

**Summary Minutes of the HRPDC/HRTPO
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
April 13, 2023**

The April 13, 2023 meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)/ Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was called to order by the Chair at Noon in The Attucks Theater at 1010 E Church St, Norfolk, VA 23510, with the following in attendance:

CAC Members in Attendance:

Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky, Chair (PO)
Lamont Curtis, Vice-Chair (NN)
John Kish (CH)
Frank Cotrupi (NN)
Anthony Piglowski (SU)
Shawnta Howard-Spence (VB)

Lauren Roberts (NO)
Lindsey Watson (PQ)
Brad Martin (VB)
Delceno Miles (VB)
Sharon Anderson (PO)

CAC Members Absent:

Brandon Carter (CH)
Susan Archer (CH)
Cecil Jenkins (CH)
Henry Branscome (JC)
Garry Harris (PO)
Dianna Howard (VB)
Jay Leach (VB)
Scott MacFarlane (VB)

Zakkiyya Anderson (PO)
Kanama Bivins (SU)
Jim Bowie (HA)
Richard Parison (HA)
Jim Collins (IW)
Mike Sawchuck (SU)
Catherine Correll Walls (SY)
Waverly Woods (VB)

HRPDC/HRTPO Staff:

Robert A. Crum, Jr.
Pavithra Parthasarathi
Quan McLaurin
Matt Klepeisz

Rob Cofield
Dmitry Rekhter
Chris Vaigneur

Others Recorded Attending:

Lorna Parkins (Michael Baker International), Lori Sharp (PRR), and Eric Stringfield (VDOT)

Tour of the Attucks Theater Facility

Prior to the start of the CAC meeting, the members took a tour of the facility led by Ms. Denise Christian of Seven Cities Venues. The CAC members were able to tour all three floors of the facility and were given insight into the background of the historically Black-owned theater and its impact on the Norfolk community.

Approval/Modification of Agenda

Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director, suggested that the agenda to be amended as the askHRGreen.org briefing was no longer available.

Chair Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky asked for a motion to approve the April 13, 2023, CAC Meeting Agenda with the removal of the askHRGreen.org item.

Mr. Lamont Curtis Moved to approve the April 13, 2023 CAC Meeting Agenda as amended; seconded by Ms. Delceno Miles. The Motion Carried.

Public Comments

- **Submitted Public Comments**

Mr. Crum reported that there were no submitted public comments.

- **Public Comment Period**

Members of the public were invited to address the CAC. There were no in-person requests to provide public comment.

Summary Minutes

Chair Geduldig-Yatrofsky referenced the Summary Minutes of the February 9, 2023, CAC meeting.

Mr. John Kish Moved to approve the Summary Minutes of the February 9, 2023 CAC meeting as presented; seconded by Ms. Lauren Roberts. There was one abstention. The Motion Carried.

Regional Connectors Study

Ms. Lorna Parkins, Office Executive from Micheal Baker International, briefed the CAC on updates to the Regional Connectors Study. Ms. Parkins began by acknowledging previous updates brought before the CAC in October of 2022. She then proceeded to inform the CAC about the five segments of the Regional Connectors Study and the associated segment tiering process. During this discussion, Ms. Parkins explained factors that affected the tiering determination, such as readiness scores, environmental impacts, costs, permit availability, and input from the Department of Defense.

The CAC members brought forth questions regarding considerations that have been made in the process, such as changes in technology that will affect transportation, a higher share of passenger and freight rail, and greater suburban growth projections. Additionally, there were questions regarding communications to localities and groups. Ms. Parkins was able to

address those concerns. She also encouraged community and civic groups to participate in this process.

The CAC continued to discuss factors affecting the region's evolving infrastructure needs such as electric vehicles, trends in freight, changes in population growth, work patterns and the economic and tax structures currently in place to support such needs.

Mr. Crum gave the CAC members a brief update on a few regional initiatives including Jefferson Labs, the regional fiber ring, and the Virginia Capitol Trail extension.

Next Meeting

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2023.

Old/New Business

Chair Geduldig-Yatrofsky requested that the CAC consider reexamining its bylaws to allow for virtual meetings. Mr. Crum explained the context of the Virginia Code that governs public bodies and their meeting structures. The CAC members agreed to have Mr. Crum and Mr. Quan McLaurin draft an amendment to the bylaws for review at the June 2023 meeting.

Adjournment

Chair Geduldig-Yatrofsky requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Delceno Miles Moved that the meeting adjourn, and Mr. Frank Cotrupi seconded. The Motion Carried.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:51 PM.