

**HAMPTON ROADS  
PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MEETING  
February 16, 2017  
12:30 PM  
*(Please note new meeting time)*  
The Regional Building  
723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval/Modification of Agenda**
- 3. Submitted Public Comments**

There were no submitted public comments since the last HRPDC meeting. Any new written public comments received after the preparation of this agenda will be distributed as a handout at the meeting.

- 4. Public Comment Period**

Members of the public are invited to address the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

- 5. Executive Director's Report – Bob Crum (Attachment 5)**

- 6. Consent Agenda (Attachment 6)**

- a. Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2017 Commission Meeting**
- b. Treasurer's Report of December 2016**
- c. Transcribed Public Comments – January 19, 2017 Commission Meeting**
- d. EPA Financial Advisory Board Appointment (Attachment 6d)**

The Environmental Financial Advisory Board was chartered in 1989 under the Federal Advisory Committee Act to provide advice and recommendations to EPA on the following issues: reducing the cost of financing environmental facilities and discouraging polluting behavior; creating incentives to increase private investment in the provision of environmental services and removing or reducing constraints on private involvement imposed by current regulations; developing new and innovative environmental financing approaches and supporting and encouraging the use of cost-effective existing approaches; identifying approaches specifically targeted to small/disadvantaged community financing; increasing the capacity of state and local governments to carry out their respective environmental programs

under current Federal tax laws; analyzing how new technologies can be brought to market expeditiously; and increasing the total investment in environmental protection of public and private environmental resources to help ease the environmental financing challenges facing our nation.

The HRPDC Directors of Utilities Committee discussed the EPA Financial Advisory Board's mission and concluded that it would be beneficial to nominate a representative from Hampton Roads. Committee members supported the nomination of Ted Henifin, General Manager of HRSD, to the Board.

Staff recommends the Executive Director's nomination of Ted Henifin, HRSD, to the EPA Financial Advisory Board.

**e. Joint Land Use Study**

A Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) is a community-driven, cooperative, strategic planning process between local and state governments and military facilities. The goal of JLUS projects is to encourage local governments to work closely with military installations to develop and implement measures that prevent the introduction of incompatible civilian development that may impair the continued operational utility of military facilities. At the same time, these studies aim to help preserve and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of those living near an active military installation. Previous JLUS projects in Hampton Roads have covered airfields in Chesapeake, Hampton, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach.

The HRPDC is serving as the project sponsor and manager for a JLUS with the cities of Chesapeake and Portsmouth. At the invitation of the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), the HRPDC submitted an application in February for a JLUS to address the potential impacts of flooding and sea level rise on Navy operations and readiness. The OEA is currently considering a grant to the HRPDC for this project, and the staff intends to manage the process for soliciting and selecting proposals from qualified firms. The HRPDC staff anticipates selecting a firm to complete the JLUS in March 2017 and awarding a contract to begin work on April 1, 2017. The required match of 10% will be met using in-kind staff support from the HRPDC and participating cities. In-kind match from the HRPDC will amount to approximately \$29,300. The anticipated completion date for the project is February 28, 2019.

Staff recommends authorizing the Executive Director to award a contract to a consultant agreed upon by the HRPDC staff and the cities of Chesapeake and Portsmouth for an amount not to exceed grant funding awarded by the Office of Economic Adjustment for this project.

***Action Requested: The HRPDC should take action to approve the February 16, 2017 Consent Agenda.***

**7. Virginia Working Waterfronts – Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner (Attachment 7)**

The Virginia Working Waterfronts Master Plan is the result of several years of collaboration by the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Accomack-Northampton PDC, Hampton Roads PDC, Middle Peninsula PDC, Northern Neck PDC, and stakeholders. The plan is intended to help guide the Commonwealth and coastal communities in identifying, protecting, restoring, and enhancing water-dependent commercial and recreational activities. The plan inventories existing working waterfronts, identifies challenges and threats, and outlines a series of recommendations for all levels of government and the private sector to consider.

A two-page summary of the Plan is available at:

[http://www.hrpdcva.gov/uploads/docs/7B\\_Attachment\\_Working%20Waterfront%20Summary%20Handout.pdf](http://www.hrpdcva.gov/uploads/docs/7B_Attachment_Working%20Waterfront%20Summary%20Handout.pdf)

The full Plan is available at:

[http://www.hrpdcva.gov/uploads/docs/7A\\_Attachment\\_Virginia%20Working%20Waterfront%20Master%20Plan.pdf](http://www.hrpdcva.gov/uploads/docs/7A_Attachment_Virginia%20Working%20Waterfront%20Master%20Plan.pdf)

The HRPDC staff has reviewed this plan and a resolution of support for the plan has been drafted for consideration by local governments and planning district commissions.

***Action Requested: Staff recommends that the HRPDC approve the enclosed resolution accepting the Virginia Working Waterfronts Master Plan as a policy document to help preserve or encourage the redevelopment of working waterfronts throughout coastal Virginia.***

**8. Environmental Action Awards**

askHRgreen.org is a public awareness program of the 17 cities and counties of Hampton Roads and HRSD administered through the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. Work on the initiative began in July 2010 as the askHRgreen.org Executive Committee started to consolidate individual environmental education programs begun by HRPDC's HR CLEAN, HR FOG, HR STORM and HR WET committees into one comprehensive regional awareness campaign. Today, askHRgreen.org is an award-winning brand and a model for regional cooperation for environmental outreach.

In addition to providing tips for sustainable living, askHRgreen.org encourages environmental stewardship among all residents in the region. The Environmental Action Awards recognize individuals and/or groups who have gone above and beyond to make a positive and lasting environmental impact in their communities. HRPDC staff will make a presentation to the 2017 award recipients.

**9. General Assembly/Legislative Update –Robert Crum, Executive Director (Attachment 9)**

HRPDC staff is monitoring several bills introduced during the 2017 General Assembly Session. The session began on January 11, 2017 and will adjourn on February 25, 2017. A summary tracking table of proposed legislation dated February 6, 2017 is attached. The HRPDC also represents the region on federal legislative issues. Attached for the Commission’s review are the following:

- Letter from the Hampton Roads Mayors and Chairs to the region’s Congressional Delegation asking for support in the redesignation of Hampton Roads as a UASI region.
- Letter from the region’s CAOs to FEMA

Bob Crum, HRPDC Executive Director, will provide an update on the Session and other related legislative matters.

**10. Three Month Tentative Schedule**

**March 2017**

No meeting

**April 2017**

Opportunity, Inc. Update  
Virginia Shipbuilders

**May 2017**

Budget and Work Program  
Solid Waste Plan Update  
Envision Hampton Roads

**11. Advisory Committee Summaries (Attachment 11)**

A summary of HRPDC Advisory Committee meetings that were held since the last HRPDC Meeting is attached for review.

**12. For Your Information (Attachment 12)**

The following items are attached for information purposes:

- Letter from Gloucester County reappointing Mr. Phillip Bazzani to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.
- Letter from the City of Newport News appointing Ms. Sharon Scott to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

**13. Old/New Business**

**14. Adjournment**