

September 24, 2010

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

September 20, 2010

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

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: **Caroline:** David M. "Maxie" Rozell, Jr., Robert J. Popowicz (1st Vice Chairman); **Fredericksburg:** Mary Katherine Greenlaw (2nd Vice Chairman), George C. Solley; **Spotsylvania:** Jerry I. Logan (Secretary), Benjamin T. Pitts; **Stafford:** Mark Dudenhefer, Susan Stimpson (Treasurer).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joseph W. Grzeika and Dale W. Sisson (Chairman), King George County.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS: Anthony Romanello, Stafford County.

INVITED GUESTS: Jeff Harvey, Director of Planning and Zoning, Stafford County; Eldon James, Eldon James & Associates.

STAFF: Robert H. Wilson, Executive Director; Lloyd P. Robinson, Director of Transportation 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: In the absence of Chairman Sisson, First Vice Chairman Popowicz 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 AGENDA: Mr. Dudenhefer made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Greenlaw to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2010: Mr. Pitts made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Stimpson to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 16, 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 informed them that cash flow remained a problem. He then briefed the members on his discussion with the Executive Committee on September 13, 2010, when he shared his belief that the Commission's ongoing financial problems were principally the result of the loss the Commission's fund balance as a result of the moving and build-out costs associated with the move to the current office; slow reimbursement by certain funders, and; the significant expansion of the Commission's work program following the adoption of the Commission's new charter in 2006. He concluded by informing the members that he would request of the chairman that he convene an Executive Committee meeting prior to the Commission meeting scheduled for October 25, 2010, at which the Fiscal Year 2010 audit would be presented.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Caroline County Train Station Project

Mr. Robinson informed the Commission that a resolution to add this project to the Unified Planning Work Program was on the agenda of the meeting of the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization later that evening. There was a brief discussion and Mr. Rozell thanked Paul Milde, Al Harf and Mr. Robinson for their assistance with this project.

Resolution No. 11-04, Endorsement of Staff Comments Pertaining to the Transportation and Legislative Portions of the Governor's Reform Initiative

Mr. James highlighted four key areas of government reform and policy revision. In Mr. Grzeika's absence, Mr. Robinson shared the comments he had received from him pertaining to the proposed staff comments, and the Commission agreed with Mr. Grzeika's recommendation to delete the staff comment pertaining to "Initiative No. 3." Ms. Greenlaw then made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Dudenhefer to approve Resolution No. 11-04, as amended. The motion was approved, with Mr. Rozell voting nay.

Other Old Business

No other old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stafford County's Proposed Urban Development Areas

Mr. Harvey described the evolution of Stafford County's current draft comprehensive plan and presented the eight proposed "urban development areas," which are divided into three categories: redevelopment, interstate/central, and transportation-oriented development.

Resolution No. 11-05, Memorandum of Understanding with the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

After a brief explanation by Messrs. Wilson and Robinson, Mr. Pitts made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Solley to approve Resolution No. 11-05. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 11-06, Supporting the State Fair of Virginia's Application for a USDA Community Facilities Loan and Grant

After a brief explanation by Mr. Wilson, Mr. Pitts made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Greenlaw to approve Resolution No. 11-06. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 11-07, Supporting the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank's Application for a USDA Regional Hunger-Free Communities Grant

Mr. Pitts made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Dudenhefer to approve Resolution No. 11-07. The motion was unanimously approved.

Summary of Executive Committee Meeting of September 13, 2010

Mr. Wilson directed the commissioners' attention to the summary in the meeting packet and offered to answer questions. None were posed to him.

Other New Business

No other new business was discussed.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Executive Director

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