

**HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
November 17, 2016
9:30 AM
The Regional Building
723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake**

1. Call to Order

2. Approval/Modification of Agenda

3. Resolution of Appreciation

The Chair will present Resolutions of Appreciation to outgoing Commission members recognizing their service to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

4. 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.

5. Public Comment Period

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

6. Election of HRPDC Treasurer – Bob Crum/HRPDC Nominating Committee

7. Executive Director’s Report – Bob Crum (Attachment 7)

8. Consent Agenda (Attachment 8)

a. Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2016 Annual Commission Meeting

b. Treasurer’s Report

c. Transcribed Public Comments – October 20, 2016 Annual Commission Meeting

d. Virginia Working Waterfronts

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-Norhampton 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.

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.

Staff recommends that the HRPDC accept the Virginia Working Waterfronts Master Plan as a policy document to help preserve or encourage the redevelopment of working waterfronts throughout coastal Virginia.

Action Requested: The HRPDC should take action to approve the November 17, 2016 Consent Agenda.

9. Joint Land Use Study – Whitney Katchmark

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 planning efforts 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 the 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 Norfolk and Virginia Beach. At the invitation of the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), the HRPDC submitted an application in August for a JLUS to address the potential impacts of flooding and sea level rise on Navy operations and readiness. The OEA has awarded a grant to the HRPDC for this project, and the HRPDC staff is currently managing the process for soliciting and selecting proposals from qualified firms. The HRPDC staff anticipates selecting a firm to complete the JLUS in November 2016 and awarding a contract to begin work on December 1, 2016. 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 \$17,500. The anticipated completion date for the project is August 31, 2018.

Ms. Whitney Katchmark will brief the Commission on the Joint Land Use Study.

Action Requested: Staff recommends the HRPDC authorize the Executive Director to award a contract to a consultant agreed upon by the HRPDC staff and the cities of Norfolk and Virginia Beach for an amount not to exceed grant funding awarded by the Office of Economic Adjustment for this project.

10. Envision Hampton Roads – Jai McBride (Attachment 10)

The Code of Virginia requires that each Planning District Commission complete a regional strategic plan with participation from local governing bodies, the business community, citizen organizations and other interested parties. The strategic plan is required to include regional goals and objectives, strategies to meet those goals and mechanisms for measuring progress. The intent of the plan is to help promote the orderly and efficient development of the physical, social and economic elements of the Planning District.

The HRPDC staff has been working collaboratively with the region's local governing bodies, the business community, citizen organizations, and other interested parties to develop Hampton Roads' first regional strategic plan entitled ENVISION Hampton Roads. Through the two year public engagement process, this initiative identified the following six regional priority areas:

- Regional Economic Health & Job Creation
- Education and Training
- Diverse Community
- Healthy Community
- Living with Our Environment
- Transportation

Ms. Jai McBride will brief the Commission on the ENVISION Hampton Roads Framework.

Action Requested: Staff recommends that the HRPDC take action to approve the ENVISION Hampton Roads Framework.

11. Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) – John Sadler

On September 27th the HRPDC All Hazards Advisory Committee organized a roundtable with the staff of the Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation, local legislative liaisons, and military representatives to determine a strategy

for restoring the Hampton Roads region's UASI designation. After discussion, the members present agreed on a 4-pronged approach which includes:

- a. Advocate for a higher percentage of the risk formula to be weighted for the national security index. Currently, this percentage is at 2% of the total risk formula. This is the component that considers military personnel numbers. Raising the national security index to 5% - 10% of the risk formula would better account for the military risks associated with the region.
- b. Support S1619 which returns discretionary funding ability to the DHS secretary. This gives the secretary the ability to fund urban areas that face risks that the formula does not adequately capture.
- c. Advocate for changes to the targeted infrastructure index to include more critical infrastructure sectors than the limited subset it currently considers. This index is currently 10% of the total. Including maritime transportation assets could help increase the region's vulnerability score.
- d. Raise the congressionally prescribed funding limit of UASI regions composing 85% of the nation's risk to 90%. The introduction of the 85% limiting language resulted in Hampton Roads being excluded from receiving funding (with the exception of FY 2014 in which the DHS secretary had funding discretion). However, the region has traditionally been ranked very close to the cut-off line.

Mr. John Sadler will present this legislative strategy and request input from HRPDC Members.

12. Three Month Tentative Schedule

December 2016

Meeting is cancelled

January 2017

Poverty Forum Debrief
Virginia Working Waterfronts
Begin New 12:30 Meeting Time

February 2017

General Assembly Update

13. Advisory Committee Summaries (Attachment 13)

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

14. For Your Information (Attachment 14)

The following items are attached for review by Commission members:

- Letter from HRPDC member jurisdictions regarding FEMA Requirement for Permitting Development in Flood Plain

15. Old/New Business

16. Adjournment



Ella P. Ward, Chair
Michael J. Hipple, Vice-Chair



Linda T. Johnson, Chair
Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr., Vice-Chair

TO: HRPDC/HRTPO Board Members

FROM: Robert Crum, Executive Director

RE: Executive Director's November 2016 Report

A brief summary of ongoing work activities is presented below for review by HRPDC/HRTPO Board members.

I am pleased to announce that Keith Cannady will be the next Deputy Executive Director with the HRPDC. He has more than 30 years of experience as a professional planner, all in the Hampton Roads region. Mr. Cannady has an undergraduate degree in Economics and a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning. Since 2001, he has worked for the City of Hampton, most recently as the Manager of the City's Planning and Zoning Administration. He was the principal author and project manager for the City's Comprehensive Plan Update and is currently responsible for the leadership and management of his division's work program addressing areas such as comprehensive and current planning, zoning, strategic area plans and environmental and transportation planning. Mr. Cannady also serves as staff to the City of Hampton's Planning Commission, Wetlands Board and Board of Zoning Appeals. From 1986 to 2001, Mr. Cannady held several positions in the City of Norfolk including City Planner, Utility Planner and Environmental Planner. His work included coordination of a program to comply with the Chesapeake Bay Act, Project Manager for the City's beach erosion control projects and development and implementation of zoning, site plan review and environmental regulatory programs. He also performed planning work for the City's water and sewer operations, wrote grant proposals, administered grant projects and completed special projects in comprehensive planning, neighborhood land use plans, coastal zone management and solid waste management. Mr. Cannady will begin his duties with the HRPDC on December 1, 2016.

The HRPDC will host an anti-poverty forum on November 21 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. Purpose Built Communities will share best practices in addressing the challenges of poverty. Purpose Built Communities is a non-profit organization from Atlanta that assists communities and cities in addressing concentrated poverty by strengthening workforce development, building robust educational opportunities and revitalizing and enriching neighborhoods. In addition, the Mayor's Commission on Poverty Reduction from the City of Norfolk will also share their experiences in adopting a plan and strategy to reduce poverty. All HRPDC and HRTPO Board members are invited to attend and participate in this forum.

