

**RICHMOND REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 10, 2005**

Members/Alternates Present

Richard W. Ayers (M)	County of Powhatan
Edward B. Barber (M), Secretary	County of Chesterfield
Gentry Bell (M)	County of Henrico
Malvern R. Butler (M), Vice Chairman	County of Goochland
Amy M. Cheeley (M)	County of Hanover
Thomas W. Evelyn (M)	County of New Kent
Richard W. Glover (M)	County of Henrico
John E. Gordon, Jr. (M), Chairman	County of Hanover
Kathy C. Graziano (M)	City of Richmond
Harvey L. Hinson (A)	County of Henrico
Russell E. Holland (M), Treasurer	County of Powhatan
Michael L. Holmes (M)	County of Charles City
David A. Kaechele (M)	County of Henrico
R. M. "Dickie" King, Jr. (M)	County of Chesterfield
Sherman W. Litton (M)	County of Chesterfield
Eugene A. Mason (M)	City of Richmond
Kelly E. Miller (M)	County of Chesterfield
Elizabeth W. Moorhouse (M)	County of Hanover
Patricia S. O'Bannon (M)	County of Henrico
William J. Pantele (M)	City of Richmond
Faye O. Prichard (A)	Town of Ashland
George K. Roarty (M)	County of Chesterfield
Robert R. Setliff (M)	County of Hanover
Stran L. Trout (M)	County of New Kent
Ernest B. Vanarsdall (M)	County of Henrico
Arthur S. Warren (M)	County of Chesterfield

Members Absent

James B. Donati (M)	County of Henrico
John C. Grier (M)	City of Richmond
Frank M. Hartz (M)	County of Goochland
Renny B. Humphrey (M)	County of Chesterfield
William Russell Jones, III (M)	City of Richmond
Angela L. LaCombe (M)	Town of Ashland
Ellen F. Robertson (M)	City of Richmond
Frank J. Thornton (M)	County of Henrico

Others Present

John R. Amos.....RRPDC Legal Counsel (Amos & Amos, PLLC)
Brooke Hardin.....City of Richmond
Sheila Hill-Christian Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority
George Homewood..... County of New Kent

Staff Present

Paul E. Fisher Executive Director
Julie H. Fry..... Executive Secretary
Jo A. Evans Assistant Executive Director
Daniel N. Lysy Director of Transportation
Jackie S. Stewart Director of Planning and Information Systems
Peter M. Sweetland..... Finance and Contracts Administrator
Patricia A. Villa Communications Coordinator

Call to Order

Chairman Gordon called the regularly scheduled March 10, 2005, RRPDC meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. in the RRPDC conference room.

I. ADMINISTRATION

A. Certification by Commission Executive Director of Meeting Quorum

Mr. Fisher certified that a majority of the voting members/alternates (26) were present to constitute a quorum.

B. Requests for Additions or Changes in Order of Business

On motion made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Holland, the published agenda was changed by unanimous vote of the Commission to add Item G under New Business: Regional Transportation Summit.

C. Open Public Comment Period

There were no requests to address the Commission at this time and Chairman Gordon closed the public comment period.

Chairman Gordon recognized Mr. Pantele and Mr. Trout and asked them to introduce new Commission members from their respective jurisdictions: Kathy Graziano from the City of Richmond and Thomas Evelyn from the County of New Kent.

D. Approval of Minutes, February 10, 2005 Meeting

On motion made by Mr. Barber, and seconded by Mr. Setliff, the minutes of the RRPDC meeting held on February 10, 2005, were approved as corrected:

Under Members/Alternates Present, to include member designation (M) by Mr. Vanarsdall's name.

Under Administration, Item A, to include Mr. Vanarsdall's name in the list of new Commission members who were introduced.

Ms. O'Bannon abstained from the vote due to her absence during the February meeting.

E. Approval of January, 2005 Financial Reports

Mr. Holland presented the financial reports for January, 2005. There being no corrections, on motion made by Mr. Pantele and seconded by Mr. Holmes, the Commission unanimously accepted for audit the financial reports for January, 2005.

