

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

January 25, 2010

Gibbons Conference Room

406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia

**MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING:** **Caroline:** Robert J. Popowicz (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman), David M. “Maxie” Rozell, Jr.; **Fredericksburg:** Mary Katherine Greenlaw (Treasurer), Matthew J. Kelly; **King George:** Joseph W. Grzeika, Dale W. Sisson (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman); **Spotsylvania:** Henry “Hap” Connors (Chairman); Benjamin T. Pitts; **Stafford:** Mark Dudenhefer (Secretary), Susan Stimpson.

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

**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; Danny Reese, Associate Regional Planner.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Connors 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 requested that agenda item 10.a. be amended to read “Authorizing Execution of *Agreements* with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation” for the purpose of adding Resolution No. 10-20 to the request for Board action. Mr. Kelly then made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Dudenhefer to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2009:** Mr. Dudenhefer made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Rozell to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 16, 2009. The motion was approved, with Mr. Grzeika abstaining.

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:** James Lawrence of Fredericksburg encouraged the Commission to continue litter prevention efforts, especially considering the new statewide ban on cigarette smoking in restaurants.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mr. Wilson indicated that the Commission’s auditor – Heather Foley – had informed him on Friday that the finalized FY 2009 financial statements would not be available for tonight’s meeting, as he had requested. He added that he made it clear to Ms. Foley that he expected the financial statements by February 8<sup>th</sup>. He also reminded the members that the Executive Committee had been briefed on the draft financial statements in the fall and that the final document would be essentially the same as the draft.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Mr. Wilson stated that he had received two telework contracts from the General Services Administration GSA for FFY 2010 and that he expects to receive the third contract shortly.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Appointments to the Regional Communications Interoperability Working Group**

On the recommendations of Messrs. Popowicz and Rozell, Mr. Connors appointed Assistant County Administrator Alan Partin of Caroline County to serve on the Working Group.

### **Other Old Business**

No other old business was discussed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Authorizing Execution of Agreements with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation**

Ms. Utz and Ms. Wills made brief presentations describing the grant applications for the continuation of the GWRideConnect and New Freedom programs, respectively. Mr. Dudenhefer made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve Resolution No. 10-18 (for the GWRideConnect grant), which was unanimously approved. Mr. Dudenhefer then made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve Resolution No. 10-20 (for the New Freedom grant), which was also approved unanimously.

### **Census Complete Count Tour Plan Update**

Mr. Byrnes briefed the Commission on plans to host a Census Promotional Road Tour event on February 16, 2010 at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library in Fredericksburg. He invited the Commission members to speak at the event if they were interested in doing so.

### **Ozone Non-Attainment Status**

Mr. Byrnes briefed the Commission on the ozone non-attainment issue. The Environmental Protection Agency has strengthened the primary and secondary ozone standards and a public hearing is scheduled for February 2, 2010. Revised designation recommendations are expected to be made in early 2011.

### **Regional Phase III Development Review Coordination Study**

Mr. Byrnes summarized the study outcomes and recommendations of the Regional Phase III Development Review Group as part of last year's Coastal Zone Management program. As requested by Mr. Grzeika, the regional matrix of land development codes tool can be downloaded: [http://www.gwrcftp.org/Regional\\_Planning/CZM\\_Phase%20III%20Review/Development%20Codes.zip](http://www.gwrcftp.org/Regional_Planning/CZM_Phase%20III%20Review/Development%20Codes.zip).

### **Resolution No. 10-19, Recognizing the Contribution of Doris Whitfield**

Mr. Connors recognized Ms. Whitfield for her spirit, commitment and passion for the Green Government Commission and other regional environmental initiatives and wished her well in her move to North Carolina. Mr. Kelly then made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Dudenhefer to approve Resolution No. 10-19. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Other New Business**

Stephen Batsche, president of the Rappahannock United Way, described the Community Impact Group Task Force. Mr. Kelly suggested that local representatives from social services agencies make recommendations to the Commission on opportunities for improved coordination among the various agencies.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Wilson, AICP  
Executive Director

(Draft minutes prepared by Laurel Hammig, Regional Planner)