

**AGENDA**  
**Richmond Regional Planning District Commission**  
**September 9, 2010**  
**1:00 p.m.**

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

The RRPDC and MPO Executive Committee meetings will convene at 11:30 a.m.

**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 – Jim Donati**
- C. Open Public Comment Period – Jim Donati**

During the open public comment period, speakers are allowed up to three minutes to address the RRPDC Board. Speakers are requested to give their name, locality in which they reside, and if appropriate, organization they represent.

- D. Chairman’s Report – Jim Donati**
- E. Executive Director’s Report – Bob Crum (Tab 1)**

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

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2010 (Tab 2)**
- B. Financial Reports – June and July, 2010 (Tab 3)**

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Jurisdictions Committees Reports – Faye Prichard and John Gordon (Tab 4)**

The Small and Large Jurisdictions Committees held joint meetings on July 22 and August 26. A summary of the items discussed at these meetings is provided below.

##### July 22

- Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Study Area
- Regional Legislative Agenda

##### August 26

- Richmond Regional Energy Alliance
- Regional Legislative Issues

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Presentation of Mixed Use Development Studies – Laura Lafayette, CEO, Richmond Association of Realtors**

Ms. Lafayette will present an overview of two studies released by the Partnership for Housing Affordability in the spring of 2010. The first study, “Examining the Impact of Mixed Use/Mixed Income Housing Developments in the Richmond Region,” analyzes the impacts of mixed use developments (i.e., property values, crime, etc.) on adjacent single family developments. The second study, “Sustainable Communities – Building for the Future of the Greater Richmond Region,” explores the benefits that mixed use development provides for local governments and their citizens. Both of these studies are designed to provide empirical data to support the efforts of local governments to reduce sprawl and encourage compact, affordable development.

This item is provided to the RRPDC Board as an informational presentation. Board members are encouraged to ask questions and discuss the information presented by Ms. Lafayette.

#### **B. Richmond Regional Energy Alliance – Joe Lerch, Virginia Municipal League, and Stephen Evanko, Environmental Sustainability Office, Capital One**

The Richmond Regional Energy Alliance (RREA) is a recently established regional nonprofit that seeks to reduce energy costs for consumers and stimulate the local economy by creating local jobs. The RREA Board includes members representing Virginia Dominion Power, Capital One, Home Depot, Virginia Housing Development Authority, Virginia Municipal League,

Chesterfield County, Henrico County, City of Richmond, Better Housing Coalition, and Elder Homes, as well as consultants and architects who specialize in energy efficiency.

The Alliance's primary and initial focus will be on the residential market to encourage widespread adoption of energy efficiency measures that provide direct value to homeowners through cost savings. The mission of the alliance is to "...sustain a regional framework that increases awareness, breaks down barriers and coordinates access to resources in order to drive mainstream action for energy savings."

Mr. Lerch, Director of Environmental Policy with the Virginia Municipal League, will provide a presentation summarizing the efforts of the Regional Energy Alliance, including opportunities to partner with the RRPDC to promote energy conservation in the Richmond Region.

At their August 26 meeting, the Small and Large Jurisdictions Committees adopted a recommendation for the RRPDC Board to (1) accept RREA's invitation to designate an RRPDC representative to sit on the RREA Board and (2) to add regional energy coordination to the RRPDC Work Program.

**Action Requested: Members of the Commission are asked to (1) accept RREA's invitation to designate an RRPDC representative to sit on the RREA Board and (2) to add regional energy coordination to the RRPDC Work Program.**

**C. Proposed Opposition to Federal Legislation Mandating Collective Bargaining – Chuck Gates (Tab 5)**

In late July, the U.S. Senate rejected an amendment (S.Amdt. 4174) that was included in the supplemental appropriations bill approved by the House (H.R. 4899), which would require states and their political subdivisions to provide public safety employees with collective bargaining rights. The House subsequently adopted the Senate version of the bill that did not include the collective bargaining language, and it was signed into law by President Obama.

Many sources say that the stand-alone bill (Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act) has little chance of advancing before the November election, but there is significant concern that the bill could be adopted during the session between the election and January.

At their August 26 meeting, the Small and Large Jurisdictions Committees adopted a recommendation for the RRPDC Board to adopt a position, as part of the RRPDC's legislative agenda, in opposition to proposed federal legislation that would require localities to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety employees. The recommendation included directing the RRPDC Chairman to send a letter to the Region's federal delegation thanking them for not including the provision in the supplemental appropriations bill

and notifying them of the RRPDC's opposition to any future legislation that would require localities to provide public safety employees with collective bargaining rights.

**Action Requested: Members of the Commission are asked (1) to adopt a position of opposition to federal legislation that would require localities to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety employees and (2) to direct the Chairman to submit a letter to the Region's federal delegation.**

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Other Committee Reports**

**B. Announcements**

**C. For Your Information**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**