F. Chairman's Report

Mr. Gordon offered apologizes for his recent absences from Commission meetings due to scheduling conflicts. He also thanked the Commission members for their expressions of sympathy on the recent death of his father.

G. Executive Director's Report for February 2005

Mr. Fisher presented the written staff status report, a copy having been included in the agenda. He announced that the New Member Orientation (ABCs of the PDC and MPO) was held on March 3, 2005. Eight people attended representing the following jurisdictions:

County of Hanover	County of Powhatan
County of Henrico	City of Richmond
County of New Kent	

New members who were not able to attend were invited to contact Mr. Fisher, or any RRPDC staff member, to schedule a time to meet and review what was covered during the orientation meeting.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Legislative Review

Patricia Villa, Communications Coordinator, reviewed the status of legislation of interest that was considered during the General Assembly session which adjourned on February 26, 2005 (copy included in agenda). She reported that the RRPDC funding will remain the same as in FY 2005. Mr. Fisher added that the per capita funding base to smaller planning districts was increased; however, similar funding to larger planning districts was not increased.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Virginia Community Development Block Grant Program Priorities

On motion made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Setliff, the Commission approved the 2005 Virginia Community Development Block Grant Program Regional Priorities Ranking as outlined by staff (resolution included in agenda).

B. Resolution Opposing Elimination of the Community Development Block Grant Program

On motion made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Barber, the Commission approved a resolution (included in agenda) authorizing the Executive Director to contact the local congressional delegation requesting their support in maintaining the Community Development Block Grant Program at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and \$4.7 billion appropriation for the Community Development Block Grant Program for FY 2006.

C. Request to Apply for Rural Transportation Planning Program Funds

On motion made by Mr. Holmes and seconded by Mr. Ayers, the Commission authorized the Executive Director to submit the Rural Transportation Planning Program scope of work to VDOT for approval (copy included in agenda).

D. Grant Application – Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program

On motion made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Ms. O'Bannon, the Commission authorized the Executive Director to submit a grant application for Coastal Resources Management funding (resolution included in agenda).

E. Presentation on Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority

Mr. Fisher introduced Sheila Hill-Christian, RRHA Executive Director, who made a presentation on the RRHA strategic planning process and status.

F. State Transportation Planning Grant Pilot Program for MPO

Mr. Fisher presented information on the State Transportation Planning Grant Pilot Program in advance of possible approval of one or all of the following proposals:

- Comprehensive Transit System Update/Multimodal Transportation Areas
- Safe Routes to School Assessment
- Regional Travel Demand Model with Land Use and Build-Out Scenarios

Should funds be awarded for any or all of the proposals for FY 2006, staff will need to request RRPDC action authorizing the Executive Director to execute a

contract with VDOT for the administration of these grant funds on behalf of the MPO.

G. Regional Transportation Summit

Chairman Gordon advised the Commission of a request made by former Virginia governor Gerald Baliles, chairman of the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce Transportation Advocacy Board, and endorsed by the RRPDC/MPO Executive Committees, to have the RRPDC/MPO co-sponsor, along with the Chamber and Board, a Regional Transportation Summit, tentatively scheduled for early June. Governor Baliles indicated that there is a great need for regional cooperation to enlist the support of the press, the public, and local politicians for funding of the greater Richmond area's future transportation needs.

Mr. Fisher noted that co-sponsorship would not involve a direct cash outlay from the RRPDC/MPO. The role of the RRPDC/MPO would be to provide staff support in creating the agenda, programs, presentations, speakers, etc.

Following discussion, on motion made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Barber, the Commission voted unanimously to endorse RRPDC/MPO co-sponsorship of the Regional Transportation Summit.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements

There were no announcements at this time.

B. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports at this time.

C. For Your Information

Documentation was included from the Amelia County Board of Supervisors stating its intention to remain a member of the Piedmont Planning District Commission. Also included was a letter from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development indicating that following its review of the statutory PDC boundary, in conjunction with the decision of Amelia County, no boundary changes would be made.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Gordon adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Paul E. Fisher
Executive Director

John E. Gordon, Jr.
Chairman