

# Virginia Beach Military Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting

25 May 2021

1500

## Members Present by phone or in-person

RADM Fenton Priest, CAPT Stephen Brennan RADM Kevin Cook, Elizabeth Dietzmann, RADM Richard Dunleavy, RADM Mark Gemmill, CAPT Loren Heckelman, RADM Phillip Olson, CDR Kathleen Owens, CAPT Robert Rieve, CAPT Louis Schager, CAPT Richard Trowbridge

## Others Present

Richard Dwyer-HRMFFA, Ray White-ED Staff liaison; Vicki Kelley-ED Staff; Letitia Langaster-ED Staff; John Hewitt, John Uhrin, Ron Peterman, Irv Lindsey, Mark Hugel, Debra Bryan, Council Member John Moss, Don Miller

### I. Welcome and introductions

- a. Chair Fenton Priest welcomed all

### II. Approval of notes for 25 March 2020

### III. City Update

- a. Future Base Design update – Non-binding agreement will be signed by the City and Navy – City Council approved
- b. Designate FBD as a pilot program

### IV. HRMFFA Update – Craig Quigley

- a. Federal Budget will be released 28 May 2021
  - i. Rick and I had a phone meeting with the new Norfolk Naval Shipyard Commander, Captain Diana Wilson who is focused on production
- b. Virtual Board meeting in June

### V. Economic Development updates – Ray White

- a. Ray introduced Letitia Langaster, Economic Development staff that will be helping us out from time to time.
- b. Staff is in the office now full time
- c. Taylor Farms area – hydroponic green house to be built
- d. Taylor Adams, our Director, has been appointed as a Deputy City Manager
- e. City is opening back up which help tourism in the region
- f. There was discussion about the police force being in demand

### VI. Command Visit Program – CAPT Stuppard/RADM Nosal

- a. Oceana visit being planned

### VII. Chairman Report

- a. MEDAC presentation to City Council – asking for volunteers for a sub-committee to attempt this update to report to Council

**VIII. Briefings**

- a. Veterans Business Outreach Center – Don Miller
  - i. Presentation attached
- b. Business Development Center – Monique McWhite
  - i. Presentation attached
- c. Jones & Cabaccoy Veterans Care Center – CDR Kathy Owens
  - i. Photos attached of the tour

**IX. Discussion**

- a. No items for discussion

**Next Virginia Beach MEDAC: 26 July 2021**

**Next joint MEDAC: 28 June 2021**

**Adjourn: Chair Fenton Priest Adjourned the meeting at 1615**