner Nohe for an update on Go Virginia. Commissioner Nohe reported that projects are being submitted, but a lot of work is still to be done.

Chairman DiRocco also brought up if a Northern Virginia Marketing/Awareness Campaign would be worth thinking of. Commissioners had mixed opinions, with the conclusion that this idea should be explored further.

MINUTES Commissioner Olem moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of July 27, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nohe and carried. Commissioner Gross, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner McKay abstained.

OTHER BUSINESS Commissioner Gross reported on the Community & Military Partnership meeting that took place at NVRC on September 21, 2017. Its agenda consisted of the following items:

- Cyber Security Implementation Plan for Academic Alliance
- Defense Force and Infrastructure Review Act of 2017
- Military Installation Update

Commissioner Gross invited the Commissioners to join the next Community & Military Meeting on November 9, 2017 at the NVRC office location at 10 am.

ADJOURNMENT Chairman DiRocco adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director

Approved by:

Laurie A. DiRocco
Chairman