On November 8 and 9, the HRTPO hosted a Scenario Planning Workshop at the HRTPO/HRPDC offices. This workshop was sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration and was attended by over 70 participants. Representatives from the Hillsborough, Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Atlanta Regional Commission were present to share best practices regarding their scenario planning processes. In addition, representatives from three other Virginia MPOs presented information from their regional scenario planning efforts. The session continued on November 9 with a roundtable discussion about best practices and their potential to be applied to the Hampton Roads long range transportation planning process.

The HRPDC hosted a meeting of the region's Planning Directors on October 12. Discussion items included:

- Proffers
- FEMA requirements for permitting development in Special Flood Hazard Areas
- Overview of the August 31 Hampton Roads Caucus meeting
- Regional Water Supply Plan Update
- Working Waterfronts
- Regional Interest Items

On October 26, the HRPDC member jurisdictions sent correspondence to the region's federal delegation requesting assistance in a matter concerning the permitting of development in flood hazard areas. During a recent compliance review for the city of Hampton, Region III of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) took the unprecedented position that, in order to be minimally compliant with the National Flood Insurance Program, the City must review and permit development that is exempt under the Uniform Statewide Building Code. The chief elected officials from the HRPDC member jurisdictions signed onto this letter requesting assistance from the region's federal representatives in communicating with FEMA about these new requirements.

The HRTPO staff continues to work with locality staffs to discuss opportunities for extending the Virginia Capital Trail into the Hampton Roads region.

The Executive Director continues to participate in the Hampton Roads Regional Roundtable – a monthly meeting of regional organizations convened by the HRPDC to encourage the exchange of information and promote collaboration. The following organizations are participating in these monthly information sharing meetings:

- HRPDC/HRTPO
- Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance
- Hampton Roads Chamber
- Peninsula Chamber
- Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance
- Opportunity Inc.
- Peninsula Council for Workforce Development

- Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission
- Reinvent Hampton Roads
- Virginia Shipbuilders Association

HRPDC staff attended a meeting in Isle of Wight County on October 14 to discuss the process for updating the county's comprehensive plan and how the HRPDC could assist in this effort.

The Executive Director attended the Newport News State of the City Address on October 18.

On October 21, the Executive Director provided a presentation to this year's Lead Virginia class during their visit to Hampton Roads. This presentation provided an overview of the work of the HRPDC and HRTPO.

The Executive Director attended meetings with the HRTAC Executive Director at Hampton University on October 24 and November 1 to discuss the Hampton Roads Crossing Study.

The Executive Director met with Reinvent Hampton Roads CEO Jim Spore on October 25 to discuss the status of regional initiatives.

The Executive Director attended the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce Legislative Reception on October 25.

The Executive Director provided a presentation to the Hampton Roads Chamber Board on October 26 on the recent actions of the HRTPO Board regarding the Hampton Roads Crossing Study.

The Executive Director provided a presentation to the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Board on October 27 on the work of the HRPDC and HRTPO.

On October 28, the Executive Director and Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance Executive Director Craig Quigley met with Captain Rich Meadows, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Oceana. The purpose of this meeting was to share information on regional planning initiatives.

On November 1, the Executive Director attended a meeting at the Virginia Beach Department of Economic Development to discuss opportunities for a regional broadband initiative.

The Regional Chief Administrative Officers (CAO) Committee held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on November 2 at the Children's Museum in Portsmouth. Agenda items included a strategy for updating the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan and a discussion of regional interest items.

The HRPDC staff continues to work with the Cities of Norfolk and Virginia Beach and the naval bases in these jurisdictions in preparation for a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) focusing on sea level rise. A committee is currently reviewing proposals received from interested consulting firms to provide technical services for this study. A second JLUS focusing on similar issues for the Cities of Chesapeake and Portsmouth will also be managed by the HRPDC. HRPDC and HRTPO staff met on November 3 to discuss coordination efforts for the Chesapeake/Portsmouth JLUS effort.

HRTPO staff has researched the U.S. DOT FASTLANE FY 2017 grant program and is prepared to provide a recommendation for consideration at the November 17 HRTPO Board meeting.

HRPDC staff attended the Virginia Association of Planning District Commission's State Agency meeting in Richmond on November 9.

The HRTPO and HRTAC Executive Directors provided a presentation to the Joint House and Senate Transportation Committees on November 10 providing an update on Hampton Roads transportation initiatives.

The HRTPO/HRPDC continues to assist HRTAC with financial management, website support and human resource activities.

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
Annual Commission Meeting
Summary Minutes of October 20, 2016

The Annual Commission Meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission was called to order by the Chair at 9:30 a.m. in the Regional Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

Commissioners:

Dr. Ella P. Ward, Chair (CH)	J. Randall Wheeler (PQ)
Michael Hipple, Vice Chair (JC)	Lydia Pettis Patton (PO)
James Baker (CH)	Kenneth Wright (PO)
Randy Martin (FR)	Peter Stephenson (SM)
J. Brent Fedors (GL)	Michael Johnson (SH)
Donnie Tuck (HA)	Barry Porter (SH)
Mary Bunting (HA)	Patrick Roberts (SU)
James Gray (HA)	Tyrone Franklin (SY)
Randy Keaton (IW)	Robert Dyer (VB)*
Rex Alphin (IW)	Louis R. Jones (VB)
Bryan Hill (JC)	Amelia Ross-Hammond (VB)
McKinley Price (NN)	Dave Hansen (VB)
Saundra Cherry (NN)	Barbara Henley (VB)
Kenneth Alexander (NO)*	Paul Freiling (WM)
Mamie B. Johnson (NO)*	Marvin Collins (WM)
Andria McClellan (NO)	Neil Morgan (YK)
Traci Crawford (PQ)	Thomas Shepperd (YK)

Executive Director:

Robert A. Crum, Jr.

*Late arrival or early departure.

Others Recorded Attending:

Earl Sorey (CH); Lynn Allsbrook, Brian DeProfio (HA); Britta Ayers, Cynthia Rohlf, Brian Stille, (NN); Ann Phillips, Jeff Raliski, Michelle Washington, (NO); Sherri Neil (PO); Dannan O'Connell (PQ); Tom Leahy (VB); Cathy Davision (Albemarle Commission Regional Council of Government); Cathy Aiello (Aiello Enterprises); Mike Christ (CBBT); Dr. Gail H. Mottola (Let's Open Doors); Clint Null (Mode 5); Mike Garber (PB Mares); Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (Portsmouth City Watch); Diane Kaufman (Senator Tim Kaine); Ellis W. James (Sierra Club) Nate Birnbaum, Roger Richards, Judy Rolfe, John Sennett, Roger Sorkin (Tidewater Security Project) Citizens: Christine Ortiz-Gumina, Catherine Lindsey, Karen Speights, Donna Sayegh; Staff: Kelli Arledge, Shernita Bethea, Nancy Collins, Rebekah Eastep, KC Filippino,

Andrea Gayer, Kathlene Grauberger, Greg Grootendorst, Danetta Jankosky, Whitney Katchmark, Sara Kidd, Sharon Lawrence, Mike Long, Jai McBride, Ben McFarlane, Camelia Ravenbakht, John Sadler, Tiffany Smith, Jill Sunderland, Tara Walker, Chris Vaigneur.

