

Military Economic Development Advisory Committee (MEDAC)
Meeting Notes June 29, 2020
Virginia Beach Economic Development Conference Room

1. Chairman Olsen called the meeting to order and introduced guests and call in attendees.
2. Chairman Olsen called for approval of previous meeting notes which were unanimously accepted by the membership.
3. There was no City Update given Vice Mayor Wood or Councilman Moss were unable to attend. Other City updates were shared by Ray White & Erin Sutton later in the meeting.
4. Covid 19 updates were shared by representatives of The City of Virginia Beach Office of Emergency Management, Oceana Naval Air Station & JEB Little Creek/Ft. Story. Representatives included Erin Sutton V.B. Office of Emergency Management, Capt. John Hewitt NAS Oceana, & Earnest McDonald JEB Little Creek/Ft. Story.
Erin Sutton—Updated the committee on City workforce operations throughout all City departments. The VB School system was not addressed given they are under the jurisdiction of a separate board that was not represented at the meeting.
Capt. John Hewitt updated the committee on operational activity at NAS Oceana specifically addressing how military personnel are managing their professional and personal responsibilities during the pandemic. The standing order is to attend to base & flight operations including the restriction of military personnel in liberty movement and personal behavior when not present for duties.
Earnest McDonald of JEB Little Creek/Ft. Story echoed the comments by Capt. Hewitt given the same U.S. Navy standing order of operations.
5. RDML Ret. Craig Quigley updated the committee on recent activity by HRMFFA. These activities include a prospective visit to the Pentagon to meet with the senior leadership of the Armed Forces to understand current and future

operational and personnel plans for military functions in Hampton Roads. Additional updates will be forthcoming as scheduled events are implemented.

6. Ray White shared an overall VB Economic Development update on general activity of the department during the pandemic. Specifically, the EDIP Part E grant program was highlighted given the distribution of funding to eligible businesses provided by the VB Development Authority & the VB City Council.

7. CDMR Kathy Owens provided a general update on recent activity on the part of NCC-NUS. The update included details associated with an upcoming Education Day with additional information forthcoming.

8. There was no report submitted on behalf of the Command Visit Program.

9. Chairman Olsen addressed the expiration of committee service terms on the part of several committee members. The Chairman urged attendees to be mindful of future committee participants that may be appointed by the VB City Council.

10. Chairman Olsen reminded the committee that there will be no meeting in July with the next meeting to convene on the designated Monday in August. With no other comments by the Chairman the meeting was adjourned.