

Future of Hampton Roads
Executive Committee
Town Point Club
December 18, 2006

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Vince Thomas, President Ray Taylor, Jim Babcock, Ed Brickell, Art Collins, Minette Cooper, Phil Damuth, John Hadfield, Suzanne Puryear, John Stone, Harry Train, Jake Tobin

Chairman Thomas opened the meeting at 10:00.

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of October 24, 2006 were approved.

Chairman Thomas introduced John O (Dubby) Wynne, Vice Chairman, Council on Virginia's Future who presented a briefing on activities of the Council to date. The Council has 19 members and is bi-partisan in nature. The objective is to create a vision for quality government in Virginia's future and a roadmap to achieve success. Key elements include the establishment of performance standards and the metrics necessary to judge effectiveness. The Council will advise, critique, and inform. There are currently four focus points:

- Educational attainment and workforce development
- Civic engagement throughout all eight regions
- Development of regional leadership
- Adoption of regional agendas that will be endorsed at the polling booth

Dubby discussed the following problems currently slowing regional efforts.

- Identification of those empowered to act
- No established metrics against which to measure success
- No universally accepted vision
- Fragmented approach by multiple organizations
- Lack of leadership

A copy of the Council's 2006 agenda is attached for the record.

Jim Babcock reported on the results of the December 2nd Steering Committee meeting. Six of the eleven reports were presented to the Committee. The remaining five will be presented at a meeting scheduled for early February. RSP Report #2 will be finalized following the presentation and acceptance of all eleven reports.

Art Collins updated the group on PDC and MPO news. Transportation remains the number one topic.

John Stone reported that the Redistricting Task Group will meet on 5 January. There is considerable activity relative to redistricting ongoing in the General Assembly. The League of Women Voters, the Council for Excellence in Government, and the AARP are all attuned to the subject. Two House bills are pending. John foresees the creation of a White Paper on the subject targeted to appear between the General Assembly and the primaries.

Ray Taylor addressed the issue of recruiting new Board Members prior to the Annual Meeting in January. Jake Tobin will send an email to all members soliciting nominations to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 11 40.