Approval/Modification of Agenda

Chair Ward requested modifications or additions to the agenda. Hearing none Commissioner Kenneth Wright Moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner James Baker. The Motion Carried.

Submitted Public Comments

Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director, indicated there were no Submitted Public Comments and asked to proceed to the Public Comment period.

(Commissioner Robert Dyer arrives)

Public Comment

Dr. Gail H. Mattola, President/Executive Director of Let's Open Doors, expressed the importance of equal access for disabled citizens who have a hard time getting in and out of commercial buildings. Dr. Mattola informed the Commission of a legislative request to include replacement of door hardware for accessibility of every door in healthcare, governmental and commercial facilities. Dr. Mottolla explained the Dillion rule in great detail, and she also expressed her concerns about discrimination on the basis of disability.

Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky of Portsmouth City Watch expressed concerns about the flood insurance rates in Hampton Roads and how it affects residents within the region doing natural disasters such as Hurricane Matthew. He suggested that the Commission consider a flood insurance subsidy program for low and moderate income residents within the Hampton Roads region.

(Commissioner Mamie Johnson arrives)

Mr. Ellis James, Norfolk Resident, reiterated Mr. Geduldig-Yatrofsky's comments on flood insurance rates within the region. Mr. James also expressed his displeasure in regards to the voter fraud accusations. Mr. James assured the Commission that Virginia has one of the best voter qualification and follow-up systems in the country. He also informed the Commission that in the last report, out of a billion votes, there were only thirty-one cases of potential fraud across the country.

Commissioner Dave Hansen informed Mr. James that Virginia Beach reached out to the Chamber of Commerce to get a reputable list of flood insurance companies. He stated that the Chamber of Commerce provided them with a thorough list, and they will be distributing it and sharing it with Norfolk and anyone else who would like a copy. Mr. Hansen stated

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that the Chamber is being very responsive to help Virginia Beach get those reputable firms on the line, and that is a step forward.

(Commissioner Kenneth Alexander arrives)

Ms. Karen Speight spoke in regards to flooding throughout the City of Norfolk, and how it affects citizens' commutes around the city because it causes standing water and sewage issues. She also expressed concerns on how rapidly flooding happens during an average storm, stating that it is hard to prepare. Ms. Speight informed the Commission that the city's response during such instances is greatly appreciated, but is an ongoing problem that needs to be addressed.

Mr. Roger Sorkin of the Tidewater Security Project and the American Resilience Project educated the Commission on his organization's mission, stating that it is to create media and communications to help implement smart resilient strategies around the nation. He also informed the Commission of the organization's effort to nationalize the story of Hampton Roads with hopes to get the region on the national agenda. Mr. Sorkin urged the members of the board to find ways to appeal to the nation for the region's attention in any way so that national leaders can help Hampton Roads make the progress that is needed in order to become more resilient.

Recognition of Staff

Mr. Crum stated that it is very important every once and a while to take a moment to recognize the employees that we have, and he acknowledged and thanked the following employees for their service to the organization:

- Katie Cullipher, Principal Environmental Planner, has been with the HRPDC for 5 years, and she manages Hampton Road's askhrgreen program and environmental education programs where she works with staff members throughout each locality coordinating environmental education regionally.
- Jai McBride, Principal Regional Planner, has been with the HRPDC for 5 years, and she manages several regional projects such as Envision Hampton Roads, the area's Regional Strategic Plan; she has worked with the Town of Smithfield and Surry County on updating their Comprehensive Plans, and she has assisted localities with Subdivision Ordinance rewrites.
- Tiffany Smith, Water Resources Planner, has been with the HRPDC for 5 Years, and she works behind the scenes to support the Water Resources Department.
- Shernita Bethea, Housing/Human Services Administrator, has been with the HRPDC for ten years, and she assists first time homebuyers in the local jurisdictions.

- Whitney Katchmark, Principal Water Resources Engineer, has been with the HRPDC for 10 years, and she works on issues relating to stormwater, sea level rise, coastal resiliency, and TMDLs.
- Greg Grootendorst, Chief Economist, has been with the HRPDC for 15 years, and his work includes economic benchmarking and regional forecasting.
- Shelia Wilson, Senior Accounting Manager, has been with the HRPDC for 15 years, and she works in the finance department.

Election of Officers

Commissioner Thomas Shepperd of York County stated that the Nominating Committee helped to accumulate inputs for the election of officers, and it is the recommendation of the committee that the current officers continue in their roles. This would be the Chair, Dr. Ella Ward of Chesapeake, Vice Chair, Michael Hipple of James City County, and Executive Director, Robert Crum of HRPDC as Secretary. Mr. Shepperd also stated that currently Commissioner Marcus Jones serves as the Treasurer. He congratulated Commissioner Jones on his recent selection as Charlotte, North Carolina's City Manager. He also stated that this leaves a vacancy in the office of treasurer. The Nominating Committee will come back to the Commission in November with a recommendation for treasurer.

Chair Ward called for a motion to reappoint the current Officers. A recommendation will be put forth for the treasurer in November. Commissioner Thomas Shepperd Moved to approve the item; seconded by Commissioner Kenneth Wright. The Motion Carried.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Crum reported on the status of the Lake Gaston project. Mr. Crum informed those who were not present at the meeting in September of the details of the project, stating that it dealt with the Lake Gaston water supply issue and a proposal for the HRPDC to consider funding for the Roanoke River Basin Association (RRBA) in their efforts to advocate for clean water in the watershed that leads to Lake Gaston. He stated that the issue before us was that Lake Gaston provides significant water supply to our Southside jurisdictions, and the conversation was whether or not the HRPDC and the Hampton Roads region should help support the efforts of the RRBA. The Commission took an action last month that bifurcated two issues; first it said we support the work of the RRBA to protect clean water within the Roanoke Basin. The issue of funding was forwarded to the Personnel and Budget committee for review and a recommendation.

Mr. Crum reported that the Personnel and Budget Committee met at 8:15 on the morning of the Annual meeting to begin deliberations. The Committee discussed the idea, and staff received some very good direction in terms of research. The Personnel and Budget Committee asked staff to incorporate the discussion into a report. He expects that the

Committee will continue working on this over the next month, and should be in a position to report back to the Commission in November.

Mr. Crum stated that on November 21st, the Commission will host a regional forum on antipoverty. He stated that there is going to be a group from Atlanta, Georgia who will share their best practices from throughout the country on antipoverty initiatives. More information will be provided within the next week.

Mr. Crum also introduced two new staff members. Ms. Mignon Burton who is joining the Housing Department as a Housing Program Specialist, and KC Filipino who is joining the Water Resources Department as a Senior Water Resources Planner.

Commissioner Wright asked about the group from Atlanta, GA. Ms. Bethea stated that the name of the organization is Purpose Built Communities. They are out of Atlanta, GA, but they have worked with a lot of jurisdictions and cities throughout the United States. The Commission is using this forum to start the conversation of what the best practices are to address poverty. Mr. Crum reiterated that the forum is going to be on the morning of November 21st, and asked the Commissioners to put a hold on the date.

