

Virginia Beach Military Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting
24 October 2022
1500 - 1630

Members Present:

Chair RADM Fenton Priest, Vice-Chair RADM Gregory Nosal, CAPT Christopher Chope, RADM Mark Gemmil, CAPT Loren Heckelman, CDR Kathleen Owens, CAPT Robert Rieve, CAPT Lou Shager, CAPT Charles Stuppard, CAPT Richard Trowbridge, LtGen Frances Wilson

Members Present via Phone:

Elizabeth Dietzmann

- I. Chair Fenton Priest called the meeting to order at 1501.
 - a. Chair Fenton Priest welcomed everyone to the meeting.
 - b. Introductions
- II. Discussion to adopt a Remote Participation by Members in Committee Meetings. This was discussed and distributed via email prior to the meeting.
 - a. Motion: Mark Gemmill to adopt the new policy
 - b. Second: Greg Nosal
 - c. 11 votes for yes.
 - d. See attached Policy that was adopted
- III. Chair RADM Fenton Priest welcomed new member CAPT (ret) Kit Chope and announced our new Council Liaison N.D. "Rocky" Holcomb
- IV. Approval of 23 May 2022 Minutes
 - a. Motion: Loren Heckelman
 - b. Second: Greg Nosal
 - c. Minutes approved unanimously
- V. City Update – No update
- VI. HRMFFA Update – No update
- VII. Economic Development Update – Ihsane Mouak
 - a. Ihsane shared a presentation on the HIVE
 - b. See the presentation attached
 - c. Chair Fenton Priest announced that our joint meeting with Norfolk will be held at the HIVE in November
 - d. Jeff Bruner agreed to send the committee information on upcoming training events
 - e. Chair Priest introduced Elisabeth Parker as the new admin support for MEDAC and thanked Vicki Kelley for the support provided for the past few years
 - f. Elisabeth Parker shared her experience growing up in a Military Family
- VIII. Lou Schager shared updates on the Future Base Design (FBD)/Oceana Airshow
 - a. Air Show was a success and much appreciation for the City of Virginia Beach support
 - b. Future Base Design is moving forward
 - i. Admiral Gray has taken more of an approach as partnering with the SEC NAV
 - ii. Requirement package is being pushed forward with extension of 50-year lease

- c. Working on getting Admiral Gray to attend our next joint MEDAC Meeting, or a future meeting if not available in November
 - i. He has already attended a Norfolk MEDAC Meeting and we would like for him to at least attend a Virginia Beach MEDAC Meeting.
 - d. CAPT John Hewitt has been reassigned from the Mid-Atlantic Region to CNIC HQ in Washington DC. It should be helpful to have him in that new position as a strong advocate of FBD
- IX.** Greg Nosal shared updates on the Command Visit Program.
- a. there will be a one-on-one meeting with Oceana
 - b. Chair Priest shared that CAPT Witherspoon is willing to attend one of our meetings for Little Creek like Oceana did for us.
 - c. Look into finding a way to get information to exiting Military and spouses
 - d. Still working towards MEDAC being exempt from FOIA on command visits
- X.** Special Presentations and Discussions
- a. Terri Chelius, Chief Deputy City Clerk shared the Talent Bank Application Process for joining MEDAC
 - i. Terri shared the pamphlet that explains the application process and that the application is in the back of the booklet
 - ii. When applying it is always good to contact the City Council Liaison for that committee to let them know you are interested
 - iii. The Chair can recommend to City Council Liaison and the Clerk of new members they would like to have join the Committee
 - iv. Talent Bank applications are kept for 5 years
 - v. Kit Chope was selected, and JJ Cummings application has been submitted
 - vi. Terri asked members to let her know of changes of contact information
 - vii. Remember to submit your financial disclosures
 - viii. Chair Priest handed out lapel pins to show you represent the City of Virginia Beach
 - b. Sultan Camp, Director, HR Veterans Employment Centers shared the Blue Star Families “Welcome Week” and Veteran Employment
 - i. Assisting certifying companies with the State
 - ii. Invited into the Employment Centers to meet with interested Vets
 - iii. Completed 5 events in that week
- XI.** Chair Fenton Priest shared an update on him reporting to City Council
- a. See presentation attached
 - b. Video of the presentation can be viewed on the City of Virginia Beach website
 - c. Chair Priest thanked all who came and supported him and praised Mayor Dyer for his support in MEDAC and the programs we support
 - d. Chair also shared that reappointment is possible after you serve your term
- XII.** Announcements
- a. Chair Priest welcomed Charlie Bauman and thanked him for his support. Charlie shared the HIVE has made great progress since Ihsane Mouak took leadership

Adjourned at 1634

Next Scheduled Virginia Beach Meeting: 23 January 2023

Next Joint Committee Meeting: 28 November 2022 (Virginia Beach Hosting at the HIIVE)