

July 20, 2010

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

July 19, 2010

The Robert C. Gibbons Conference Room  
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia

**MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING:** **Caroline:** David M. “Maxie” Rozell, Jr.;  
**Fredericksburg:** Mary Katherine Greenlaw (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman); **King George:** Joseph W. Grzeika,  
Dale W. Sisson, Jr. (Chairman); **Spotsylvania:** Jerry I. Logan (Secretary); **Stafford:** Mark  
Dudenhefer, Susan Stimpson (Treasurer).

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Robert J. Popowicz, Caroline County; George C. Solley, City of  
Fredericksburg; Benjamin T. Pitts, Spotsylvania County.

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:** Mike Neuhard, Deputy County Administrator,  
Stafford County.

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

**INVITED GUEST:** James B. Howard, King George County.

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Sisson called the meeting to order at 6:32 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  
replace agenda item 10.d. “Neighborhood Stabilization Program Update” with “Caroline County  
Train Station Project Update,” and that the Board accept a substitute Resolution No. 11-01. Mr.  
Rozell made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Dudenhefer to approve the meeting agenda as  
amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2010:** Ms. Greenlaw  
made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Dudenhefer to approve the minutes of the meeting of  
June 21, 2010. The motion was unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:** No comments were offered from the public.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mr. Wilson directed the commissioners’ attention to the financial  
statements contained in the meeting packet and offered to answer questions; none were posed to  
him.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Wilson informed the members that the Commission passed its recent compliance review conducted by an auditor from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and no remedial actions are required. He also reported that Congressman Rob Wittman recently introduced legislation to include the Region in the General Services Administration's National Capital Region.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant**

Messrs. Wilson and Byrnes described the upcoming grant opportunity to fund the development of a regional sustainability plan. As part of the application process there would need to be commitments from Stafford and Spotsylvania counties and the City of Fredericksburg. Other possible partnering organizations would include FAMPO, the Central Virginia Housing Coalition, Friends of the Rappahannock and the Region's chambers of commerce. Because of the tight deadline, Commission staff will pursue a grant extension while developing a more concrete grant proposal to present at the August Commission meeting.

### **Other Old Business**

No other old business was discussed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Resolution No. 11-01, Recognizing the Distinguished Service of James B. Howard**

Mr. Grzeika made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Dudenhefer to approve Resolution No. 11-01. The motion was unanimously approved. Chairman Sisson presented Mr. Howard with a plaque honoring his service to the Region and Mr. Wilson informed him that his office had been named "The James B. Howard Room" in his honor. Mr. Howard expressed his great appreciation for that honor.

### **Resolution No. 11-02, Endorsement of the East Coast Greenway Route Through Planning District 16**

Jennifer Wampler of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation briefed the Commission on the East Coast Greenway program and the proposed route through the Region. Due to his concerns about public safety and his desire to gather additional information, Mr. Dudenhefer made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Stimpson to defer action on Resolution No. 11-02 until September 20, 2010. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Resolution No. 11-03, Endorsement of Spotsylvania Greenway Initiative's (SGI) Application for National Park Service RTCA Funding**

After a brief presentation from Robert F. Hagan of the SGI Board of Directors, Mr. Logan made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Greenlaw to approve Resolution No. 11-03. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Caroline County Train Station Project**

Mr. Robinson informed the Commission that the Federal Transit Administration has objected to the language of the Scope of Work for this project. A remedy to address FTA's concern is being explored so the earmarked federal funds will not lapse as scheduled on September 30, 2010.

**Resolution No. 11-04, Endorsement of Staff Comments on Improving Transportation**

The Commission members agreed to defer action on Resolution No. 11-04 until August 16, 2010.

**Resolution No. 11-05, Cancellation of Commission Meeting Scheduled for August 16, 2010**

No action was taken on Resolution No. 11-05.

**Resolution No. 11-06, Endorsement of Commission Application for a HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant**

No action was taken on Resolution No. 11-06.

**Other New Business**

No other new business was discussed.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Wilson, AICP  
Executive Director

(Draft minutes prepared by Laurel Hammig, Senior Regional Planner)