

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

September 21, 2009  
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:** Dale W. Sisson (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman); **Spotsylvania:** Henry J. “Hap” Connors, (Chairman); **Stafford:** Paul Milde (Alternate).

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** **King George:** James B. Howard; **Spotsylvania:** Benjamin T. Pitts; **Stafford:** Mark Dudenhefer (Secretary), Robert “Bob” Woodson.

**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; Jean Hamilton Ivester, Operations Manager; Marti Donley, Regional Planner; Laurel Hammig, Regional Planner; Danny Reese, Associate Regional Planner.

**INVITED GUEST:** Russ Smith, Superintendent, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

**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 asked that the agenda be amended to include a new item 10.c. “Briefing on Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park General Management Plan Update.” Mr. Kelly then made a motion seconded by Mr. Sisson to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:** Marty Work of Spotsylvania stated that he had tried to obtain a copy of the Master Agreement between Virginia Railway Express and Spotsylvania County but had been unable to do so. Mr. Milde offered to assist Mr. Work and indicated that he would speak with VRE President Dale Zehner about this matter.

**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 reported that he had confirmed with the General Services Administration (GSA) that the telework center at Garrisonville and Onville Roads in Stafford would be funded and would remain in operation in Federal Fiscal Year 2010.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Resolution No. 10-06, Establishing the George Washington Region Communications Interoperability Working Group**

Mr. Wilson reminded the commissioners that a meeting of the region's first responders had been convened at the Commission on July 28<sup>th</sup> and that it was well attended. That group also expressed their support for the creation of a regional communications interoperability working group. Mr. Kelly made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Sisson to approve Resolution No. 10-06. Further discussion established a consensus to ask the region's chief administrative officers to forward their recommendations for membership in the Working Group to the Commission for its October meeting. The vote was then called and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Appointments to the Ad Hoc Strategic Plan Committee**

Mr. Connors appointed himself, Ms. Greenlaw, Messrs. Popowicz and Sisson, and Mark Dudenhefer to serve on the Committee.

### **Other Old Business**

No other old business was discussed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Resolution No. 10-07, Requesting that the General Services Administration Include the City of Fredericksburg and the Counties of Spotsylvania and Stafford in the National Capital Region**

During the course of discussion, there was consensus to amend the draft resolution to include Caroline and King George counties in the request to GSA. Mr. Wilson stated that he had anticipated this and had taken the liberty of preparing a substitute Resolution No. 10-07 that included those two counties, with some minor ancillary changes in the text necessitated by said inclusion. Mr. Rozell made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the aforementioned substitute Resolution No. 10-07. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Wilson then indicated that he would forward copies of the resolution to Senators Webb and Warner and Congressmen Cantor and Wittman.

### **Resolution No. 10-08, Authorizing Commission Participation in Virginia Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program on Behalf of Eligible Localities**

Following a briefing by Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Kelly made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Greenlaw to approve Resolution No. 10-08. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Briefing on Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park General Management Plan (GMP) Update**

Mr. Smith briefed the Commission on the mandated update of the Park's GMP. Following the presentation, Mr. Wilson offered to include a resolution of support for the Park's GMP update on the agenda of the October Commission meeting, for which Mr. Smith expressed his appreciation.

### **Other New Business**

No other new business was discussed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Wilson, AICP  
Executive Director