

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #14: RESOLUTION – ENDORSING REALITY CHECK HAMPTON ROADS

SUBJECT:

Resolution of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission endorsing Reality Check Hampton Roads.

BACKGROUND:

The Hampton Roads District Council of the Urban Land Institute has proposed that a “ULI Reality Check” be conducted for Hampton Roads. Reality Check is a visioning exercise involving regional leaders in working toward consensus on growth issues. It is anticipated that Reality Check Hampton Roads will be a one-day visioning exercise involving approximately 300 individuals from real estate, environmental protection, planning and government. Many regions that have been identified as competitor regions to Hampton Roads have conducted Reality Checks to assist in future planning.

The ULI Hampton Roads District Council is proposing to conduct this Reality Check during 2012 involving participants from throughout Hampton Roads. It is expected that the HRPDC will be requested to participate in and support this initiative.

Mr. John Peterson, on behalf of the ULI Hampton Roads District Council, will brief the Commission on the Reality Check proposal.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Approve the attached resolution endorsing Reality Check Hampton Roads.

STAFF COMMENTARY:

Under Agenda Item #12, the HRPDC staff has recommended authorization for the staff to pursue funding under the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant program to address future regional planning in the region. The HRPDC staff believes that the Reality Check Hampton Roads initiative will result in valuable input to that HRPDC planning effort.

Attachment 14



**HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
RESOLUTION 2011-06**

**RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
ENDORING REALITY CHECK HAMPTON ROADS**

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads region is expected to grow by more than 350,000 people by 2035, the equivalent of another Chesapeake and Hampton; and

WHEREAS, citizens then as now will want adequate housing, transportation options, a vibrant regional economy, and protected natural assets; and

WHEREAS, gathering concerned and committed individuals from across the region in one place to envision how Hampton Roads can create optimal living and working environments, and to devise a coherent set of principles to guide future land use, will have lasting value; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Land Institute, which facilitates an open exchange of ideas, information, and experience among local, national, and international industry leaders and policy makers dedicated to creating better places, offers a nationally acclaimed program called Reality Check that brings 300 individuals representing housing, environmental protection, transportation, business, non-profits, civic interests, planning and government together for a one day visioning exercise; and

WHEREAS, regions that compete with Hampton Roads, such as Washington DC, Raleigh-Durham, Tampa-St. Petersburg, Charleston and Baltimore have conducted Reality Checks that have helped guide their current and future place making; and

WHEREAS, ULI's Hampton Roads District Council has agreed to conduct a Reality Check during 2012 involving residents and interest groups from all 17 jurisdictions across southeastern Virginia, thus enhancing regional cooperation through a shared land use vision; and

WHEREAS, ULI Hampton Roads will make the results available to regional leaders, now and into the future, and will maintain the momentum from Reality Check through its programs and other resources,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission endorses the efforts of ULI Hampton Roads and offers its participation to ensure that Reality Check is well promoted and attended and produces a workable set of

guiding principles that will make our region one in which future generations will wish to live, work and play for years to come.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission this 21 day of July, 2011.

Stan D. Clark
Chairman

Dwight L. Farmer
Executive Director/Secretary