

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, April 24, 2003

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those present are highlighted)

Commissioner Hilda M. Barg
Commissioner Johnine P. Barnes
Commissioner Charles J. Billand
Commissioner Albert J. Boudreau
Commissioner Melvin Bray
Commissioner Sharon Bulova
Commissioner James C. Chesley
Commissioner William C. Cleveland
Commissioner Gerald E. Connolly
Commissioner Joan Cross
Commissioner Anna F. Dixon
Commissioner William T. Druhan, Jr.
Commissioner Albert C. Eisenberg
Commissioner Barbara A. Favola, NVRC Treasurer
Commissioner Jay Fisette
Commissioner Robin Gardner
Commissioner Robert C. Goessman
Commissioner Brenda Z. Greene
Commissioner Penelope A. Gross
Commissioner Katherine K. Hanley
Commissioner Mark R. Herring
Commissioner John F. Herrity
Commissioner Edgar B. Holley
Commissioner Catherine Hudgins
Commissioner John D. Jenkins
Commissioner David Kirkpatrick, Jr.
Commissioner Lyman Krekel
Commissioner Jesse Ludvigsen
Commissioner Elaine N. McConnell
Commissioner Stuart Mendelsohn
Commissioner Michael O'Reilly
Commissioner Sally B. Ormsby
Commissioner Harry J. Parrish, II
Commissioner Redella S. Pepper
Commissioner Robert Rapanut
Commissioner Lilla D. Richards
Commissioner J. Walter Tejada
Commissioner Kristen C. Umstattd, NVRC Vice Chairman
Commissioner Don White
Commissioner Edgar S. Wilbourn, III
Commissioner William R. Wren
Commissioner Scott K. York, NVRC Chairman

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

STAFF PRESENT

G. Mark Gibb
Linda M. Tenney
Linda Summerall
Kenneth Billingsley
Doug Pickford
Michelle Simmons
James Van Zee

Executive Director
Deputy Director
Executive Secretary
Director, Demographics
Director, Environmental and Heritage Resources
Director, Human Services
Director, Regional Planning Services

CALL TO ORDER Vice Chairman Umstattd called the meeting to order at 8:02 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.

Vice Chairman Umstattd welcomed newly appointed Commissioner J. Walter Tejada. Commissioner Tejada won a special election in March to the Arlington County Board.

MINUTES Commissioner Hanley moved approval of the minutes of the March 27, 2003, meeting of the Commission. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA Commissioner Hanley moved approval of the consent agenda, consisting of the Financial Reports for March 2003. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gibb highlighted three items:

- A. Copies of the newly published 2003 edition of the *Quick Guide to Human Services* had been placed around the table for Commissioners. The Spanish-language edition is expected shortly.
- B. Mr. Gibb displayed a poster from the Northern Virginia tourism ad campaign.
- C. Agendas for the Purcellville Charrette, May 1-3, had been placed at every seat. Commissioners are welcome to attend this interesting planning activity.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Vice Chairman Umstattd commented that NVRC's good international relations resulted in a visit to Leesburg by the Lord Mayor of Freiburg, Germany. Mr. Gibb brought the Lord Mayor to meet with Commissioners Umstattd and Herring to discuss areas of mutual interest.

RESOLUTION NO. P03-20

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S GRANT AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TITLE I AND TITLE II OF THE RYAN WHITE CARE ACT GRANT YEAR 2003-2004

Commissioner Hudgins reported that the Human and Community Services Committee met immediately before the Commission meeting to review award recommendations. A chart listing recommended grantees with their services and grant awards were before the Commissioners. Commissioner Hudgins moved that Resolution No. P03-20 be adopted. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. P03-21

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FOR PRE-DISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING

Commissioner Favola explained that this resolution had been discussed and recommended by the Operations Committee. She moved adoption of Resolution No. P03-21. The motion was seconded.

Commissioner Hanley asked for clarification. Mr. Gibb replied that it is Federal funding from FEMA through the states. The Virginia Department of Emergency Management (DEM) is offering the funds only to the Planning District Commissions. Last year, DEM

invited four PDCs to apply; this year, it has invited only the Hampton Roads PDC and NVRC to apply.

Resolution No. P03-21 was unanimously adopted.

**OTHER
BUSINESS**

Commissioner Billand reported on a regional affordable housing conference sponsored by Fannie Mae, financial institutions, architects, and nonprofit and for-profit developers. He suggested this might be something the Commission could offer for Northern Virginia. Vice Chairman Umstatted suggested this be referred to the Human and Community Services Committee, and Commissioner Hudgins, committee chairman, agreed.

Commissioner Greene announced she has been appointed to a national advisory committee on children and terrorism, adding that children have been "invisible" in plans preparing the populace to deal with terrorism. The committee is tasked with reporting back to Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson by June 6. Commissioner Greene will keep the Commission apprised.

Commissioner Favola asked for an update on the CareFirst conversion at the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Hudgins noted the process is on-going, and asked Ms. Simmons to comment.

Ms. Simmons reported that a bill is before the Maryland General Assembly which would replace a number of board members on CareFirst. The D.C. insurance commissioner objects to the Maryland General Assembly's interference in a private business and is urging the Maryland Governor to veto the bill. Virginia is aligned with the D.C. insurance commissioner. Ms. Simmons added that we are in a "waiting and watching period," and staff will keep the Commissioners apprised of any new developments.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, Vice Chairman Umstatted adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director

Kristen C. Umstatted
Vice Chairman