

MILITARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
25 JANUARY 2010 ✧ 1500-1545
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

Present: VADM Ed Clexton, Adalberto M. Diaz, VADM Joseph S. Donnell, RADM Richard Dunleavy, RADM William J. Ecker, RADM Bud Jewett, Paul Pierce, Robert Rieve, RADM Fred Ruehe, RADM Fenton Priest, Councilman John Uhrin, Daniel R. Walters, Roger Whiteway Ph.D

Staff: Dave Couch, Sali Gear, Scott Hall, Warren Harris, Cynthia Spanoulis, Jerry Stewart

Guests: John Panneton, Skip Zobel

Absent: Joseph Gianascoli, RADM Mark Gemmill, Luke Hillier, Donald Jellig, Vice-Mayor Louis Jones, Jerry Miller, RADM Phillip R. Olson, Steve Herbert

APPROVAL OF 23 NOVEMBER NOTES

Approved as written.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: The guest company, Valkyrie Enterprises, LLC was unable to attend the meeting due to an illness; the company will reschedule its presentation for the February meeting.

HRMFFA UPDATES (*Frank Roberts*)

- No Report due to Frank attending the Hampton Roads Technology Cluster Workshop in Portsmouth

CITY UPDATE

Military liaison (*Sali Gear*)

- Attended the Hampton Roads Technology Cluster meeting; Hampton Roads has been identified as an area for modeling and simulation and technology. Discussed the potential for business contacts.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

- Vbmilcom.com website---clarification on the acronym---Virginia Beach Military Commerce.com. The web stats are running about 100 hits per month. The main page contains the upcoming Defense Seminar on the front page of the site for a link to registration.
- (Cyberdome) Hanger 9 Grand Opening occurred on January 15th.
- Virginia Beach Visions wishes to establish a military liaison ex-officio with MEDAC, and the group decided that the person could attend this meeting. Warren will contact Mike Barrett, the chair of Visions to invite a liaison to the meetings.

- The US Conference of Mayors is hosting a Small Business dinner on February 8th at the Sandler Center. The invitation is open to the MEDAC group; an invitation will be emailed to all members.
- Maritime event with Virginia Business Magazine, The Port Authority and the City of Norfolk, will occur on February 18th at 150 West Main Street, at the Kaufmann and Canoles law firm. An invitation will be sent to all members.
- Upcoming conferences Naval Expeditionary Forces Expo (March 1-3) at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. A list of vendors will be emailed to the group prior the conference.
- Visitation Schedule for Virginia Beach Defense company retention calls for the first and second quarter—Scott encouraged the group to look at the schedule, and if they have a relationship with one of the companies and wish to attend, please call Scott or Jerry to see when the visit is scheduled.
- Update on Burton Station—gaining interest from the private sector; a meeting is scheduled with an Atlanta developer to explore further opportunities. Additionally, another client is interested in 210,000 square foot building to be constructed in the area.
- Boyd Study recognizes Virginia Beach as one of the top 3 areas for corporate headquarter construction and location in terms of corporate costs.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Regent University military workforce development needs report-- They have completed all the enlisted personnel. They have missed talking with employers but hope to finish in February.
- The General Assembly has a proposed bill for a Veterans Workforce Services database creation. (House Bill No. 760).
- Hampton Roads World Affairs Council upcoming Conference—*Ryan C. Crocker, Former U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, Pakistan, Syria, Kuwait, and Lebanon Westin, Town Center* on February 3rd.
- Glenn Nye formally established a Military Commission in Hampton Roads. The first meeting will be scheduled in February.

Adjourned 15:45

Next MEDAC meeting 22 February 1500-1630 in the Economic Development Conference Room- Town Center.