

**HAMPTON ROADS
PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING**

**March 19, 2020
12:30 PM**

**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 (Attachment 5)**

- 6. Community Partner Reports**

- a. Greater Williamsburg Partnership (GWP)**
- b. Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance (HREDA)**
- c. Hampton Roads Workforce Council**
- d. Greater Peninsula Workforce Board**
- e. Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance (HRMFFA)**

- 7. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Report – Terry Danaher**

8. Consent Agenda (Attachment 8)

- a. Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2020 Commission Meeting**
- b. Transcribed Public Comments – February 20, 2020 Commission Meeting**
- c. Treasurer’s Report – January 2020**
- d. 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Regional Priorities**

The Virginia Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program provides funding to eligible units of local government to address critical community development needs, including housing, infrastructure, and economic development. This program has been administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) since 1982. CDBG funds are made available to DHCD by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Each year, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development requests Planning District Commissions to rank regional priorities for the Virginia CDBG Program and provide a list of anticipated CDBG project proposals from non-entitlement localities.

Staff recommends approval of the attached 2020 Virginia CDBG Regional Priorities list for transmittal to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

- e. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Bylaws Amendment**

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) updated its bylaws to reflect the expanded role and purview to serve both the HRPDC and HRTPO and to expand the terms of current members to provide continuity as the CAC works through its new expanded responsibilities. The updated bylaws are attached for the Commission’s consideration.

Action Requested: The HRPDC should take action to approve the March 19, 2020 Consent Agenda.

9. Hampton Roads Economic Benchmarking Study – presented by Mr. Greg Grootendorst, HRPDC Chief Economist (Handout)

In the Regional Cooperation Act, the Code of Virginia calls for Planning District Commissions (PDCs) to collect and maintain demographic, economic and other data

concerning the region and member localities, and act as a State Data Center affiliate in cooperation with the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC).

In keeping with this mandate, the HRPDC staff has completed the 14th Annual Regional Benchmarking Study. This publication includes a locality profile for the 17 jurisdictions as well as graphical illustrations for over 150 regional benchmarks covering the economy, demographics, real estate, transportation, education, government finances, and various quality of life indicators. Each graph is accompanied by a brief explanation regarding the purpose of the benchmark and the current condition in Hampton Roads. Complete data tables for each of the data sets are available on the Commission's website.

Mr. Greg Grootendorst, HRPDC Chief Economist, will brief the Commission.

Action Requested: The HRPDC should take action to approve the release of the Hampton Roads Regional Benchmarking Study

10. Environmental Education Program – presented by Ms. Katie Cullipher, HRPDC Principal Environmental Education Planner

The Commission will be provided an update on and overview of the HRPDC Environmental Education Program. This item is presented for information and discussion by Commission members.

11. Legislative Update – presented by Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC Executive Director (Attachment 11)

The Commission will be provided an update on the Virginia General Assembly focusing on items of interest to the Hampton Roads region. Attached for the Commission's review is a summary of legislation that has been monitored by HRPDC staff. This item is presented for information and discussion by Commission members.

12. Three Month Tentative Schedule

April 2020

No Meeting per Regional Meeting Schedule

May 2020 (Meeting will be held at Christopher Newport University)

Emergency Management Program

Annual HRPDC Work Program

HRPDC Public Participation Plan

Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

June 2020

No Meeting per Regional Meeting Schedule

13. Advisory Committee Summaries (Attachment 13)

Summaries of HRPDC Advisory Committee meetings that were held since the last HRPDC meeting are attached for review.

14. For Your Information (Attachment 14)

- HRPDC Letter to the Members of the Hampton Roads General Assembly Delegation Regarding the Virginia Offshore Wind Opportunity
- HRPDC Letter to The Honorable Ralph Northam, Commonwealth of Virginia Governor, Regarding Renewable Energy Transition and Virginia's Offshore Wind Opportunity

15. Old/New Business

16. Adjournment