Approval of Consent Items

Mr. Crum highlighted the following items in the Consent Agenda for approval:

- A.** Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2016 Executive Committee
- B.** Treasurer’s Reports of June, July, and August 2016
- C.** Transcribed Public Comments – September 15, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting
- D.** Consultant Services Contract – Regional Construction Standards Program Support
- E.** Resolution – Community Planning Month
- F.** askHRgreen.org Annual Campaign Results (Enclosure)
- G.** Authorization to Receive State Homeland Security Grants

Chair Ward called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Tyrone Franklin Moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Commissioner Amelia Ross-Hammond. The Motion Carried.

Audited Financial Statements

Ms. Nancy Collins introduced the HRPDC’s new audit firm, PB Mares to the Commission. She also introduced Michael Garber as a partner with the firm, and stated that he will present the audit to the Commission, and answer any questions they may have. Mr. Garber stated that he met with the Personnel and Budget Committee prior to start of the annual meeting, and discussed the audit findings with them in detail as well as answered questions

that they had. Mr. Garber stated that the Commission did have an unmodified opinion on the financial statements. He informed the Commission that there were some suggestions to help improve internal controls. He congratulated Sheila Wilson on her 15 year anniversary, and recognized the finance department for guiding and helping them with the audit while answering all of the questions they had. Mr. Crum asked the Commission to take action to accept the FY2016 audited financial statements.

Chair Ward called for a motion to accept the FY2016 audited financial statements. Commissioner Michael Hipple Moved to accept this item; seconded by Commissioner Louis Jones. The Motion Carried.

HRPDC Legislative Agenda

Mr. Crum informed the Commission that the legislative agenda presented is one they hope to carry forward representing the 17 jurisdictions that comprise the Hampton Roads region and the membership of the HRPDC. He stated that last year there were some deliberate efforts to take a much more active role during the General Assembly session, representing the region's legislative priorities, and the HRPDC received very positive feedback. During the legislative workshop held on August 31st at the HRPDC, the Commission, HRTPO, HRTAC, and 14 members of the Hampton Roads Caucus discussed potential important legislative issues for the region. He noted that input on regional legislative items was also received at the May HRPDC meeting and from the Regional CAO Committee. The Commission will focus on items of regional significance, and staff is recommending five items for the Commission's consideration:

- Continuation of efforts from the 2016 General Assembly session to provide increased state funding for K-12 public education.
- Financial support through the General Assembly to support a regional Summer Enrichment Program that provides employment opportunities to youth in the Hampton Roads region.
- State funding to support an employment transition center for our region's veterans.
- Consideration of funding for a land subsidence monitoring program in support of the HRSD groundwater injection project.
- Assistance from our state and federal partners to restore the Hampton Roads region's UASI designation.

Mr. Crum concluded by asking for questions from the HRPDC. He asked that the HRPDC consider approving our 2017 regional legislative agenda while keeping in mind that the HRTPO will discuss transportation legislative priorities. Those two agendas come together to form a comprehensive regional agenda.

Commissioner Andria McClellan stated that given what the region just experienced recently with regards to flooding, and so many of our speakers from the public expressed their concerns, she was surprised that flooding was not in the legislative agenda. She asked if it would be somewhere else in the agenda, or how is the Commission addressing that elsewhere?

Mr. Crum stated that the Commission could add that type of item to the legislative agenda. The question would be what are the specific asks. The Commission's focus is working with Regional Coastal Resiliency committees, and also working on the two joint land use studies with Virginia Beach and Norfolk, and then with Chesapeake and Portsmouth.

Commissioner McClellan recommended the Commission take a look at possibly asking for funding for the revolving fund that was passed in the last General Assembly session. She stated that it is a revolving fund to help homeowners with mitigation of flood damages and working in abeyance. It's a revolving fund that has no money in it. Chair Ward stated that the recommendation would be taken into consideration.

Commissioner Wright supported forwarding the issue on the revolving fund to the resiliency committee because it ties in with their work.

Commissioner Paul Freiling asked the Commission, where they stand on the issue of short-term vacation rentals, and requesting the state not to assault local control over zoning. He also asked whether or not that is something that has been discussed as part of the legislative agenda. He stated that it is one of the few efforts that wouldn't require the state to actually spend money to assist the region.

Mr. Crum stated that the Airbnb issue was discussed with the Legislative Caucus. There are different perspectives on how that issue would be approached, and he does not think that there would be a consistent strategy for how each jurisdiction would like to approach it. He stated that the Commission could make a general statement to say that they would like to retain local authority for those decisions so that localities can make their own individual choice.

Commissioner Ross-Hammond stated that she was pleased to hear about the Summer Enrichment Program, and thanked the HRPDC on behalf of Virginia Beach for adding that item to the Legislative Agenda.

Chair Ward called for a motion to accept the legislative agenda for 2017. Commissioner Ross-Hammond Moved to accept item; seconded by Commissioner McKinley Price. The Motion Carried.

Governance Proposal

Mr. Crum stated that the next item relates to the Governance Proposal, and how to improve the process for discussion of regional items that come before the HRPDC.

He noted that Commission members stressed the need to involve as many local officials around the table as possible. Therefore weighted voting was not a model that the Commission supported.

Secondly, the Commission currently has only 60 minutes to discuss regional issues. There needs to be more time in order to have better dialogue.

The third item identified was the confusion between a full Commission Meeting and an Executive Committee meeting. Mr. Crum proposed that all HRPDC meetings be full Commission meetings. This proposal would get as many people around the table as possible.

He informed the Board that he has also worked on this proposal with Kevin Page of HRTAC, Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht of HRTPO, and Admiral Craig Quigley of HRMFFA. He stated that there are four regional boards that could maintain the third Thursday of each month as the regional meeting day. The HRPDC and the HRTPO would meet on the same days, and HRMFFA and HRTAC would meet on the same days. Mr. Crum directed the Commissioners to the proposed schedule in their agendas (attached). Mr. Crum informed the Commission that both HRTAC and HRMFFA have approved this revised meeting schedule. In September, all four meetings are scheduled on the same day with the suggestion that once a year the four boards come together for an exchange of information in order to prepare for the upcoming General Assembly session. The new schedule would take effect in January of 2017. Mr. Crum stated we would have one meeting a year on the Peninsula.

He asked Chair Ward that the Commission consider approving the proposed governance structure recommended by the regional Chief Administrative Officers.

Chair Ward called for a motion to accept the governance report as it has been presented. Commissioner Alphin Moved to accept the item; seconded by Commissioner Price. The Motion Carried.

HRPDC Three Month Tentative Schedule

Mr. Crum discussed the three month tentative schedule of the agenda.

Advisory Committee Summaries

Mr. Crum reviewed the Advisory Summaries section of the agenda.

