

**Future of Hampton Roads, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Minutes**

Date: January 27, 2009

Time: 1000

Place: Town Point Club, Norfolk, Virginia

Present: Chairman Vince Thomas, President Ray Taylor, Jim Babcock, Jim Carr, Will Christopher, Phil Damuth, Brock Field, Lynn Gordon, Clyde Hoey, Doyle Hull, John Hadfield, Jack Hornbeck, Alex Kajstura, Tim Kerr, Ted Minor, Jim Oliver, Suzanne Puryear, Bert Schmidt, Jake Tobin, Harry Train, Ray White

Chairman Thomas opened the meeting at 10:06. He made note of progress made throughout the past year with particular emphasis on the effort to bring vitality to the Hampton Roads MPO and the work leading up to the publishing of Competitiveness Report No. 3: Recommendations of the Hampton Roads Regional Structure Project.

The minutes of the meeting of November 25th, 2008 were approved.

Admiral Harry Train presented the financial report for CY 2008 and the proposed budget for CY 2009. Admiral Train noted that 2008 expenses were \$ 706.00 above budget for the year while income was 2693.00 below expectations. Further, he stated that we enjoyed an 86% response to the Boards request for a voluntary \$200 tax-deductible contribution from each Board member. The 2008 report and the 2009 Budget were approved by affirmative vote of all present. The reports are attached for the record.

Jake Tobin reported the Nominating Committee's recommendations for the slate of Directors and Officers for 2009.

First:

A motion offered by Nominating Committee that the limiting number of Board Members imposed by the By-Laws of 55 be waived for one year. Following discussion, the motion was approved by unanimous vote of those present

Second:

- That the following Directors be placed on the list of Directors Emeriti:

Arthur L. Collins  
Anna McNider

- That the following be added to the list of Directors of FHR:

James Carr - Whitney, Bradley & Brown, Inc. (Norfolk)  
Dwight Farmer - Executive Director PDC / MPO (Suffolk)  
John Rowe - ICMA Consultant (Portsmouth)  
Robert Spencer - Attorney (Toano)  
Vanessa Torres - FBI (Chesapeake)  
Greg Edwards - VA Port Authority

- That the following be removed from the list of Directors of FHR:

J. J. Keever (By request - replacement recommended)  
Dr. Roseanne Runte (Norfolk, - ODU - moved out of area)

- That no changes be made to the list of Officers.

- That the following Directors be added to the Executive Committee:

Robert Leber

Following discussion, Chairman Thomas called for a vote to approve the Slate of Officers and Directors of the Future of Hampton Roads for 2009. The Slate was approved by unanimous vote of the members present. A copy of the 2009 Roster is attached for the record.

Ray White reviewed a letter he had sent to President Taylor on behalf of North Carolina's Northeast Commission inviting the FHR Board to conduct one of it's Board Meetings in Moyock in the Hampton Roads MSA Community of Currituck County. The meeting date is to be determined.

Ray Taylor reported that there has been considerable activity on the part of many relative to the MPO. An MPO retreat, open to the public, is scheduled for the 11th of February. HRCCE will assist in the conduct of the retreat with Suzanne Puryear and Jim Oliver facilitating. Ray noted that MPO progress has been slow but steady.

Jim Babcock informed the Board that the Planning Group on Competitiveness Report No. 3: Recommendations of the Hampton Roads Regional Structure Project has been published and will be mailed shortly. Jim said that the Metropolitan Council report was recently briefed to the Mayors and Chairs. Jim also discussed some recent Hampton Roads Partnership initiatives including the creation of an HRP Blog that is now available at [//www.HRPpartnership.blogspot.com/](http://www.HRPpartnership.blogspot.com/) , and a performance measuring site at [//www.hamptonroadsperforms.org/](http://www.hamptonroadsperforms.org/) .

Mark your calendar! Jim Oliver reported that HRCCE, in conjunction with WHRO and Hampton Roads Performs, would host a Regional Summit to create Regional Identity on April 4th at the Modeling and Simulation Center. HRCCE is developing a data set to be presented at that time.

Jake Tobin delivered a report for John Stone on the progress of HB 1685 and other Bills calling for a bipartisan redistricting commission currently before the General Assembly. He was not optimistic as to House committee action but said that other measures were forthcoming. His report is attached for the record.

Jake also noted that the 2009 schedule of Board and Executive Committee meetings has been published. A copy of the schedule is attached for the record.

Ray Taylor notes that a new member Orientation session would be scheduled, hopefully in February. The date will reflect new member availability but when scheduled, all interested members will be invited to attend.

Phil Damuth reported on the recent Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce Interregional Visit to Tampa Bay, Florida. Jim Babcock and Dottie Jordan also attended. He said he was impressed by the, "reality check" that Tampa Bay, with help from the Urban Land Institute, conducts periodically by looking at it's regional vision 20 years out and working backwards to plan how to achieve its reality. Jack Hornbeck commented that the concept may apply here, and that the Chamber and the Hampton Roads Partnership were exploring the possibilities.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:24.

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Secretary