

**Military Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**28 September 2020**  
**1500**

**Members Present**

CAPT Stephen Brennan, Elizabeth Dietzmann, RADM Richard Dunleavy, RADM Mark Gemmill, CAPT Robert Herbert, RADM Gregory Nosal, RADM Phillip Olson, CDR Kathleen Owens, RADM Craig Quigley, CAPT Robert Rieve, CAPT Richard Trowbridge, Lt General Frances Wilson, Vice Mayor Jim Wood, CAPT Stephen Brennan, RADM Kevin Cook, CAPT Louis Schager

**Others Present**

Charlotte Hurd, Janet Lomax, CAPT Michael Witherspoon, John Uhrin, CAPT John Hewitt

**I. Welcome and introductions**

Chair welcomed members and guests

**II. Approval of notes for 29 June 2020**

**III. City Update**

The City is dealing with many new things: Covid, new City Manager and elections. Vice Mayor Wood stated he would stay on the line and be available for any questions.

**IV. HRMFFA Update – RDML Quigley**

- Continuing resolution to be approved prior to October 1

**V. Economic Development updates – Ray White**

- a. Continue engagement with Oceana on the future Base design
  - i. Captain Hewitt added they were planning a trip to Texas, to view Brooks City Base to learn their plan
- b. Staff at ED devoting much time working with the Grants approved by City Council
- c. Business retention and expansion is still going strong amid the pandemic
- d. Oceanfront hotel occupancy statistics have been better than other places in USA
- e. Air Show was a nice virtual event and thanked CAPT Hewitt for going forward with this

**VI. Command Visit Program – CAPT Stuppard**

- a. Good visit after the turnover
  - i. CAPT Weatherspoon introduced himself and thanked everyone for their meeting with him and sharing the MEDAC Mission

**VII. MEDAC and Committee Membership – RADM Olson**

- a. Before Al left he put together some information on position descriptions and By-Laws

- i. There is an opening since Al has left
- ii. Position Descriptions are good to keep
- iii. By-Law changes should be up for discussion but kept as they are for now
  1. We need to recognize who we would like to add to the Committee then they would need to be approved by City Council

#### **Other Comments**

- Loren Heckelman, retired Captain, was recommended as a new member
- Vice Mayor shared that City Council takes recommendations from MEDAC for new members and there is a process to follow
  - Please reach out to the Vice Mayors Office on any assistance needed in the process on the new committee member

Adjournment at 1536

Next Virginia Beach MEDAC 23 November 2020

Next joint MEDAC Meeting: Webex Virtual Meeting 26 October 2020 hosted by Norfolk MEDAC, Vicki Kelley will forward information.