



Richmond Regional Planning District Commission June 2009 Meeting Report

RRPDC Officers

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The Richmond Regional Planning District Commission (RRPDC) held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on June 11, 2009. The following report summarizes the discussions and actions that occurred during this meeting. The next RRPDC board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2009, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the RRPDC offices.

RRPDC Approves Resolution in Support of High Speed Rail



The Capital Region Collaborative Organizing Team recently passed a resolution supporting the extension of high speed rail from the Washington Metropolitan Area to the Richmond Region.

The Collaborative Organizing Team is also asking for resolutions of support for this effort from the Region's nine jurisdictions, as well as the RRPDC and the MPO. The Team believes that a show of regional support for this effort will increase the Region's prospects of receiving funding for this important infrastructure.

During its June 11 meeting, the RRPDC Board unanimously approved a resolution supporting the extension of high speed rail to the Richmond Region.



Greater Richmond Partnership

The RRPDC Board received a presentation from Mr. Greg Wingfield, President of the Greater Richmond Partnership, on the current economic development initiatives being undertaken by the Partnership. This presentation included an overview of market conditions in the Richmond Region.



Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

Mr. Joe Lenzi presented an overview of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program with an explanation of how to create a self-funding account for energy projects using the EECBG funds. Mr. Lenzi is a mechanical engineer and building energy design consultant. For the past six years, he has been the Energy Manager for Chesterfield County.

Jurisdictional Committee Reports

The RRPDC has appointed both a Small and Large Jurisdictions Committee. These committees meet on a regular basis to discuss regional initiatives and to provide recommendations to the RRPDC Board.

The June meeting of both Jurisdictions Committees included a presentation by Ms. Sherrie Brach, United Way of Greater Richmond and Petersburg on early childhood education needs in the Richmond Region.

Both committees also discussed a proposed logo and name change for the RRPDC.



Election of FY 10 Officers

The Commission took action to elect officers to serve during the fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The officers will be sworn in during the July RRPDC meeting. Those elected were:

Chairman: Kathy C. Graziano, City of Richmond
Vice Chairman: James B. Donati, Henrico County
Treasurer: Stran L. Trout, New Kent County
Secretary: Faye O. Prichard, Town of Ashland

Other Items

Community Outreach

The RRPDC will co-sponsor a seminar entitled “Creating a Livable Richmond Metro Area for All Ages” which will be held at the Richmond Convention Center on June 17, 2009. Other sponsors of the seminar include the Greater Richmond Chamber, the Capital Area Agency on Aging, and the United Way. Information will be presented on how localities can best prepare for the baby boomer Age Wave.



Learn about ongoing RRPDC projects and upcoming meetings by visiting our website: www.richmondregional.org

Did you know...?

The RRPDC serves as the Street Name Clearinghouse for the Richmond Region. For more information, or to access the Street Name Database, please log on to the RRPDC website at www.richmondregional.org.



Richmond Regional Planning District Commission FY 2009 Membership

Town of Ashland 1 Elected Official

Charles City County 1 Elected Official

Chesterfield County 5 Elected Officials
1 Planning Commission Representative
1 Citizen Representative

Goochland County 1 Elected Official
1 Planning Commission Representative

Hanover County 2 Elected Officials
1 Planning Commission Representative
1 Citizen Representative

Henrico County 5 Elected Officials
1 Planning Commission Representative
1 Citizen Representative

New Kent County 1 Elected Official
1 Planning Commission Representative

Powhatan County 2 Elected Officials
1 Planning Commission Representative

City of Richmond 4 Elected Officials
1 Planning Commission Representative
1 Citizen Representative

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“To strengthen the quality of life throughout the Richmond region by serving as a regional forum of member local governments to address issues of regional significance, providing technical assistance to localities, and promoting and enhancing the collective consensus on the economic, transportation, social, environmental, and demographic interests of the region.”