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Thursday, December 5, 2013 - 1:30 p.m. House Room C, General Assembly Building

SUGGESTED AGENDA *ANNOTATED*

- 1. Call to Order, and Introduction of members.
- 2. Legislative Preview.
 - **Delegate Surovell;** application of FOIA to the State Corporation Commission (SCC). This subject was referred to the Rights and Responsibilities Subcommittee, which concluded its work without recommendation. Delegate Surovell addressed the full FOIA Council at its September meeting with a modified proposal. While the Council did not support that proposal as written, it suggested that the Delegate work with other interested parties and staff to come up with a new legislative draft proposal.

3. Other Business.

• Geographic Information System (GIS) and FOIA. *At its September meeting, the Council heard from Dan Widner, Coordinator of the Virginia*

Geographic Information Network (VGIN) about outdated language in FOIA concerning charges for topographic maps. The Council asked that Mr. Widner meet with interested parties and staff to come up with a legislative draft proposal for the Council's consideration. The workgroup met and decided that a guidance document from the Council concerning providing GIS records and charges therefore was a better alternative than proposing legislation.

- 6. Public Comment.
- 7. Next meeting will be after the 2014 Session of the General Assembly.
- 8. Adjournment.

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