

Virginia Beach Military Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting
30 August 2021
1500

Members Present by phone or in-person (Let me know if you were at the meeting in August)

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

I. Welcome and introductions

- a. Chair Fenton Priest welcomed all and announced our Special Guest, Mayor Bobby Dyer.

II. Special Guest – Mayor Bobby Dyer

- a. Mayor Dyer expressed his appreciation of MEDAC supporting the endeavors between the City of Virginia Beach and the Military.
- b. He shared the relationship between MEDAC, and the City was a unique opportunity for partnering on projects.
 - i. Craig Quigley shared that the collaborative efforts between the City Virginia Beach and Chesapeake and Military institutions have become the National Model for how to do it right if you have a Military airfield and an encroachment issue.
 - ii. The relationship the City shares with the Commanding Officers in Virginia Beach is not universally the way it is done.
 - iii. Most Cities have no relationship with installations until a crisis.
- c. Kevin Cook asked Mayor Dyer what his thoughts were on keeping Virginia Beach safe for families.
 - i. Mayor Dyer - shared the increase of Police presence at the oceanfront since our new Police Chief was hired, which has helped decrease crime.

III. City Update

- a. Brian Solis shared City updates
 - i. Future Base Design – Agreements have been signed.
 - ii. Services agreements between City and Military as well as Virginia Beach Development Authority and the Military.
 - 1. Kathy Owens asked what the plans were on the acreage.
 - a. Brian Solis explained they were in the process of determining the best use for the properties.
 - 2. Mayor Dyer expressed that the City was going to do what they could to assist the Navy with restoration of the facilities that are needed as the Military is our neighbor.

IV. HRMFFA Update – Craig Quigley

- a. Legislative updates – Additional funds for ship building, more jets and equipment for our installations.

- b. Next year will give us a better idea of the Biden Administration goals.

V. Economic Development updates – Brian Solis

Updates were given with the City updates

- a. NASO FBD Update - Lou Schager shared the importance of the Committee supporting the Future Base design partnership.
 - i. A sense of urgency concerning the barracks
 - ii. Would like to forward MEDAC endorsement of FBD.
 - iii. Open to suggestions concerning the letter that has been written.
 - iv. Other City Departments are discussing partnerships with Little Creek
- b. Chair Priest asked for support in endorsing MEDAC support in the FBD endeavor.
- c. Discussion of possible opposition.
- d. Discussion of a Master Plan of the land usage and leases

VI. Command Visit Program – CAPT Stuppard/RADM Nosal

- a. Oceana visit being planned in October to share MEDAC.
- b. Plan a briefing update

VII. Chairman Report – Fenton Priest

- a. Liaison Vice Mayor Jim Wood has resigned.
- b. No news on replacement.
- c. Thanked Brian Solis for his support from Economic Development
- d. Think about having other sub-committees for effectiveness

VIII. Briefings – Kitty Hawk Wind/Avangrid – Ashley McLoed

- a. Presentation attached.

IX. Discussion

- a. No items for discussion

Next Virginia Beach MEDAC: October

Next joint MEDAC: September

Adjourn: Chair Fenton Priest Adjourned the meeting at 1625