

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION**

**Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, February 5, 2009  
General Assembly Building, Richmond, Virginia**

**COMMISSIONERS**

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

<b>Hon. Sharon Bulova</b>	<b>County of Fairfax</b>
Hon. Joan Cross	City of Fairfax
<b>Hon. Steve DeBenedittis</b>	<b>Town of Herndon</b>
<b>Hon. Barbara A. Favola</b>	<b>County of Arlington</b>
<b>Hon. John Foust</b>	<b>County of Fairfax</b>
<b>Hon. Penelope A. Gross</b>	<b>County of Fairfax</b>
Hon. Pat Herrity	County of Fairfax
Hon. Catherine Hudgins	County of Fairfax
<b>Hon. Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.</b>	<b>Town of Purcellville</b>
Hon. Harold Lippman	City of Falls Church
<b>Hon. Michael C. May</b>	<b>County of Prince William</b>
Hon. Stevens Miller	County of Loudoun
Hon. Suhas Naddoni	City of Manassas Park
<b>Hon. Martin E. Nohe, NVRC Vice Chairman</b>	<b>County of Prince William</b>
<b>Hon. Harry J. Parrish II, NVRC Chairman</b>	<b>City of Manassas</b>
Hon. Redella S. Pepper, NVRC Treasurer	City of Alexandria
Hon. Frank J. Principi	County of Prince William
<b>Hon. M. Jane Seeman</b>	<b>Town of Vienna</b>
Hon. Paul C. Smedberg	City of Alexandria
Hon. Linda Smyth	County of Fairfax
Hon. J. Walter Tejada	County of Arlington
<b>Hon. Kristen C. Umstattd</b>	<b>Town of Leesburg</b>
Hon. Clyde N. Washington, Jr.	Town of Dumfries
Hon. Scott K. York	County of Loudoun

**STAFF PRESENT**

G. Mark Gibb	Executive Director
Linda M. Tenney	Deputy Director
Linda Summerall	Executive Secretary
Aimee Vosper	Director, Planning & Environmental Services

**GUESTS**

Hon. Charles J. Colgan, Sr.	Virginia Senate
Eldon James	Legislative Consultant
Sue Rowland	NVRC Legislative Liaison; SR Consulting, Inc.
Hon. Jane Woods	Legislative Consultant

**CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Parrish called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** The roll was called and all members present or absent were noted for the record.

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT**

Mr. Gibb pointed out material dated January 30 on the proposed federal economic stimulus package, which the members agreed was helpful.

Members voiced confusion as to how to apply for this funding. Chairman Parrish reported that the City of Manassas has written to Governor Kaine. Some members thought transportation funding would be distributed through the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Ms. Rowland added that the answers are not all known at this point in time.

Commissioner Favola moved that a Commission delegation meet with the Governor to discuss how local projects will be nominated to receive stimulus funding. Commissioner Lazaro requested that this delegation include a town representative. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Gibb announced that NVRC will hold its Community Energy Plan Workshop on March 25 at the German Embassy in Washington, D.C. The Commissioners will receive a formal invitation shortly.

**CHAIRMAN'S  
REPORT**

Chairman Parrish announced that he has appointed Commissioner Gross to chair the legislative committee.

**LEGISLATIVE  
REPORT**  
*Sue Rowland*

Ms. Rowland, NVRC's Legislative Liaison, introduced NVRC's legislative team, the Hon. Jane Woods and Eldon James.

Both chambers are focused on the budget. Ms. Rowland reported that the bill to increase the tax on cigarettes has failed in the Senate. However, a bill to ban smoking in restaurants and bars has passed out of its House committee and will be considered by the full House next week.

Replying to an inquiry, Ms. Rowland said the fate of HB 599 (funding for law enforcement) will not be known until early in the second week of February.

*Hon. Charles Colgan* Senator Colgan reported that the estimates of the state budget shortfall still differ, with the Senate's estimate at \$2.3 billion and the House at \$2.7 billion.

Under the federal economic stimulus plan, \$4 billion is marked for Virginia; of that, \$750 million is for transportation. Senator Colgan said it is possible that Virginia's budget could be passed conditional to its stimulus funding or that only the 2009 budget might be acted upon during the regular session. Several Commissioners expressed concern over this scenario, noting that local jurisdictions are already preparing their FY 2010 budgets.

**ADJOURNMENT** There being no further business, Chairman Parrish adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

G. Mark Gibb  
Executive Director

Approved by:

Harry J. Parrish II  
Chairman