For Your Information

Mr. Crum highlighted letters from Drive Safe Hampton Roads appreciating the General Services Staff

Old/New Business

There was no old or new business.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Ella P. Ward
Chair

Robert A. Crum, Jr.
Executive Director

Hampton Roads Regional Meetings HRPDC/HRTPO/HRTAC/HRMFFA

Month	HRTPO 10:30 AM	HRPDC 12:30 PM	HRMFFA 10:30 AM	HRTAC 12:30 PM
JANUARY	✓	✓		
FEBRUARY	✓	✓		
MARCH			✓	✓
APRIL	✓	✓		
MAY	✓	✓		
JUNE			✓*	✓*
JULY	✓	✓		
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	✓	✓	✓	✓
OCTOBER	✓*	✓*		
NOVEMBER	✓	✓		
DECEMBER			✓	✓

**Annual Meeting*

FISCAL YEAR 2017
9/30/16
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
25% OF FISCAL YEAR COMPLETE

REVENUES	Annual Budget	Previous YTD	Current Month	YTD	% Received /Expended
STATE PDC REVENUE	\$ 151,943	\$ -	\$ 37,985	\$ 37,985	25%
DEQ	173,400	-	-	-	0%
HOUSING DHCD	375,780	9,500	-	9,500	3%
WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT	504,000	336,000	84,000	420,000	83%
VDEM	150,227	-	-	-	0%
UASI	19,000	-	-	-	0%
Local Jurisdiction Membership Dues	1,372,414	285,970	127,604	413,574	30%
Local Jurisdiction Programs	1,688,854	694,733	151,417	846,150	50%
HRMFFA	30,000	-	15,000	15,000	50%
JLUS	232,472	-	-	-	0%
SALES, INTEREST & MISC	53,700	7,313	4,311	11,624	22%
VDOT-PL SEC 112	2,260,812	-	-	-	0%
HRTAC	136,000	-	-	-	0%
VDRPT 5303	745,374	-	-	-	0%
SP&R	58,000	-	-	-	0%
SPECIAL CONTRACTS/ DEFERRED	1,303,090	-	-	-	0%
Total Revenue	<u>9,255,066</u>	<u>1,333,516</u>	<u>420,317</u>	<u>1,753,833</u>	19%
EXPENDITURES					
PERSONNEL	\$4,613,511	\$ 637,810	\$ 315,100	\$ 952,910	21%
STANDARD CONTRACTS*	189,360	3,377	59	3,436	2%
SPECIAL CONTRACTS/PASS THROUGH*	3,280,182	198,067	210,905	408,972	12%
OFFICE SERVICES*	1,172,013	29,655	12,962	42,617	4%
INDIRECT COSTS*	-	77,526	46,353	123,879	0%
Total Expenses	<u>9,255,066</u>	<u>946,435</u>	<u>585,379</u>	<u>1,531,814</u>	17%
TOTALS	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 387,081</u>	<u>\$(165,062)</u>	<u>\$ 222,019</u>	

* -Budget amount is in the above three categories.

**Transcribed Public Comments of the
October 20, 2016 HRPDC Annual Commission Meeting**

Dr. Gail H. Mottola: *Good morning, Dr. Ward, Vice Chair Hipple and members of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. My name is Dr. Gail Matolla. I live at 115 88th Street in Virginia Beach. I am President/Executive Director of Let's Open Doors, a Nonprofit 501(C) (3) Organization whose mission is to support equal access to groups and services. We educate the public about their civil right to accommodation and advocate the replacement of door hardware on existing buildings constructed before the 1991 Americans with Disabilities Act. I thank you for allowing me to speak to you today regarding our legislative request to include replacement of door hardware for the accessibility of every door of healthcare, governmental and commercial facilities. All of Hampton Roads City Councils and Boards of Supervisors have received our packet of information regarding the request for support of legislative action. Senator Wagner is carrying forward the healthcare portion of our legislative request, and is having his team writeup the legislative draft for the General Assembly. I sincerely hope your cities and counties will support accessibility of healthcare entry doors which includes doctors' offices and rehabilitation centers in your legislative package. The Dillon Rule giving authority to localities to make ordinances to enforce replacement of door hardware in accordance with the 2010 ADA standards can accelerate and ensure access compliance in healthcare facilities. We are not talking about delegates and other state senators to take the commercial part of the Commission to the 2017 General Assembly. We know discrimination on the basis of disability by public accommodations is prohibited by the ADA law. The pre-1991 existing doors become discriminatory when compromised people can no longer open a heavily pressured door with its paddle type door hardware set to a seventy degree opening. People struggle in a narrow opening to enter or exit with a walker or wheelchair, anxious that they will be hit by the door, and most often are. The flat panel handle was never, let me say that again, never acceptable in the 1991 standards of the American Disability Act. Yet the handle and its obstructive push bar with the other flat panels still remain on an overwhelming number of existing buildings. The Department of Justice published the door handle in its 2006 ADA guide for small business declaring it not accessible. That is the Department of Justice. The 2014 case in your packet from the Department of Justice held, that the property owner who was also the lessor was solely responsible in a lawsuit over a single item to "specifically the exterior entrance is inaccessible to people who use wheelchairs or have mobility impairments". The 2012 General Assembly acknowledged the need for rehabilitating existing housing and commercial buildings constructed prior to the ADA law of 1991, and stated its willingness to change the uniform state building code. Chair Emery Rogers of the Virginia Building and Code Officials Association (VBCOA) has written Let's Open Doors this statement, the VBCOA administrative and VRC, which is the rehabilitation code and the IEBC, which is the International Existing Building Code, can put on our 2017/2015 USBC agenda your matter. Therefore, Let's Open Doors requests you include both the healthcare and the commercial 2010 ADA compliant accessibility of entry doors in your legislative package. Being struck by a door, anxiety of entering and exiting, fear when hit by the door denies people equal access as they stop going to old favorites, such as restaurants, retail shops, and banks. Thank you so much.*

Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky: *Good morning. Madam Chair, Honorable Commissioners and fellow citizens. On Tuesday night, I attended a civic league meeting in my town of Portsmouth, and heard from several citizens, members of that civic league, about flooding damage to their homes that resulted from the passage of Hurricane Matthew. The press has covered some flooding stories, Windsor Oaks in Virginia Beach, and one of our public housing projects in Portsmouth, but it appears that there were many more stories that have not been told, and as the climate changes, as relative sea level rises, I fear that we are going to hear more of these stories. I bring this idea to you in an unformed state because the HRPDC acts as our regional think tank. So I want to put this out here for consideration and further refinement. I believe that we need to consider a flood insurance subsidy program for low and moderate income residents of this area. Many of them find the rates prohibitive causing them to put their homes at risk by not acquiring flood insurance, and then sustaining losses which they can ill afford. The people I met at that civic league meeting and visited with yesterday are people who have been part of the workforce their entire lives, and the substantial portion of their net wealth is tied up in their homes. I watched as people were tearing out wall boards, tearing out molding strips, redoing floors, and running dehumidifiers so these people could return to their homes, but the expense will exceed the amount of money that they have in their own savings and accessible to them through flood insurance. So I would like to ask you to use your resources to consider a way to make this a possibility. Thank you very much.*

