

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

May 17, 2010

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joseph W. Grzeika, King George County.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS: Beverly Cameron, City of Fredericksburg; Anthony Romanello, Stafford County.

STAFF: Robert H. Wilson, Executive Director; Lloyd P. Robinson, Director of Transportation Planning; Kevin F. Byrnes, Director of Regional Planning; 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 Pitts 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 remove Item No. 10.b. “U.S. Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant” and replace it with “A New Vision for Surface Transportation Policy in Virginia.” Mr. Kelly 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 APRIL 19, 2010: Mr. Dudenhefer made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Greenlaw to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2010. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: No comments were offered from the public.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Wilson reported that the Commission received three responses to its request for proposals for auditing services and that negotiations would begin shortly with the top-ranked firm. He also added that the Commission’s current auditor was finalizing the FY 2009 financial statements.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Mr. Wilson informed the Commission that the FY 2011 budget would be on the agenda of the June commission meeting, as would the election of FY 2011 officers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Request to the General Services Administration (GSA) for the Reassignment of the City of Fredericksburg and Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania and Stafford Counties to GSA's National Capital Region (NCR)

Mr. Wilson directed the commissioners' attention to a copy of a letter from U.S. Representative Rob Wittman to newly-appointed GSA Administrator Martha Johnson concerning the Commission's request from September 2009 for reassignment of the localities to NCR. Mr. Wilson also stated his belief that having a GSA Administrator in place would likely expedite the resolution of this matter.

Other Old Business

No other old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 10-33, Contract Award Authorization for Planning and Management Services for the Residential Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program

After a brief summary from Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Kelly made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Rozell to approve Resolution No. 10-33. The motion was approved unanimously.

A New Vision for Surface Transportation Policy in Virginia

Mr. Robinson explained the development of the draft "white paper" that describes a new paradigm for transportation policy in Virginia, and he solicited suggestions from Commission members on topics to include.

Other New Business

Mr. Robinson updated the Commission on the progress of meetings associated with the development of the Carmel Church train station in Caroline County.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Executive Director

(Draft minutes prepared by Laurel Hammig, Regional Planner)