

AGENDA
Richmond Regional Planning District Commission
March 11, 2010
1:00 p.m.

RRPDC Board Room
9211 Forest Hill Avenue, Suite 200
Richmond, VA 23235

The RRPDC Executive Committee meeting will convene at 12:00 noon.

COMMISSION MEETING

Call to Order..... 1:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance

I. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Certification by Commission Executive Director of Meeting Quorum – Bob Crum**
- B. Requests for Additions or Changes to Order of Business – Kathy Graziano**
- C. Open Public Comment Period – Kathy Graziano**
- D. Chairman’s Report – Kathy Graziano**
- E. February 11, 2010 Minutes – Faye Prichard (Tab 1)**

The minutes from the February 11, 2010 RRPDC Board meeting are provided for the Commission’s review and action.

- F. Financial Report – Stran Trout (Tab 2)**

The January 2010 Financial Report is provided for the Commission’s review and action.

- G. Executive Director’s Report – Bob Crum (Tab 3)**

A copy of staff’s Monthly Work Status Report is provided for the Commission’s review.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Jurisdictional Committees Report – Faye Prichard and John Gordon**

These committees did not meet in February. The committees plan to hold a joint meeting in April.

B. **Legislative Update – Chuck Gates**

Mr. Gates will provide the Board a brief overview on developments at the General Assembly that are of interest to the RRPDC.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Capital Region Collaborative / Smart Beginnings Program – Bob Crum; Sherrie Brach and Capital Region Collaborative Organizing Team Members**

Sherrie Brach, President and CEO of the Greater Richmond and Petersburg United Way, will provide the RRPDC Board a presentation outlining the efforts of the Smart Beginnings Program to promote school readiness plans in the Richmond Region's jurisdictions. Ms. Brach and representatives of the Capital Region Collaborative Organizing Team will provide background information on the Region's school readiness needs and outline a process to move forward with this effort.

Action Requested: The RRPDC Board should consider action to endorse the school readiness planning process outlined by the Smart Beginnings Program.

B. **Central Virginia Waste Management Authority Plan Amendment – Kim Hynes, Executive Director, CVWMA (Tab 4)**

The Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (CVWMA) has prepared a major amendment to the Central Virginia Waste Management Plan to provide for the expansion of the Tri-City Regional Disposal and Recycling Services Landfill located in Petersburg. The Central Virginia Waste Management Plan was prepared by the Richmond Regional and Crater Planning District Commissions to provide an integrated solid waste management strategy for the 13 member governments located in this area. The CVWMA is the legal entity responsible for implementation of the Plan.

Background information on the proposed plan amendment is enclosed for the Board's review under Tab 4, along with a resolution offering the RRPDC's approval of this amendment. The expansion and continued operation of the Tri Cities Landfill will help ensure capacity for the Region over the life of the Plan.

Ms. Kim Hynes, CVWMA Executive Director, will provide the Board a brief overview of this plan amendment.

Action Requested: Staff recommends that the RRPDC Board take action to approve the major amendment to the Central Virginia Solid Waste Management Plan and authorize the Central Virginia Waste Management Authority to submit the amendment to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for approval.

C. Chickahominy Water Trail Partnership Memorandum of Understanding – Jackie Stewart (Tab 5)

For several years the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission has supported the national Captain John Smith Trail initiative. On April 13, 2006, the RRPDC Board passed a resolution in support of federal efforts to discover the trail through our Region with the focus to date being on the Chickahominy River. Prior to and since that time, staff has advanced several planning efforts related to the Trail through the RRPDC coastal program.

A seed grant was matched with \$5,000.00 each from Charles City and New Kent Counties to develop a water-based interpretative trail. The trail includes a series of professionally developed placards located strategically within parts of the Chickahominy watershed. The placard design and placement was collaboratively developed with input from Charles City County, James City County, New Kent County, the Chickahominy Tribe, the Chickahominy Tribe Eastern Division, the James River Association, the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission staff, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, and the Friends of the John Smith Chesapeake Trail. The National Park Service also assisted in this effort. The James River Association (JRA) has served as project manager. RRPDC staff has continued to participate in group planning meetings, along with representatives from Charles City and New Kent Counties, and has also participated in an unveiling ceremony of the first placard at the Chickahominy Tribal Center during the most recent Powwow.

At this stage in the project, JRA is working with the initial groups, which have been collaborating together for some time, to formalize the ongoing efforts and relationships. All parties have agreed to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), provided under Tab 5. As a final step in completing the MOU, JRA is inviting the RRPDC to also participate in the MOU.

Benefits to joining the MOU include increased awareness of the RRPDC's supportive role in the project, not only to the river but to the Region's localities which already support the project. It would also benefit the RRPDC to be part of a formal regional effort that is recognized by the National Park Service should the RRPDC Board ask for federal grants in the future to continue support and research of this project. Staff believes work involvement will continue to be minimal. This MOU does not commit the RRPDC to contribute funds to the effort.

Action Requested: The RRPDC should consider approval of the attached Memorandum of Understanding to join the Chickahominy Water Trail Partnership.

D. Community Development Block Grant – Jackie Stewart (Tab 6)

Each year the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) offers funding assistance to non-entitlement localities statewide. This Region's non-entitlement localities are the Town of Ashland and the counties of Charles City, Goochland, Hanover, New Kent, and Powhatan. Localities may submit projects that benefit low- and moderate-income persons to DHCD for funding assistance.

DHCD ranks local projects by merit and uses a point system to determine which projects will be funded. As part of the ranking, DHCD asks each Planning District Commission (PDC) to submit a list that prioritizes the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project types. The ranking used by DHCD prioritizes the nine project types into three priority groups, with Group 1 having the highest priority. DHCD uses each region's ranking to allocate points to local projects, with the Group 1 projects receiving the highest number of points. This list is typically due to DHCD by mid-March.

To prepare our Region's priorities for CDBG project types, staff asked each non-entitlement locality to prepare and submit its own priority ranking of CDBG categories. The regional ranking resulting from this input is included in Tab 6 for the Board's review.

Action Requested: It is requested that the Commission take action to adopt the Richmond Region's Priorities for CDBG Project Categories and authorize RRPDC staff to submit this listing to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

B. Announcements

C. For Your Information (Tab 7)

1. Letter from Kim Scheeler, President and CEO of the Greater Richmond Chamber, to Senator Walter Stosch expressing concern with the Senate Finance Committee's proposal to eliminate state funding for PDCs.

V. ADJOURNMENT