Mr. Ellis James: *Thank you, Dr. Ward; Members of the HRPDC. My name is Ellis W. James. I reside at 2021 Kenlake Place in the City of Norfolk, and I assure you that Mark's comments are of great concern to all of us. I too have been working in precincts going door to door, and we have many residents in the Granby Shores area who were flooded out. They are having problems getting the follow through on their insurance because requests are being made by certain insurance companies that they have estimates of what the cost to repair their homes will be. I checked with the city, I checked at a meeting last night, I checked with people who should know if there is a list of certified or reputable repair companies, and the answer was no, there is not. So now those folks those good folks, three houses in a row that I saw, are between a rock and a hard place. Okay. I wanted to say to you this morning that the disrespect shown to our hard working, I mean really hard working voter registrars and their clerks is unacceptable. In the City of Norfolk, which does an excellent job, there is no voter fraud. There is a mountain of work being conducted as we speak this morning. Yesterday, at noon, the request for absentee ballots was 3,078. I believe that's a record, and return about 700. I was told that the mailman had delivered a boatload of requests that had not been processed yet. That's not a criticism of the registrar's office. I do want to ask all of the counties and the cities and the big cities to not accept this falsehood that is being promulgated even in our area today that the election is rigged. Virginia has one of the best voter qualification and follow-up in the country, and I dare anybody to bring forward any kind of proof. We have requested, those of us who work in elections as volunteers on many occasions, to show us the fraud. The last report out of a billion votes, out of a billion votes, there were 31 cases of potential terrible fraud across the country. Thank You.*

Commissioner Dave Hansen informed Mr. James that Virginia Beach reached out to the Chamber of Commerce to get that reputable list. He stated that the Chamber of Commerce provided them with a

thorough list, and they will be distributing it and sharing it with Norfolk and anyone else who would like a copy. Mr. Hansen stated that the Chamber is being very responsive to help Virginia Beach get those reputable firms on the line, and that is a step forward.

Ms. Karen Speights: *Good morning Committee Members, and all those in attendance. Thank you for allowing me the time to speak. I am here as a resident of the City of Norfolk, and I also represent my community. I live in Chesterfield Heights. My concern is flooding. I am a caregiver. Our home has flooded inside two times, and we also experience other flooding whenever there's a high flood event in our garage. One of my concerns is the high flood insurance that continues to go up. We are fortunate to be able to pay it, but it's still a burden. One of my other concerns is that during high flood events, is getting in and out of the neighborhood. In particular, during one particular storm, we had to stay in our home for three days. It was okay, you know, we made it through, and that was okay, but at the same time, where do we park, or how do we get in and out. I'm a caregiver, so one of my problems is getting home to take care of my mother. When we have a storm event, sometimes it floods so rapidly that you can't prepare. Getting in and out of the neighborhood when I'm leaving is a problem. I'm close to the light rail at Ballentine. We're the last one to go through the light at the Light Rail. Sometimes you can't get through that. Going on the entrance to 264 heading east, continuously, if it just rains hard they're pumping that water out, and that entrance is closed. If it continues and the storm gets a lot worse, you're coming home and you may have a detour getting off the interstate. So my problem is, you know, navigating the city. I do have concerns with the flooding, getting around the city and the standing water, and also a problem with the sewer. I have to always call the city regarding that, but they do respond and I appreciate that so much. We have a problem with that as well. So those are my concerns. Thank you.*

Roger Sorkin: *Good morning and thank you very much for the opportunity to speak. My name is Roger Sorkin and I represent the Tidewater Security Project and the American Resilience Project. I'm not from here, but I care a lot about what happens in this region because of the important role that Hampton Roads plays to our National Security. We create media and communications to help implement smart resilient strategies around the nation. We are nonpartisan and we believe that the best ideas are the ones that matter no matter who speak them. Because of the importance of national security, we've come here trying to nationalize the story of Hampton Roads. We want this region to be put on the national agenda. And I would just urge all of you to continue to find ways to appeal to the nation for our attention and for our help in any ways that our national leaders can help you make the progress that you need to make to become more resilient. I want to say I really appreciate the work that you're doing. I'm inspired by what seems to me a very unique assembly of jurisdictions, of minds and expertise, and I hope that Hampton Roads can help write the book on resilient strategy and resilient planning. Thank you.*



**HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
RESOLUTION 2016-02**

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE VIRGINIA WORKING WATERFRONTS MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, working waterfronts are defined in Hampton Roads as areas or structures on, over, or adjacent to navigable bodies of water that provide access to the water and are used for water-dependent commercial, industrial, or government activities, including commercial fishing, recreational fishing, tourism, aquaculture, boat and ship building, boat and ship repair, boat and ship services, seafood processing, seafood sales, transportation, shipping, marine construction, and military activities;

WHEREAS, working waterfronts provide critical access to Virginia coastal waters for people engaged in commercial and recreational fishing, seafood processing, boat building, repair and maintenance, aquaculture, port activity, and other water-dependent businesses;

WHEREAS, some coastal communities are experiencing increased demand for waterfront properties along Virginia's coast that result in an increase in property values and higher costs for traditional waterfront businesses which has resulted in Virginia slowly losing its working waterfronts – an issue that may have long-term consequences for local economies, the environment, coastal culture and quality of life;

WHEREAS, other coastal communities are experiencing decreasing real-estate values, populations are leaving, and some are seeing an increase in donations of waterfront land for public use which presents a new opportunity for new public holdings for working waterfronts enhancements;

WHEREAS, natural factors of sea level rise, increasing frequency and magnitude of coastal storms, shoaling of navigable channels and shoreline erosion pose increasing threats to the existence of working waterfronts;

WHEREAS, a loss of Working Waterfronts constitutes a potential loss of jobs for watermen (e.g. fishers, shellfish farmers) and the agriculture industry (timber and grain barges); a loss of the identity of the region; and a loss of support industry jobs (boat building, transport, seafood processing, etc.);

WHEREAS, Virginia's coastal Planning District Commissions and the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program have worked to address the threats and the loss of working waterfronts since FY 2011, these entities have collaborated to develop a Virginia Working Waterfronts Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Working Waterfronts Master Plan synthesizes the work completed to date under the CZM Cumulative and Secondary Impacts strategy (FY 11-FY15) and provides communities with a comprehensive understanding of what Virginia

working waterfronts are; where existing water-dependent commercial infrastructure is located; discussion of the long-term impacts associated with the loss of working waterfronts; and lastly recommend policy action and tools which the Commonwealth, regional organizations, local governments and private industry should consider to better manage growth pressures and ensure the preservation of Working Waterfronts as important economic drivers and cultural resources for rural, suburban and urban communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission accepts the Virginia Working Waterfronts Master Plan as a policy document to help preserve or encourage the redevelopment of working waterfronts throughout coastal Virginia.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission this 17th day of November, 2016.

Dr. Ella Ward
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Hampton Roads' Regional Strategic Plan
Regional Priority Framework

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Introduction

One important requirement established for planning district commissions by the Virginia Code is the completion of a regional strategic plan with participation from local governing bodies, the business community, citizen organizations and other interested parties. This strategic plan must include regional goals and objectives, strategies to meet those goals and mechanisms for measuring progress. The intent of the plan is to promote the orderly and efficient development of the physical, social and economic elements of the planning district.

To address this goal, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) initiated the *ENVISION Hampton Roads* planning process, the first regional strategic plan for the Hampton Roads Region.

