

Military Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting

22 July 2019

1500-1544

Members Present

RADM Kevin Cook, Elizabeth Dietzmann, RADM Richard Dunleavy, CAPT Robert Herbert, RADM Gregory Nosal, RADM Phillip Olson, CDR Kathleen Owens, ADM Craig Quigley, CAPT Richard Trowbridge, Lt General Frances Wilson, Vice-Mayor James Wood, VBDA Liaison Charles Salle

Welcome and introductions

- Chair welcomed members and guests. Guests introduced themselves

Approval of 17 June notes

City Update – Vice Mayor Jim Wood

- Economic Development Director, Taylor Adams asked to share updates
 - RFP for London Bridge Commerce Center is underway and has been approved by the Navy
 - APZ-1 property – 5 million from city and state to acquire this land and working through the conforming use
 - Will be presented to the VBDA in 3 weeks

HRMFFA Update – RDML Quigley

- House and Senate passed their version of the National Defense Authorization act
 - 3.1% increase for uniformed military
 - Policy differences
 - 3 issues- Content, Extension on debt ceiling and Budget control act limits
 - They want to reach a deal
- Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy Lucian Niemeyer will be visiting Hampton Roads to inspect contracted upgraded Military housing
 - There will be a dinner involving MEDAC with discussion of Installation, energy and environment during the dinner
- Licensing for Military Spouses
- Grants provided to host communities, to benefit installation

Economic Development updates – Taylor Adams

- Continue Staffing the 60% missing
- Ray introduced Charlie Bauman – MEDAC welcomed Charlie

Oceana Brief – Captain John Hewitt

- Captain John Hewitt shared the deteriorating condition of the Base.
 - Group was not told to take this on, but they have

- We are asking for Awareness and advocacy
- Based on the age of the facility, Oceana is funded at about 5% of what is needed to maintain what we have
- We need to treat what is needed to keep the infrastructure safe and operable
 - Municipal Offerings and Services
 - Parcels of land that the City could utilize could be in Real Estate and Land Leases
 - Oceana will dictate what the land can be used for or developed in to
 - Question was asked to define development - US Government Land – offer compatible use taking the restrictions into consideration
 - Utilize the land to conform to items the Base needs
 - Question was asked - if the funds could be channeled directly to Oceana - For any out-lease agreement, we would write into the Lease that Oceana would receive the funds directly
 - This will help offset the maintenance cost and the Department of Navy supports this
 - Time Frame will depend on moving the fence line
 - Is NWR Cooperating? They are understanding the need

Command Visit Program

- August 6th – Several members agreed to attend

Little Creek Visit

- 24,000 employees work between Fort Story and Little Creek
- Possibly add 1 or 2,000 more, through growth
- Norfolk Airport Parallel runway concerns
 - They plan to meet with City Leaders
 - Based on Mission there are concerns but willing to work with the Airport to continue finding a solution that works for everyone
 - Willing to share compatibility issues with the process
 - The Letter MEDAC received shares the concerns of technical issues
- City supports a second runway at the Airport
 - Critical to the region in economic prosperity
 - There needs to be more conversations on this issue
- The growth has exploded and there needs to be thoughts of what is coming
 - No need for a decision today, long range plan has been talked about since the 70's
- Demands will prove when the second runway will be needed
 - No proof that it is a need now

- Big challenge is we do not have a true international airport which sets limitations on Economic Development
 - Companies will not come here because there are no direct international flights from here
 - The traditional international airports are further away
- Engineering studies discussed
- Alternative options were discussed

Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Program – Kathy Owens

- Groundbreaking on July 1 at Camp Pendleton
 - Items to advise Council for job training for Veterans
 - Strategy to recommend
 - Transition Service workers to seek employment with the companies
 - The harbor here is a great place for the hub for this because of no bridges
 - Majority of the people involved in building now are from out of state and country
 - No plans for future until this phase is completed and data is collected
 - Port of the Virginia will be where these Turbines will need to be serviced
 - There will be opportunity, but it is just a wait and see
 - Involve TCC

Other Discussion

- Airport
 - Amazon didn't look at us because of the Airport
- 2 extra points on Oceana
 - Safety concern is the infrastructure not the flight risks
 - Working everyday with mold, roaches, raining on desk and unsafe infrastructure has given reason for a Soldier to end his career after thirteen years in the Navy

Adjournment at 1544

Next Joint MEDAC Meeting TBD

**Next Virginia Beach MEDAC Meeting:
September 23, 2019 @ 1500**