

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, March 25, 2010

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. Charlie Waddell for 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. Suhas Naddoni	City of Manassas Park
Hon. Martin E. Nohe, NVRC Vice Chairman	County of Prince William
Hon. Harry J. Parrish II, NVRC Chairman	City of Manassas
Hon. Redella S. Pepper, NVRC Treasurer	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>
Normand Goulet	<i>Sr. Environmental Planner</i>
David Schwengel	<i>Director, Regional Emergency Preparedness Planning</i>
Michelle Simmons	<i>Director, Human Services</i>
Jeff Stern	<i>Regional Director, No. Va. Emergency Response System</i>
Aimee Vosper	<i>Director, Environmental & Planning Services</i>

OTHERS PRESENT

Bruce Bennett	<i>Hunter Mill Road Traffic Calming Cmte.</i>
Katie Boyle	<i>Fairfax Co. Legislative Services</i>
Eldon James	<i>Legislative Consultant</i>
Doug Koelemay	<i>SAIC; member, NVTC</i>
Josh Levi	<i>Vice President for Policy, Northern Virginia Technology Council (NVTC)</i>
Sue Rowland	<i>NVRC Legislative Liaison; SR Consulting, Inc.</i>
Hon. Jane Woods	<i>Driftwoods Consulting</i>

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Parrish 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.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Commissioner Bulova moved approval of the minutes of the February 25, 2010, meeting of the Commission. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

Chairman Parrish explained that Bobbi Greene Kilberg, NVTC's President & CEO, had been detained in New York. Josh Levi, Vice President for Policy, will address the Commission.

Commissioner Nohe added that he had met Mr. Levi in Richmond earlier this year and they informally discussed the possibility of collaboration between the two organizations.

Josh Levi

The Northern Virginia Technology Council (NVTC) is the largest technology council in the country, with approximately 1,000 members, the majority of which belong to the technology sector. Many of the members are small start-up companies, entrepreneurs. NVTC is known for its networking opportunities.

Mr. Levi said NVTC's Green Technology and Energy Task Force, Telecommuting Task Force, and Work Force Task Force are areas that most likely would offer opportunities for synergism with NVRC, adding that NVTC has worked with Fairfax County on telecommuting. He thought the energy arena might provide the best partnership opportunity for the two organizations.

NVTC lobbied hard during the 2010 General Assembly session to preserve the current LCI formula. Mr. Levi observed that about half of the new Delegates are from Northern Virginia, presenting both challenges and opportunities, and NVTC has tried to unite the Northern Virginia Delegation.

*questions &
answers*

Commissioner Bulova agreed that LCI galvanized and united Northern Virginia. Energy efficiency is a key program for NVRC, and staff and Commissioners are interested in opening a dialog with NVTC. Mr. Gibb added that several jurisdictions are developing community energy plans and the region is looking for a cohesive corridor.

Commissioner Nohe proposed teaming up when lobbying state legislators and Mr. Levi concurred. Commissioner Nohe then suggested that NVRC form an ad hoc committee to discuss the 2011 General Assembly session with NVTC and other appropriate organizations. He added that the coordination could also be on a programmatic level, although he thinks the obvious opportunity is the legislative level. Mr. Levi said NVTC is open to exploring this opportunity, adding that he would like to invite the local governments to participate on NVTC's energy task force.

Commissioner Gross commented that the region has the opportunity to be very robust in telecommuting and that may be an area for collaboration. Chairman Parrish added that the Operations Committee learned tonight that the Commission's employees often telework.

Chairman Parrish invited Doug Koelemay to speak, informing the members that Mr. Koelemay used to work for the Northern Virginia Technology Council.

Doug Koelemay

Mr. Koelemay said he represents Northern Virginia on the Commonwealth Transportation Board but that was not why he was attending tonight's meeting. He currently works for SAIC, which moved its headquarters from California to Northern Virginia last September. SAIC has 45,000 employees worldwide and decided that Northern Virginia was the best place for the company to continue to build its future. It has about 12,000 employees

throughout Northern Virginia, with 4,200 employees at its Tyson's Corner office. SAIC sees itself as a regional institution.

