

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
GEORGE WASHINGTON REGIONAL COMMISSION**

November 16, 2009

Gibbons Conference Room
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: **Caroline:** Robert J. Popowicz (2nd Vice Chairman), David M. “Maxie” Rozell, Jr.; **Fredericksburg:** Mary Katherine Greenlaw (Treasurer), Matthew J. Kelly; **King George:** James B. Howard, Dale W. Sisson (1st Vice Chairman); **Stafford:** Mark Dudenhefer (Secretary), Robert “Bob” Woodson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: **Spotsylvania:** Henry J. “Hap” Connors (Chairman); Benjamin T. Pitts.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS: Beverly Cameron, Fredericksburg; Douglas Barnes, Spotsylvania; Anthony Romanello, Stafford.

ELECTED OFFICIAL: Paul V. Milde, III, Stafford County Board of Supervisors.

STAFF: Robert H. Wilson, Executive Director; Lloyd P. Robinson, Director of Transportation Planning; Kevin F. Byrnes, Director of Regional Planning; Diana Burton Utz, Director, GWRideConnect; Andy Waple, Principal Regional Planner; David J-H. Lee, Senior Regional Planner; Jane Wills, Regional Mobility Coordinator; Marti Donley, Regional Planner; Laurel Hammig, Regional Planner.

CALL TO ORDER: First Vice Chairman Sisson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum present, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE GWRC AGENDA: Mr. Wilson asked that the agenda be amended to include one new item: 10.c. “Agreement for Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) Support for Fredericksburg Area Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program.” Mr. Kelly then made a motion seconded by Mr. Popowicz to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 2009: Mr. Kelly made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Popowicz to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 26, 2009. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: No comments were offered from members of the public.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Wilson distributed the draft audit to members prior to the meeting. It will be discussed at the Commission’s December meeting. Mr. Wilson noted that there was significant improvement over the previous year’s audit.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Mr. Wilson stated he had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Appointments to the Regional Communications Interoperability Working Group

Messrs. Popowicz and Rozell recommended Alan Partin be appointed to the Working Group, but due to the absence of Chairman Hap Connors – who must make appointments to the Working Group – this matter was deferred to the December meeting.

State and Federal Energy-Efficiency Grants

Mr. Byrnes briefed the Commission on the status of two applications for Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy “Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program” funding. Commission staff is currently collaborating with local government staff to possibly pursue Department of Energy stimulus monies.

Other Old Business

No other old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 10-15, Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute Short-term Leases for Park-and-Ride Spaces

Ms. Utz made a brief presentation describing the short-term leases for park-and-ride spaces, two of which are pending. The motion was modified to allow the executive director to execute the lease agreements up to \$30,000. Mr. Dudenhefer made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Woodson to approve Resolution No. 10-15. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 10-16, Establishment of 2010 Joint Meeting Schedule

Mr. Wilson noted that the meetings are scheduled for the third Monday of every month except when a holiday interferes. In 2010, only two “fifth Tuesday” elected official meetings are scheduled, which will be hosted and planned by all the localities but held in a central location within the Region. Mr. Kelly made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Greenlaw to approve Resolution No. 10-16. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 10-17, Agreement for Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) Support for Fredericksburg Area Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program

Mr. Kelly noted that the HMIS is a critical component to federal funding for homelessness management and thanked Stafford County for their role in the development of the new cold weather shelter. On a motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Greenlaw, the Commission unanimously approved Resolution No. 10-17.

Other New Business

Ms. Utz discussed the on-going development of a Travel Demand Management plan that the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation is now requiring. It is an unprecedented undertaking for the Region and will contain short, medium and long-range goals and objectives. A draft will be presented to the Commission and FAMPO for adoption at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Strategic Plan Committee did not hold a meeting in November but will meet before the next Commission meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Executive Director

(Draft summary prepared by Laurel Hammig, Regional Planner)