



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

NVDA Office | Zoom | June 9, 2026 | 4 PM

Those attending:

Committee

Cynthia Stuart
Paul Brouha
Hope Colburn
Mark Whitworth – Zoom
Michael Strait - Zoom

Staff

David Snedeker
Tina M Gonyaw

Guests

David Laforce
Rick Ufford-Chase

The Meeting was called to order by Cynthia Stuart at 4:03 PM

Updates to Agenda

None

Newport Main Street Property Purchase

The City of Newport and NVDA are working with ACCD-DED Commissioner Jepson to secure site control for the Main Street property. Following recent legislative changes to the Rural Industrial Development Program, NVDA intends to apply for funds to purchase the property from receiver Michael Goldberg for approximately \$1 million.

Under the proposed plan, NVDA will serve as the interim owner and complete Phase 1 and 2 environmental assessments using existing EPA funds. Once finalized, NVDA will transfer the site to the City of Newport to lead developer recruitment.

A motion was made by Paul Brouha and seconded by Fred Saar for NVDA to proceed with the acquisition and redevelopment of 151 – 189 Main Street Newport City for the purpose of redevelopment while ensuring that NVDA is not burdened by either a financial or environmental liability. The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

2026–2027 Budget Review and Vote

A motion to approve the FY27 Budget as presented was made by Fred Saar and seconded by Paul Brouha. The unaudited FY2026 Actuals were added to the budget spreadsheet. The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

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LURB Pre-Application Complete

The pre-application was submitted to the LURB on May 27th. We are now within the LURB's 30-day comment period. On the 29th of May the plan was submitted to the Department of Public Service, seeking enhanced energy standing. A site visit by the LURB is scheduled for the 22nd of June, starting off at around 9 in the morning, and it goes through, 12:30, visiting multiple communities and ending with a meeting presentation at the Lyndon Town offices following the field trip. The final schedule for the LURB's site visit will be shared with the NVDA Board.

June Executive Committee Elections

Tina is working to correct the Executive Committee terms. Once completed, the website will be updated and NVDA will reach out to committee members for FY27 terms.

Towns Without Board Representatives

Cynthia Stuart would like to work on filling vacant board seats. Tina will pull together a board list with vacant positions. In addition to sending out communication about the upcoming LURB visit, we can also notify communities about any open board seats that we/they have that need to be filled.

Board Development Discussion

- Policy Updates: We have identified several policies that require updates. I suggest we schedule these for review and implementation next year.
- Performance Evaluation: Dave noted that the annual contract with ACCD requires an annual self-evaluation. There are also peer reviews for both the RPC and RDC. This process will be shared with the executive committee.
- Community Engagement: Cynthia Stuart proposed that the committee research and develop policies or set priorities that reflect what our communities specifically want and need. These may include regional transportation priorities, watershed implementation actions, or flood resiliency actions.
- Board Participation: We should focus on engaging board members by encouraging them to participate in their specific areas of interest.

July and August Executive Committee Meetings

A meeting date will be set once the LURB provides comments on the draft Regional Plan that was submitted. Staff will consult with board to discuss subsequent next steps once comments are received.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 PM with a motion by Paul Brouha and seconded by Fred Saar.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tina M Gonyaw
Business Manager