

**MILITARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**27 JUNE 2011 ✂ 1500-1630**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM**

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**Present:** VADM Ed Clepton, RADM Jack Dantone, LCDR Adalberto M. Diaz, VADM Joseph S. Donnell, RADM Dick Dunleavy, RADM Mark Gemmill, Don Jellig, Jerry Miller, RADM Phillip R. Olson, MCPO Paul Pierce, RADM Fenton Priest, RADM Rick Ruehe, Councilman John Uhrin, CAPT Daniel R. Walters, Roger Whiteway, Ph. D

**Guest:** Mayor William D. Sessoms, Jr.

**Staff:** Warren Harris, Steve Herbert, Bob Matthias, Jerry Stewart

**Visitors:** Brian Ballard (JEBLC), Bre Kingsbury (Congressman Rigell's Office), Andrew Finn (Pricewaterhouse Coopers), Swetha Kumar (ED/SGA Intern), RADM Craig Quigley (HRMFFA), Charlie Stanton (Senator Webb's Office), Sam Swartz (Senator Warner's Office), John Thomas (Congressman Rigell's Office)

**Absent:** RADM William J. Ecker, Joseph Gianascoli; RADM Bud Jewitt, Vice-Mayor Louis Jones, CAPT Robert Rieve,

**APPROVAL OF 23 MAY NOTES**

The notes were approved as written.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

RADM Dunleavy recognized all visitors.

**VB2040 BRIEF – RADM's Dunleavy and Olson, Roger Whiteway, PhD**

They began with a brief 30 year look back at the Navy, and then went to the Navy of today and tomorrow. For more details or a copy of the presentation, please contact Pam Matthias at 385-5612.

The Navy of Today:

- ▶ **High Rate of Growth Missions and Programs**
  - ❖ Special Warfare – SEALs and EOD
  - ❖ Cyber
  - ❖ Healthcare and Medical Service Corps
  - ❖ Unmanned platforms – Air, surface, subsurface

The Navy of Tomorrow:

- ▶ **Looming Large Ticket Programs**
  - ❖ SSBN Trident replacement begins about 2021 through 2032
  - ❖ Retirement and de nuc of USS Enterprise
  - ❖ Retirement of Nimitz class CVNs
  - ❖ TRICARE – Healthcare for Retired Servicemen and Families

▶ **Decreasing Numbers and Programs**

- ❖ Force structure – ships, manned planes, subs
- ❖ Personnel – will have to decrease since unable to slow cost/sailor
- ❖ Small, single purpose bases will likely be eliminated

Recommendations:

- ▶ Continue present course of action
- ▶ Continue to make Virginia Beach an attractive locale to live/raise family/retire
- ▶ Stay ahead of the power curve as off shore drilling/wind farms encroachment on operating areas
- ▶ Maintain/improve School quality
- ▶ Maintain/improve Crime rate; Public safety

Mayor Sessoms' comments regarding the presentation:

- Transportation issue: \$4B will be spent across the entire state. Our goal is to move the most people for each dollar
- We have three representatives on the Commonwealth Transportation Board. (Hollis Ellis, Shep Miller, and Aubrey Lane)
- Little Creek – He recognizes they have a major power issue. He is having dinner with Congressman Rigell in July
- Bike Plan – The City has the plans we just don't have the money

**HRMFFA UPDATE** (*Craig Quigley*)

3 June 2040 Meeting Training Facility Brief

RADM Quigley (HRMFFA), Lt Col Thomas D. Netzel (JEB Little Creek), Brain Ballard (JEB Little Creek), Scott Mohr (JEB Little Creek), and Bobby Rountree (Oceana), did their briefings highlighting a lot of similar things. There was good Q&A during the briefs.