The business community has grown more sophisticated over the past few years. NVTC's member companies all have initiatives to grow more skilled workers, such as engineers. Further, the companies understand that current issues such as workforce training, energy, the electric grid, etc., are intertwined. Increasingly, Northern Virginia will be the source of solutions for the state and for the mid-Atlantic region; Northern Virginia is at the forefront of population and economics. The redevelopment of Tyson's Corner is being watched internationally, and people overseas know that Metro is being extended to Dulles International Airport. Northern Virginia's international reputation presents great opportunities.

Mr. Koelemay added that the overlaps between NVTC and NVRC are very congruent. Solutions will be forged from public-private partnerships. He added that on behalf of SAIC, the company would like to work with NVRC and to assist with the partnership between NVTC and NVRC.

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

- A. Financial Reports for January 2010
- B. Resolution No. P10-16: Authorization to Submit a Technical Assistance Proposal to the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program
- C. Resolution No. P10-17: Authorization to Submit a Grant Proposal to the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program to Research Sustainable Shoreline Community Management in Northern Virginia
- D. Resolution No. P10-18: Authorization to Submit a Grant Proposal to the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program to Develop a Conservation Corridor Plan for Northern Virginia
- E. Resolution No. P10-19: Authorization to Apply for, Receive, and Subcontract Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) Funds for Information Technology Improvements in Northern Virginia Ryan White Client Level Data

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

Mr. Gibb distributed a copy of his report:

- Update on the Arlington Community Energy Plan
- Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Opportunity
- Continued Increase in Northern Virginia's Population
- Four Mile Run Pedestrian Bridge Competition: 3 finalists have been chosen; their designs will be exhibited at a March 27 public session and the winner announced
- Bike/Pedestrian Guide: NVRC is coordinating the design and printing of the brochure funded by a Transportation Enhancement grant

Chairman Parrish asked in light of what is currently known of the 2010 Census, how redistricting will impact the number of state Senate and House seats. Mr. Billingsley said he has not yet analyzed this. Ms. Rowland said that in Virginia, the number of districts won't change (100 in the House, 40 in the Senate); roughly, a district contains 176,000 people.

**CHAIRMAN'S
REPORT**

Chairman Parrish reported the difficulty of scheduling the strategic planning retreat for a date that the majority of Commissioners can attend. In light of that, the retreat has been rescheduled for June 19.

**LEGISLATIVE
REPORT**

Commissioner Gross, Legislative Committee Chairman, called attention to the report distributed by staff. She noted it was a rather miserable session for getting legislative priorities passed. Ms. Rowland added that the legislative team believes Commissioner Gross should take credit for LCI.

Ms. Rowland said a final legislative report will be produced after the April 21 veto session. Reviewing the current report, she pointed out that most of the surviving bills have no action yet from the Governor.

Ms. Rowland reviewed NVRC's funding, which is significantly reduced for FY11 and FY12 from the FY10 level. Ms. Rowland referred the members to the charts on funding, adding that of all the Planning District Commissions, NVRC received the largest cut, 68 percent. She added that the Northern Virginia legislators that make up the budget conferees are very strong supporters of NVRC.

Commissioner Smedberg asked what the logic was in PDC funding allocations. Ms. Rowland replied it was most likely a bottom line number that resulted in a good deal of negotiations. She thanked the members for calling their legislators.

After further discussion, the Commissioners agreed that better education of the Northern Virginia Delegation is needed. Chairman Parrish said the Operations Committee discussed this and came to the same conclusion.

Mr. Gibb stated that \$250 million for the region and the state could be lost next fiscal year if NVRC does not have adequate base funding from the state, which it uses to match grants. Members discussed the potential loss of AIDS grants for the region if NVRC is not the sub-recipient administrator: people may not receive health care and other related services.

Commissioner Bulova moved that the Executive Director and a small NVRC delegation schedule a meeting with Senator Colgan as Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, to be followed by a meeting of that NVRC delegation with Senator Colgan and Governor McDonnell to attempt to improve upon the state funding that has been allocated to NVRC for FY11 and FY12. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Commissioners agreed that legislative communications will be on strategic planning retreat's agenda. Commissioner Smedberg reiterated the value of relating/ personalizing NVRC's projects and programs to legislators' districts.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, Chairman Parrish adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director

Approved by:

Harry J. Parrish II
Chairman