

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of November 21, 2013

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission was called to order at 9:33 a.m. in the Regional Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

COMMISSIONERS:

Kenneth Wright, Chairman (PO)	McKinley Price (NN)
Clyde Haulman, Vice Chairman (WM)	Michael W. Johnson (SH)
Dr. Ella P. Ward (CH)	Selena Cuffee-Glenn (SU)
Randy Martin (FR)	Tyrone Franklin (SY)
Brenda Garton (GL)	Louis R. Jones (VB)
George Wallace (HA)	Jackson C. Tuttle, II (WM)
Dee Dee Darden (IW)	James McReynolds, Treasurer (YK)
Mary Jones (JC)	

Executive Director:

Dwight L. Farmer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (ABSENT)

Paul D. Fraim (NO)	J. Randall Wheeler (PQ)
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OTHER COMMISSIONERS:

James Baker (CH)	Barry Porter (SH)
Amar Dwarkanath (CH)	Linda T. Johnson (SU)
Debbie Ritter (CH)	John Seward (SY)
Anne Seward (IW)	Amelia Ross-Hammond (VB)
Robert Middaugh (JC)	Barbara Henley (VB)
Jim Bourey (NN)*	James K. Spore (VB)
Sharon Scott (NN)	Thomas G. Shepperd (YK)

*Late arrival or early departure.

OTHERS RECORDED ATTENDING:

James Peterson (HA), Ron Williams (NO), Bryan Pennington (NO), Nita Mensia (PO), Sherri Neil (PO), Sherry Hunt (SU), Earl Sorey (CH), John Gergely (NN resident), Michael King (NN), Eric Stringfield (VDOT), Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (PO), Steve Chapin (AECOM), Steve Romine, Eric Nielsen (SU), Robert Brown (CH), Jeff Raliski (NO), L.F. Mach (Maritime Administration), Don Satterwhite (AE System). Staff: Randy Keaton, Camelia Ravanbakht, Shernita Bethea, Melton Boyer, Curtis Brown, James Clary, Nancy Collins, Kathlene Grauberger, Greg Grootendorst, Julia Hillegass, Jim Hummer, Mike Long, Jai McBride, Benjamin McFarlane, Joe Paulus, Kelli Peterson, Tiffany Smith, Joe Turner, Chris Vaigneur, Felecia Williams.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Chairman Wright asked if there is a motion to approve agenda as written.

Commissioner McKinley Price Moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Ella Ward. The Motion Carried.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

Coastal Zone Program-Grant Project Updates

Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Regional Planner briefed the Commission on the updates to the grant projects of the Coastal Zone Management Program. The two grants are:

- Coastal Resources Management Technical Assistance Grant
- Land and Water Quality Protection in Hampton Roads Phase II Grant

There are six components to the technical assistance grant:

- Regional coordination
- Environmental impact review
- Public information and education
- Training for local staff
- Technical studies
- Technical assistance

Mr. McFarlane reported the HRPDC assisted in an effort led by the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) to study the impact of changing insurance industry practices on coastal communities. In the initial study, VACo indicated some insurance companies were withdrawing insurance coverage from coastal areas. This raised concerns of availability

and affordability of homeowner insurance - separate from recent issues concerning flood insurance.

The VACo effort identified several possible impacts to local governments including reduced home sales, availability issues and decreased property tax revenue for local governments. The HRPDC assisted by collecting GIS data from affected localities across the coastal zone. This was done in cooperation with the other seven coastal Planning District Commissions. GIS analysis was performed to assess and map the extent of the areas potentially affected by these changes.

Mr. McFarlane presented a table summarizing the analysis of Hampton Roads. Nearly 40% of the total assessment improvement value in coastal localities was located within 2,500 feet of tidal waters and over 60% was within one mile. Maps were created for all the counties which data was available at the time and Mr. McFarlane displayed an illustration of York County as an example.

Mr. McFarlane continued with the second project completed this past year, the second phase of the land and water quality protection in Hampton Roads. This is a Section 309 grant. The goal of the Section 309 grant is to develop supplemental policies that address important coastal issues. In this case, the goal was to identify and develop policies and practices that local governments could adopt in Hampton Roads to address the requirements of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and the Virginia stormwater management regulations.

In this phase, two localities, Norfolk and Suffolk, were used as pilot projects. The project consisted of 3 components: 1) developing coastal plain stormwater best management practice guidance; 2) a review of existing local ordinances and policies related to development and stormwater management; and 3) modeling the GIS of examples of development scenarios. Mr. McFarlane commented that the project will continue for one more year and HRPDC staff will be working closely with the local staffs.

Commissioner Mary Jones commented that James City County has been extremely proactive regarding cluster development and implementing "smart design" and although good recommendations have come from these studies, it is important to consider both the pros and cons of such planning and development.

2014 Legislative Agenda

Julia Hillegass, HRPDC Public Information and Community Affairs Administrator, provided an overview of the updated 2014 HRPDC Legislative Agenda. She stated a couple updates to the legislative agenda are based on the Commission's discussions from the October meeting, including more detail on water quality funding and an additional item addressing K-12 education.

The HRPDC's legislative agenda urges the General Assembly to supply dedicated and adequate state appropriations for water quality improvement associated with

requirements of sewer system permits, EPA regulations, the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, and the Virginia watershed implementation plan.

