

Virginia Beach Military Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting
23 May 2022
1500

Members Present:

Chair RADM Fenton Priest, Vice-Chair RADM Gregory Nosal, RADM Richard Dunleavy, CAPT Robert Herbert, RADM Craig Quigley, CAPT Robert Rieve, LtGen Frances Wilson

Members Present via Phone:

Elizabeth Dietzmann, RADM Mark Gemmill, CAPT Loren Heckelman, Council Member John Moss, CAPT Charles Stuppard

Guests/Advisors/Staff Present and via phone

Charles Bauman III, Jeff Brunner, Vicki Kelley, Letitia Langaster, John Lauterbach, Ron Peterman, John Uhrin, Ray White, Rep. Senator Kane's Office, Kenny Miller, Nanette Miller, Robert Holmes,

I. Welcome and introductions

- a. Chair Fenton Priest welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Approval of 28 March 2022 notes

- a. Motion to approve: Craig Quigley
 - i. Second by Richard Dunleavy
 - ii. Notes approved unanimously

III. City Update – Councilman Moss

- a. City Council has adopted the FY 23 Budget
- b. Industry Day was a success

IV. HRMFFA Update – RDML Craig Quigley

- a. RDML Quigley announced his retirement
- b. The annual Budget has not been approved yet, but hopefully by the end of the week

V. Economic Development Update – Ray White

- a. Industry day was successful – 135 in attendance
- b. Supporting the Offshore Wind Project
- c. Land under contract for Data Centers as soon as the plan is complete where the cables will come in
- d. Many companies are interested in developing Data Centers
- e. Industries discussing plans
- f. Data Centers must update their equipment including cables and technology

VI. Moved this item: Command Visit Program (Agenda order altered)

VII. Special Presentation and Discussion – CAPT Bob Holmes

- a. Chair Fenton Priest explained the Command Visit Programs have become more difficult as the regulation is that no more than two Committee Members can meet unless it has public access, and the meeting has been advertised
- b. RADM Priest shared what MEDAC was all about. (Presentation attached)
- c. RADM Priest introduced Captain Bob Holmes and the group from Oceana and thanked them for coming to share
 - i. CAPT Holmes thanked MEDAC Members for inviting them and shared updates on staff
 - ii. Air Show – Sept 17 and 18 2022
 - iii. 114 acres of land available with the FBD
 - iv. Number of companies interested and looks very promising
 - v. Next two months an RFP will be out
 - vi. Over 500 sailors were able to preview Top Gun prior to the theatre release
 - vii. Partnership with Skillbridge is moving forward
 - viii. Barracks renovation project is underway and moving along
 - ix. Busy time at Oceana
 - x. FBD – Offshore Wind and routing cable discussions among partners
 - 1. Horse stables – RFI proposals will be reviewed soon, and RFP will be issued in the next 60 days

VIII. Command Visit Program – RADM (Ret) Greg Nosal/CAPT (Ret) Charles Stuppard

- a. Update on JEB Little Creek visit – CAPT (Ret) Charles Stuppard
 - i. Chair Fenton Priest shared they had a meeting at JEB Little Creek and had a luncheon
 - ii. We maintained our 2-member limit by having Steve Herbert as our Economic Development staff representative.
 - iii. Letter to City Manager sharing the issues around traffic and construction
 - iv. The visit was very successful
 - v. The next command visit with Little Creek, we can have them come to our MEDAC Meeting and share with the entire group

IX. Announcements / Discussions

- a. Kenneth “Kenny” Miller, USO Center Operations and Program Manager, Hampton Roads/Central Virginia shared information on the USO Experience/Warrior Week in early June
 - i. Patriotic Festival is now in Norfolk
 - ii. Warrior Week – Service members and their families coming in for activities throughout the community
 - 1. June 1-5, 2022
 - 2. 650 attendees
 - 3. Many activities going on throughout the week
 - 4. Paintball Tournament at Fox Brothers
 - 5. Virginia Beach has always been extremely supportive of this event
 - 6. Handout with registration information was shared.

- b. Other announcements
 - i. Replacement of members
 - ii. Transition committee met and discussed needing 6 new members next year
 - iii. Please try to recruit your replacement
 - iv. Some have shared interest through the City Clerk's Office
 - v. The committee will be involved in the replacement process
 - vi. Rod Ingram shared the regulations of FOIA
 - vii. Find a Legislative sponsor and submit changes for exceptions for our committee
 - viii. Robert Rieve made a motion to move forward to have Command Briefings exempt from the FOIA laws (if possible), Dick Dunleavy 2nd the Motion. All unanimously agreed.

Adjourned at 1636

Next Scheduled Virginia Beach Meeting: 27 June 2022

Next Joint Committee Meeting: 25 July (Virginia Beach Hosting)