An important step in this regional strategic planning process is receiving input on our goals and aspirations for the Hampton Roads Region from all areas of the community. To receive this input, the HRPDC staff attended over 85 public meetings and community events to receive broad-based community input that serves as the foundation for this regional planning effort. These meetings and community events afforded the public an opportunity to participate in this process to chart a strategic course for the future of Hampton Roads.

This community participation process identified six important regional goals or priority areas that form the basis of *ENVISION Hampton Roads*:

- Regional Economic Health & Job Creation
- Education and Training
- Diverse Community
- Healthy Community
- Living with Our Environment
- Transportation

The primary goal of the *ENVISION Hampton Roads* process is to promote a collaborative regional planning process to allow our region to reach its full potential. A focus of this effort will be to identify existing groups already working on these priority areas, and connecting and aligning these efforts to produce results.

A brief summary of the regional aspirations identified by community members is provided on the following pages. Each section provides an aspiration under each priority area, as well as a brief explanation of what we heard from the community.

Regional Economic Health & Job Creation

Aspiration:

Hampton Roads is a top performing regional economy recognized as a leading destination for business and industry.

What we heard:

The key to a strong Hampton Roads economy is diversification. *ENVISION Hampton Roads* participants stressed the importance of supporting the retention and expansion of our military bases and related jobs while becoming more diversified by also creating jobs in other business sectors. A first step is the creation of a comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS) that evaluates our strengths, weaknesses and opportunities, presents regional strategies to attract, retain and expand businesses and outlines the necessary programs and infrastructure needed to support job creation such as ample housing, roads, water, & sewer. Participants not only support the attraction of new businesses and industry to our Region, but also strategies to expand existing industries including the development of “home-grown” businesses by our region’s entrepreneurs. They also support the idea of public/private partnerships, and the ability to pursue opportunities for technological entrepreneurship co-operative programs. Participants believe that the Hampton Roads Region, with its military, shipbuilding and university/college presence, can be known as a “*Center for Innovation*”. It was also suggested that Hampton Roads could begin exploring revenue sharing opportunities and build on existing shared services arrangements.

Education and Training

Aspiration:

The Hampton Roads Region is recognized as having a renowned early childhood and K-12 educational system that adequately prepares the Region's youth for the future they desire and as having a strong workforce that attracts and supports businesses.

What We Heard:

ENVISION Hampton Roads participants support efforts geared towards improving the quality and access of the Region's early childhood education system, K-12 education school system, and technical and vocational education and training. Participants also support educational enhancement programs, like STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Mathematics), being incorporated into all schools throughout the Region as well as ensuring that all students have access to libraries and technology. Participants also support collaboration between the region's school districts and programs that connect our region's students with job opportunities and pathways that help them prepare and compete for available jobs.

Additionally, *ENVISION Hampton Roads* participants support an effective and adaptable workforce development system that educates and prepares workers for employment and ensures the Region's workforce skills match the needs of business now and into the future. This effort will require close collaboration between the business community, workforce investment boards, and the educational system. The Region should examine what workforce development programs currently exist, support the expansion of those that are successful, and work closely with all partners to ensure our Region has programs to support the workforce of the future.

Diverse Community

Aspiration:

The Hampton Roads Region is recognized as a community where residents of all backgrounds feel safe, welcomed, valued, and respected.

What we heard:

A number of factors contribute to the diversity of Hampton Roads. Our military installations attract a diverse population from many locations resulting in a diversity of world cultures calling Hampton Roads home. The Region's coastal environment, cities, counties, urban, suburban and rural areas, can satisfy any desired lifestyle or business need. An assorted collection of public and private colleges, trade schools and military personnel provide a workforce for employers in a variety of industries.

Our regional diversity is an important part of our brand and needs to be embraced and leveraged as a competitive edge for growing our economy. In today's competition for human capital to support growing economies, our regional acceptance of all makes Hampton Roads a strong competitor for jobs and industries in the global marketplace. Investing in efforts that are geared towards inclusion and engagement is the key to the success of this effort.

Healthy Community

Aspiration:

All Hampton Roads residents are provided an opportunity to live healthy lives with access to recreational activities, healthy food, quality housing choices, and programs and services that maintain and improve their well-being.

What we heard:

ENVISION Hampton Roads participants discussed the social and economic benefits of living in a healthy and productive community. During this discussion, participants recognized that there were several components that contribute to a healthy community, including regular physical activity, good nutrition and access to healthy foods, tobacco and substance abuse prevention, mental health and well-being, public safety, access to quality health care, poverty reduction, and access to functional and affordable housing. It was also stated that our communities should be designed to promote active lifestyles by providing walking and biking paths, as well as parks for exercise and recreation. Through education, outreach, awareness activities and enrichment programs, participants felt it was vital that Hampton Roads develop a regional initiative that promotes a healthy community for its residents.

Living With Our Environment

Aspiration:

The Hampton Roads Region is known as a model community for coastal resiliency that values and protects its natural assets and built environment.

What We Heard:

Our Region must capitalize on its unique geography and natural assets while ensuring their protection. Our environmental assets distinguish Hampton Roads from other metropolitan regions and form the quality of life that our residents value. The community's coastal environment, strategic location on the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay, rivers estuaries and natural harbor make significant contributions to the Region's character and economy. *ENVISION Hampton Roads* participants believe that Hampton Roads can set the standard for protecting and living with our natural environment by continuing efforts to plan for coastal resiliency, sea level rise, subsidence, flood mitigation, water quality, stormwater management, wastewater, water supply, recycling and environmental education and awareness initiatives. Participants also expressed the importance of protecting the region's built environment through coordinating emergency management and disaster recovery efforts and strategies. It was stated that the Region should work collaboratively to promote sustainable building practices, renewable energy, and water quality protection.

Transportation

Aspiration:

Hampton Road's regional transportation system is well-balanced, accessible to all and supports the efficient movement of people and goods into, out of and around the Region.

What we heard:

Meeting participants understood the importance of a safe, reliable and accessible regional transportation system to the community's quality of life and regional economy. Hampton Roads residents support a multi-modal transportation system that supports automobile, freight, air, rail, public transportation, bicycling and walking. Residents support a variety of transportation strategies and tactics, including congestion management techniques, bike and pedestrian trails, passenger rail and the expansion of light rail.

ENVISION Hampton Roads participants will be connected to the work of the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO), the Region's federally mandated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) that conducts a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process. This process includes not only roads but transportation choices such as passenger rail, public transportation, freight and active transportation (walking and biking). In addition, the HRTPO is working with the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission to advance our Region's regional roadway priority projects to construction.

Next Steps

Moving forward, *ENVISION Hampton Roads* seeks to apply the following collaborative process to each priority area:

- Identify existing entities already working on each priority area
- Create a collaborative roundtable for each priority area to promote the exchange of information on current efforts and discuss opportunities
- Identify indicators to benchmark the Region's current status under each priority area, including how the Hampton Roads Region compares to other peer regions.
- Identify action steps for implementation
- Update the regional indicators on a regular basis to track progress and guide changes to action strategies to produce the desired results.

