

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON REGIONAL COMMISSION

Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Location: 406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401, GWRC Board Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: All attending in-person: **Chair** Darrell English – **Stafford County**; Jeff Black – **Caroline County**; Jason Graham, Jon Gerlach– **City of Fredericksburg**; Cathy Binder (virtually, arrived in person after roll call), Annie Cupka – **King George County**; Lori Hayes– **Spotsylvania County**; Meg Bohmke – **Stafford County**.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Sili – **Caroline County**; Chris Yakabouski, Tim McLaughlin (Alternate), David Ross (Alternate) – **Spotsylvania County**; Matt Kelly (Alternate) – **City of Fredericksburg**; Pamela Yeung (Alternate) & Crystal Vanuch (Alternate) – **Stafford County**

STAFF: Attending In-Person: Leigh Anderson, Chip Boyles, Michele Dooling, Kate Gibson, Ian Ginger, Meredith Keppel (virtually), Kerry McKenny, Kim Mitchell, Sarah Oldaker, Ian Ollis, Megan Samples, Sam Shoukas.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Agnello (virtually).

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. English called the GWRC meeting to order at 6:00 pm. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and then Mr. Boyles took the roll and indicated a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF GWRC AGENDA: Mr. English asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Black motioned for approval and Mr. Graham seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 MINUTES – Mr. English asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the September 25, 2023. Mr. Boyles indicated that a change had been made to the second page of the minutes correcting a motion that was seconded by Ms. Bohmke. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the September 25, 2023 Amended Minutes, and Mr. Black seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Boyles presented the September 2023 financial report and the Quarterly Financial Report, hitting on the highlights from the cash on hand, cashflow and revenue. Mr. Boyles indicated that the GWRC had begun participation in the Virginia Investment Pool. Commissioners asked questions about specific expenditures and why some line items may be over or significantly under budget. All financial reports are included in the meeting packet and Executive Director's Memo.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: There was not any public involvement or comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution 24-10, GWRideConnect Strategic Plan

Ms. Gibson gave a presentation on the updated GWRideConnect Strategic Plan including operations plan, financial plan, and community outreach/marketing. Commissioners asked questions regarding GWRideConnect numbers, cost, and return on investment. Both Ms. Gibson and GWRideConnect staff, Leigh Anderson and Kim Mitchell, answered the Commissioners' questions and took suggestions for outreach ideas. The GWRideConnect Strategic Plan will be up for vote at the November Board meeting.

Regional Transportation Authority Legislation

Mr. Ollis presented an update on the draft proposal for a Regional Transit Authority (RTA). Mr. Ollis went over the different organizational structure, fees and fund use, and how other regions run their RTA. The Commissioners asked questions and had discussion over how the RTA would work in the region, the possibility of increased taxes, and the legislative process. Mr. Ollis and Mr. Boyles answered the Commissioner's questions and iterated that this would just be for the region to agree on language for any future legislation that would be passed by the State Legislature. All Commissioners agreed that their individual locality Boards would need to review the different options.

NEW BUSINESS

GWRC Resolution 24-09, VAPDC Funding Increase Support

Mr. Boyles introduced for discussion Resolution 24-09 which is support for the VAPDC Funding Increase Request to Governor Youngkin. Mr. Boyles explained the history of the State allocation to PDC's and what is being asked by the VAPDC. Commissioners had no questions. The Resolution will come back for a vote during the November Board meeting.

CY 2024 GWRC Meeting Schedule

Mr. Boyles introduced the CY 2024 GWRC Meeting Schedule. The Commissioners had no questions. The Meeting Schedule will come back for vote during the November Board meeting.

Monthly Financial Reporting Model

Mr. Boyles presented a new model for the monthly financial report presented to the Board each month in their meeting packet. Mr. Boyles went through the new format including the Annual Total Equity, operating expenses, restricted vs unrestricted assets, cash flow, accounts payable, and accounts receivable. Mr. Boyles took questions and suggestions from the Commissioners on the new model.

CoC FY25 Local Funding Application Review

Sam Shoukas presented the CoC FY25 Local Funding Application review for the homeless services requests made directly to the local partners. Ms. Shoukas went over the funding suggestions and scoring criteria with the Commissioners that can be used when their localities decide allocations to partner organizations for homeless services. The Commissioners asked questions regarding the scoring criteria, which Ms. Shoukas and Mr. Boyles answered. The Commissioners had a discussion regarding funding applications in their jurisdictions and the process used by both CoC and their localities to decide on funding.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Boyles presented the Executive Director's Report and gave a briefing on the recent Fredericksburg Area Chamber of Commerce Retreat and upcoming events by the GWRC partner programs. The full Executive Director's Report is available in the packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. English asked for any other comment. No comment was received. The October 23, 2023 George Washington Commission Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for November 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Chip Boyles, Executive Director
(Draft Minutes prepared by Sarah Oldaker)