

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, June 25, 2009

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

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

STAFF PRESENT

G. Mark Gibb	<i>Executive Director</i>
Linda M. Tenney	<i>Deputy Director</i>
Linda Summerall	<i>Executive Secretary</i>
Ken Billingsley	<i>Director, Information & Demographic Services</i>
Sayedul Choudhury	<i>Sr. Water Resources Engineer</i>
Paul Maltagliati	<i>loaned staff, Fairfax County</i>
Dale Medearis	<i>Sr. Environmental Planner</i>
Marshall Popkin	<i>Regional Planner</i>
David Schwengel	<i>Director, Regional Emergency Preparedness Planning</i>
Michelle Simmons	<i>Director, Human Services</i>
Aimee Vosper	<i>Director, Environmental & Planning Services</i>

GUESTS

Katie Boyle	<i>Fairfax County legislative staff</i>
Sue Rowland	<i>NVRC Legislative Liaison; SR Consulting, Inc.</i>
Hon. Charlie Waddell	<i>Herndon Town Council</i>

CALL TO ORDER Commissioner Pepper 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.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Commissioner York moved approval of the minutes of the May 28, 2009, meeting of the Commission. The motion was seconded and carried, with Commissioner Naddoni abstaining.

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

A. Financial Reports for May 2009

B. Resolution No. P09-27: Authorization to Engage Garforth International as Consultant to Complete the Community Energy Plan for Loudoun County

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

- Rep. Wolf has requested to speak to the Commission next month to update local elected officials on various programs and issues.

- Delegate Athey, scheduled to speak about the Joint Subcommittee Studying Development and Land Use Tools, has asked to address the Commission in the fall.

Mr. Gibb distributed a copy of his report. He asked Ms. Rowland, NVRC's Legislative Liaison, to discuss the work of the Joint Subcommittee to date. The subcommittee released draft legislation two weeks ago. Del. Athey, subcommittee co-chair, is asking for input from elected officials, the building industry, and others. The Northern Virginia Legislative Liaisons have provided input, as have VML and VACo. Perhaps the most controversial issue being looked at is proffers vs. impact fees. Ms. Rowland added the Delegate recognizes that Northern Virginia is different from many other parts of the state when it comes to development, noting that he is impressed with the plans for redevelopment of Tyson's Corner.

Del. Athey will ask to extend the study for an additional year, although some legislation will be introduced during the 2010 session.

The subcommittee includes Herring, Lucas, Orrock, Oder, Paula Miller, Toscano and Vogel as well as Secretaries Gottchalk and Homer.

In response to Commissioner Smyth's inquiry, Ms. Rowland said the subcommittee was formed primarily due to the lack of transportation funding, and the state believes it is necessary to rationally plan for growth throughout the Commonwealth. Del. Athey is open to a variety of financing tools.

Mr. Waddell stated that if the state is going to enact these financing tools, there should be a study by locality of the cost to local governments, with input from the schools, VDOT, and local departments of public works, and that the study be updated on a periodic basis.

Commissioner Favola commented how different this proposed system is from the current proffer system, saying that proffers provide jurisdictions with a very wide latitude and this proposal eliminates that latitude; impact fees are proscriptive. Commissioner Smyth pointed out there is no means to provide for parks and recreation, nor are the environment and affordable housing addressed.

Ms. Rowland read and distributed the list of the subcommittee's principles.

- Mr. Gibb introduced Sayedul Choudhury, NVRC's new Senior Water Resources Engineer, who will manage the Four Mile Run Program. Dr. Choudhury has 15 years of experience in watershed management, water resources and environmental engineering. He earned his PH.D. in civil engineering from the University of Virginia. Dr. Choudhury has extensive experience in the private sector and has also spent the past five years as a research and adjunct professor at George Mason University.
- Other items in the distributed report included:
 - | federal bills on land conservation and parkland expansion
 - | Inova Health System's June 15 opening of its Arlington AIDS clinic
 - | NVRC staff is assisting in the production of a Northern Virginia Emergency preparation video that can be tailored to include a message from the jurisdictions' chief elected officer or administrative officer
 - | Senator Ticer met with the Northern Virginia Waste Management Board regarding her initiative to create a statewide solid waste management plan and reinstate staffing for DEQ's solid waste management program
 - | NVRC staff held a community energy plan workshop for Arlington County on June 23, with support and financial assistance from the Virginia Dept. of Mines, Minerals and Energy

FY 2010 BUDGET & WORK PROGRAM

Commissioner Pepper reported that the Operations Committee reviewed and approved the budget, adding that NVRC's budget and work program takes the same conservative approach as the member governments have taken.

Mr. Gibb pointed out his written budget letter that staff distributed. The budget is conservative, containing no merit increases or general adjustments for staff. Staff will continue exploring regional service delivery.

Commissioner Favola stated it would be helpful to have a speaker on regional efficiencies this fall when local governments are preparing their FY 2011 budgets.

Commissioner Gross identified Community Service Board (CSB) functions as an area where costs are high and cost savings could be netted from a regional approach.

Examples of multi-jurisdictional collaboration mentioned during the discussion included work by the Northern Virginia fire chiefs; partnerships between Alexandria and Arlington, and Fairfax and Falls Church; regional projects by the CSBs; and local governing board/school board efforts. Commissioner Lippman wondered whether it would be practical to share information by posting it on the website.

Commissioner Gross moved adoption of Resolution No. P09-28. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Umstadd, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that the committee unanimously recommends the following slate of officers:

Harry J. Parrish II	Chairman
Martin E. Nohe	Vice Chairman
Redella S. "Del" Pepper	Treasurer

Commissioner Pepper called for nominations from the floor; hearing none, the officers were elected by acclamation.

OTHER BUSINESS Mr. Gibb distributed a letter from Rep. Connolly to the DOD Office of Economic Adjustment regarding lack of movement on funding for a regional BRAC coordinator position. Commissioner Gross moved that a letter be sent from Chairman Parrish, strongly articulating why the region needs this position and the ensuing analyses of the impacts from the 2005 BRAC decisions. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Lippman urged the members to visit the Smithsonian exhibit on the experience of Vietnamese-Americans, at the Little Eden Center in Falls Church.

Commissioner Gross reported that the Legislative Committee held its first meeting tonight and discussed potential positions for the Commission's 2010 legislative program. The committee wants the Northern Virginia legislative liaisons to develop a theme statement that all member governments will use in their programs. The next committee meeting will be 6:30 p.m. September 24.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, Commissioner Pepper adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director

Approved by:

Redella S. Pepper
Treasurer