**MEETING SUMMARY
JOINT MEETING OF THE
DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE AND HEALTH DIRECTORS**

The Directors of Utilities Committee and Health Directors met on November 2, 2016. The following items were discussed:

- Mr. Raul Gonzalez, HRSD, briefed the group on microbial source tracking projects to improve local water quality in the Nansemond River (Suffolk), Elizabeth River (Chesapeake), and at Hilton Beach (Newport News).
- Mr. Dan Horne, VDH Office of Drinking Water (ODW) Southeast Virginia Field Office Director, provided an update on regulatory issues, including the Revised Total Coliform Rule implementation, revisions to the Waterworks Regulations, and future regulatory actions on the Lead and Copper Rule Long-Term Revisions and the Fourth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule.
- The group participated in a roundtable discussion of the impacts from high rainfall associated with Hurricane Matthew, including damage to pump stations, roads, and neighborhoods.
- Staff summarized comments received to date on the draft Hampton Roads Regional Source Water Protection Plan and collected Committee input on the potential source water protections strategies.
- Staff briefed the Committee on the askHRgreen.org FY16 Annual Report and public education and outreach activities for water awareness and fats, oils, and grease.
- Staff summarized the October 20, 2016 HRPDC Personnel and Budget Committee discussion of the proposed funding for the Roanoke River Basin Association.
- The Committee discussed the upcoming JLARC briefing to the State Water Commission on the October 2016 report, "Effectiveness of Virginia's Water Resource Planning and Management."



October 26, 2016

MEMBER JURISDICTIONS

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RE: FEMA Requirement for Permitting Development in Flood Plain

Dear Senator Kaine, Senator Warner, Congressman Forbes, Congressman Rigell, Congressman Scott and Congressman Wittman:

On behalf of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) member jurisdictions, we are writing to request your assistance in a matter concerning permitting of development in flood hazard areas. During a recent compliance review (called a Community Assistance Visit (CAV)) for the city of Hampton, Region III of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) took the unprecedented position that, in order to be minimally compliant with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the City must review and permit "development" that is exempt from review under the Uniform Statewide Building Code (Building Code). FEMA maintains that, despite exemption under the Building Code, ordinary repairs such as replacement of windows and doors, painting, new cabinets, replacement of roofing and siding, and replacement of light switches and lighting fixtures, must be reviewed by localities. This interpretation would require a family that lives in a Special Flood Hazard Area and desires to replace their kitchen cabinets to submit their plans to their local government for review.

Representatives of FEMA have insisted that they have imposed this requirement on other localities in the past, but based upon all available information, we are not aware of any jurisdiction in Virginia or the United States that has been required to permit development exempted from applicable Building Codes. Moreover, FEMA has refused to provide the City of Hampton with the name of any other locality that has been cited with this issue.

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Accordingly, the City has made a Freedom of Information Act request for all CAV reports that FEMA has completed in the last three years in Region III, which includes Virginia.

FEMA has explained that, since the definition of “development” in the Code of Federal Regulations is broad, they must require localities to review all development until the regulations change.¹ The definition is indeed broad, but it has never been interpreted before to include improvements exempt from the Building Code because minor repairs have no impact on the flood plain. Furthermore, FEMA’s own guidance manual acknowledges that minor development should be exempt from permitting. In the document entitled, “NFIP Floodplain Management Requirements: A Study Guide and Desk reference for Local Officials,” section 5-19 states that localities have discretion to exempt “small projects” and “routine maintenance, such as painting or re-roofing” from permitting.

While FEMA has indicated a willingness to work with the City of Hampton to identify a threshold under which development would remain exempt (potentially, improvements valued at \$2,500 or less), imposing this new requirement at all is a major and unnecessary departure from current practices. FEMA’s position does nothing to minimize risk to insured structures or protect flood plains. Rather, it only imposes time and cost on citizens and local governments. Further, requiring permits for minor improvements may disincentivize home maintenance, which would undermine the goals of improving property values and supporting healthy neighborhoods and could have a significant impact in low to moderate income areas.

Finally, in a letter to the City of Hampton’s Mayor, FEMA stated that failure to implement the Corrective Action Plan (in part, to permit improvements exempt from the Building Code) in a timely manner may jeopardize the City’s continued participation in the NFIP. FEMA further stated:

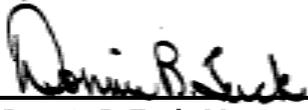
“Without corrective action, your community could be put on probation or suspended from the NFIP. Remedial actions, such as probation and/or suspension from the NFIP could result in a \$50.00 surcharge on each flood insurance policy in effect within the City and ultimately could prohibit community residents and business owners from flood insurance policy renewal or the purchase of new policies. If the City is suspended from the NFIP, most forms of federal disaster assistance would be unavailable during a presidentially declared disaster and most forms of federal grants and loans will not be available within the identified flood hazard areas.”

In addition to these consequences, FEMA has informed the City of Hampton that its scheduled Community Rating Service (CRS) review may be put on hold until corrective actions are taken. The CRS review is a process by which FEMA reviews a community’s flood program requirements that go above-and-beyond minimum NFIP requirements. A positive CRS review may result in lower flood insurance rates for citizens.

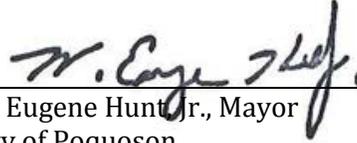
¹ The Code of Federal Regulations (44 CFR 59.1) defines “development” as “any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate including, but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials.”

In summary, we ask for your assistance in communicating with FEMA about this new requirement, ensuring prompt response to the above-mentioned Freedom of Information Act request, and, if necessary, modification to the Code of Federal Regulations to limit the definition of "development."

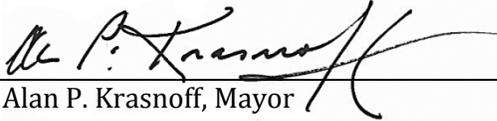
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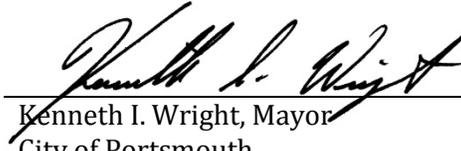
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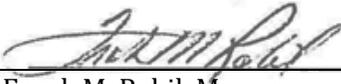
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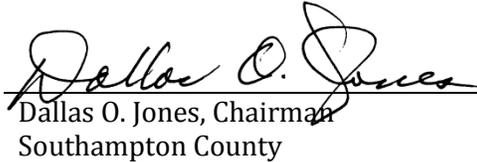
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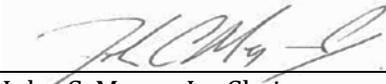
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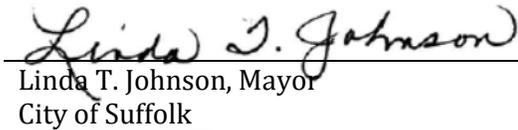
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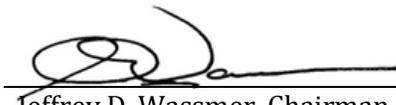
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