In 2013, the General Assembly approved \$35 million for nonpoint source pollution and the HRPDC encourages the General Assembly to appropriate \$50 million for FY15 and an additional \$2 million for FY15 statewide land cover analysis. This request is consistent with the bay program's land use work group recommendations.

A strong public school system is important to economic growth and staff recommends the Commission oppose any legislative efforts to further shift K-12 funding burdens to local governments. Ms. Hillegass stated that this language is consistent with that of many Hampton Roads localities' legislative agendas.

Ms. Hillegass noted that the HRPDC has provided a link to the catalog of state and federal mandates as requested by the Commission.

Commissioner Ella Ward requested a copy of data pertaining to the figures for stormwater management. Ms. Hillegass said that she would get the information to Commissioner Ward.

Commissioner Debbie Ritter urged the Commissioners to ask their staff to provide them with the data on their specific locality as much of the data contained in the EPA documents is inaccurate and flawed and could be very costly to individual localities.

Study to Forecast Workforce Housing needs in the Hampton Roads Region for 2033

Ms. Shernita Bethea, HRPDC Housing Administrator, presented an overview of a project currently underway to study the regional workforce housing forecast in Hampton Roads for 2033. Ms. Bethea stated the study is being conducted by Lisa Sturdevant, director of the national housing conference. Two previous studies were conducted in Richmond and Northern Virginia, and after the Hampton Roads study, an additional study will be conducted in the Roanoke, New River Valley region.

The key objectives of the study are to document the characteristics of the current population, the economy, the housing market, including analysis of the characteristics of the renters and the owners in our region. Projected job growth and socioeconomic trends will also be studied.

The study will be a tool for local planning offices, local economic development departments, as well as provide a data for analysis in looking at how to project population growth and how to develop housing around where the growth is going to be in certain areas. The Hampton Roads Study will pay close attention to jobs as it relates to transportation and economic development. Over 247,000 households in this region are cost burdened, which is the average of 30% of income is going toward housing. The key objective of this study is to provide local and regional policymakers, business leaders and non-profit groups in Hampton Roads with data and tools to develop housing strategies that will ensure the success of the region's economies and the well-being of their residents.

Chairman Wright asked about the cost burden of households and if that rate was the highest the region had ever seen. Ms. Bethea said she had not tracked that information in terms of decades but she could let him know. She stated, however, with the foreclosure crisis, that figure is probably at the highest level.

Submitted Public Comments

Executive Director Dwight Farmer indicated there were no submitted public comments.

Public Comment

One person requested to address the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

Ellis W. James

Thank you. Members of the Commission I have two areas of concern this morning. One is simple, uranium mining. The cost of uranium is rising and there are those of us who are opposed and very concerned about the lifting of the moratorium on uranium mining in the Commonwealth of Virginia. I urge everyone to hold fast to that position. For those of you who don't know one point of interest, our allies and friends in North Carolina, especially those communities in the Roanoke River basin - virtually every town, county and organization is opposed now to lifting the moratorium. That is a large piece of the action. For those of you who didn't notice the other day we have now enlisted the support for opposing lifting the moratorium by the Chamber of Commerce and I think that is worthy of note.

The second thing I would like to call to your attention, and I don't pretend to be an expert on, but find very disturbing to me personally as a resident of the Hampton Roads, there is a big push under way according to some reports for virtual currency. Now, there is a particular acronym for the coin that's involved, but my concern is that each community on this commission should be watching closely because a transition in my opinion at this time without the information that is needed would be a serious mistake. It is going to open up, and I'm not a person who freaks out about terrorist threats and so on, but we have to take it seriously. This is going to possibly put us in a position of having outside countries, criminal endeavors and people who just would hijack the system and/or hijack our elections here in the United States, and I'll keep it to Virginia for right now. This is not something that we should enter into without thorough examination of all of the aspects and what this raises, and so I would urge each one of the communities on this commission to pay close attention to that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Approval of Consent Items

Chairman Wright asked for approval of the following consent items:

- A. Minutes of October 17, 2013 Meeting
- B. Treasurer's Report

- C. Regional PNRS Reviews – Monthly Status Report
 - 1. PNRS Reviews
 - 2. Environmental Impact Assessment/Statement Review
- D. Budget Amendment – Regional Construction Standards
- E. Budget Amendment – HRMFFA MOU
- F. Budget Amendment – SPSA Solid Waste Study 2018
- G. Budget Amendment – UASI PPE Award
- H. Budget Amendment – UASI Web EOC
- I. Budget Amendment – Coastal Zone Award
- J. Budget Amendment – Year-End Rollovers
- K. Budget Amendment – TPO Carry-Over Funding
- L. Budget Amendment – Personnel
- M. CZM 309 Final Report
- N. 2014 Legislative Agenda
- O. Economic Impact of the Department of Defense
- P. Resolution for Collaborative Government Initiative
- Q. Hampton Roads 2040 Socioeconomic Forecast and TAZ Allocation
- R. CZM Program Technical Assistance Final Report
- S. Authorizing Resolutions and Certification for FY 2013 SHSGP grant

Commissioner Louis Jones Moved to approved the consent items; second by Commissioner Ritter. The Motion carried.

HRPDC Three Month Tentative Schedule

Chairman Wright outlined the Three Month Tentative Schedule section of the agenda. Mr. Farmer reminded the Commission that the month of February is the Commission's annual retreat.

Old/New Business

Chairman Wright identified the Old/New Business section of the agenda

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Adjournment

Kenneth I. Wright

Dwight L. Farmer

Chairman

Executive Director/Secretary