Trends coming:

- Strong on LCS
- East Coast modal management facility as they have on the west coast
- Shore foot print needs to be bigger
- Training ranges are very much needed

Annual HRMFFA board meeting is 29 June. Mayor Sessoms will step down as Chair and Mayor Ward will become Chair. There will be a new Vice-Chair elected on 29 June from the Southside. In addition, they are looking for three new private board members as three of the current members will rotate off. The nomination subcommittee will be making a decision on the three new board members.

NASA Aerospace Support Team (NAST) will now be folded into HRMFFA. After one year they will have a NASA committee. Mayor Ward initiated this and is a forward thinking woman. Cabinet Secretary Salazar will be in town and will be given a tour of Fort Monroe. They are hoping the base will become a national park.

HRMFFA is involved in developing the Hampton Roads Energy Corridor. Wind off the coast is an element. HRMFFA is beginning to team with other sections of the country that are going this way as well. It will be a public-private partnership between utility companies and government facilities to find another possible solution to the energy crisis coming for the United States.

Developing a partnership with Patuxent River Naval Air Base (Southern Maryland), NASA Wallops (Eastern Shore), NASA Langley, and possible Langley Air Force Base to develop an Atlantic unmanned aerial system test range. Using the existing Wallops Island restricted airspace, the experimental and testing facilities at Pax River, and the aerospace and other expertise at NASA Langley to offer an opportunity for people with a bright ideas or concept to come and test their ideas.

**CITY UPDATE** (*John Uhrin, Bob Matthias, Warren Harris, Steve, Herbert*)

Councilman Uhrin - Aviation Monument on 4<sup>th</sup> Street – there will be a nightly show (talk) at the monument talking about the history of aviation. We are partnering with Beach Events and the nightly show should begin the first part of July.

Bob Matthias - Journal article reported last week that the LCS has severe corrosion issues. It's uncertain what that will do for the LCS long term.

Offshore Wind Development – the Navy has signed off that their concerns have been addressed on the location map. The area under consideration is about 10 miles east of the Chesapeake Light Tower out about eight miles offshore (north to south). The only concern now is the maritime industry.

Warren Harris – Provided an agenda for the upcoming Association of Defense Communities Conference. Mayor Sessoms will serve on a panel of mayors at the conference. There is a panel set up composed of representatives of the City and NAS Oceana talking about our experience with our YES Oceana Program, and a mobile workshop schedule for Monday 27 June 1330-1630. The participants will tour Oceana and have a reception at the offices of Troutman Sanders in Town Center.

**NEXCOM**

NAVFAC has extended the due date to 11 July for response to the RFP. Economic Development is actively engaged in the process having both a building and a site that is in the mix for consideration for the NEXCOM warehouse operation. We have the former Lillian Vernon building and a site off Harper's Road being submitted. Our competition will be sites in Suffolk, Chesapeake, and Isle of Wight.

Bio-Sciences: To continue our emphasis of being involved in the bio-sciences, Economic Development staff is attending the bio-international conference in Washington, DC this week. We are there again profiling some of our health related amenities in the region and how we can leverage investment and opportunities to bring more bio-sciences either research or manufacturing opportunities to Virginia Beach.

ADS Warrior Expo: ADS Warrior Expo is 14/15 July at the Virginia Beach Convention Center (VBCC). It's a free conference followed by a reception at the Convention Center on 14 July. If you'd like to attend please contact Warren at 385-6464.

Centennial of Naval Aviation (*ADM Mark Gemmill*)

Several attended the affair on 2 June. The next event will be 23/24 September. Save the date for 24 September that is the big multi-community mixed ball at the VBCC. There will be a tailored video from President George H.W. Bush. The speaker may be Jim Lovell. More details at the August MEDAC meeting.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

RADM Robillard's change of command is the first part of August. His position has been converted to an SES civilian position. Mark Himridge is the new commander for NEXCOM.

Senator Mark Warner is in town 28/29 July. For more details contact Bob Matthias at 385-8267.

Next Meeting - 22 August at 1500

Adjourned at 1545