

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

May 18, 2009

Gibbons Conference Room
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia

PRESENT AND VOTING: CAROLINE: Robert J. Popowicz, David M. “Maxie” Rozell, Jr. (Treasurer); **FREDERICKSBURG:** Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Matthew J. Kelly (Secretary); **KING GEORGE:** James B. Howard; **SPOTSYLVANIA:** Benjamin T. Pitts; **STAFFORD:** Mark Dudenhefer (Chairman), Robert “Bob” Woodson.

ABSENT: Henry J. “Hap” Connors (1st Vice Chairman), Spotsylvania County; Dale W. Sisson (2nd Vice Chairman), King George County.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS: Beverly Cameron, City of Fredericksburg.

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, Senior Regional Planner; David J-H. Lee, Senior Regional Planner; Jane Wills, Regional Mobility Coordinator; Jean Hamilton Ivester, Operations Manager; Marti Donley, Regional Planner; Laurel Hammig, Regional Planner; Danny Reese, Associate Regional Planner.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Dudenhefer 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 a new item 10.g., “Resolution No. 09-09, Authorizing Execution of Agreement with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation for a Grant Under Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act of 1991, as Amended.” Mr. Kelly then made a motion seconded by Mr. Popowicz to approve the agenda as modified. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2009: Mr. Kelly made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Popowicz to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 20, 2009. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Wilson indicated that cash flow had remained very steady and he expressed his continued thanks to Quintin Elliott and Jamie Brown-Porter for their ongoing efforts in ensuring timely reimbursements.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 09-08, Endorsing Region-wide Conduct of Land-Use Scenario Planning and Directing Staff to Conduct Same

On a motion made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Howard, the Commission unanimously voted to approve Resolution No. 09-08.

Establishment of Nominating Committee

Mr. Wilson explained that the rotation of officers called for in the GWRC By-Laws made it unnecessary to appoint a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of officers for FY 2010. He then recited from which localities each officer must be chosen, as follows: Spotsylvania County, Chairman; King George, 1st Vice-Chairman; Caroline, 2nd Vice Chairman; Fredericksburg, Treasurer; and Stafford, Secretary. He indicated that he would send an e-mail to each pair of Commission members and ask them to decide between themselves which member will serve as an officer in FY 2010.

Update on the Regional Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Mr. Byrnes updated members on contract negotiations with the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and stated that DHCD will allow up to ten percent of the total administrative fees (roughly \$30,000) as an advance for project management team staff work toward final contract completion. He added that local staffs are continuing to update neighborhood foreclosure inventories.

Update on Regional Green Government Commission

Mr. Byrnes shared May 17, 2009 opinion pieces from *The Free Lance-Star* and briefed the members on actions being taken by the Green Energy, Green Buildings, Green Waste/Recycling and Green Earth subcommittees. Ms. Hammig then presented an overview of the “Green Infrastructure” planning process.

Update on the Regional Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program

Mr. Byrnes described both the current CZM grants that involve comprehensive plan updates in Port Royal and King George County. He also discussed CZM funding next year for the continued development of the regional Green Infrastructure plan and to work with stakeholders on development of regional “Children & Nature Network” initiatives.

Update on the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS)

Mr. Byrnes indicated that the initial HMIS grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) had achieved all stated objectives and that a renewal grant of \$59,305 had been approved for FY 2010. He added that an operational HMIS is now required for all HUD-funded “Continuum of Care” programs in the U.S.

Resolution No. 09-09, Authorizing Execution of Agreement with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation for a Grant of \$62,524 Under Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act of 1991, as Amended

Mr. Wilson stated that the amount of the grant indicated on the resolution was incorrect and that it should have been cited as \$66,524. On a motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Greenlaw, the Commission unanimously voted to approve Resolution No. 09-09, as amended.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Executive Director

(Draft minutes prepared by Jean Hamilton Ivester, Operations Manager)