

MILITARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

27 MARCH 2017 ✂ 1500-1630

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: CAPT Steve Brennan, RADM Kevin Cook, LCDR Adalberto M. Diaz, RADM Dick Dunleavy, RDML Mark Gemmill, RADM Bud Jewitt, RADM Gary Jones, RADM Phillip R. Olson, RADM Fenton Priest, RDML Craig Quigley, CAPT Richard Trowbridge, Councilman John Uhrin, Dot Wood, LT GEN Fran Wilson

STAFF: Scott Hall, Warren Harris, Bob Matthias, Jerry Stewart, Ray White, Ron Williams

VISITORS: Georgia Allen (NAACP/VB2040), Terry Campbell (Navy Reserve Forces Command), Mercedes Holland (JEB Little Creek-Ft. Story), Karen Kwasny, Peggy Lane (VB 2040), Kim Pierceall (Virginian-Pilot), Josh Sholman (VB2040), Cheryl Snowden (VB2040), John Uhrin, Sr. (MOAA), David Weiner (VB2040)

ABSENT: Elizabeth Dietzmann, CAPT Steve Herbert, CAPT Robert Rieve

APPROVAL OF 27 FEBRUARY NOTES

Approved as written

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

RDML Gemmill welcomed all visitors.

HRMFFA UPDATE (*RDML Craig Quigley*)

- RDML Quigley will attend the Commander Navy Installations Command Change of Command on 31 March in Washington, DC. VADM Dixon Smith is being relieved by VADM Mary Jackson
- Hampton Roads was named a *Great American Defense Community* for 2017. Doing a variety of events to celebrate. Cathy Lewis is doing a multi-part series on *Hearsay*.
- Scott Taylor championed a letter from all the Hampton Roads Congressional delegation going to the FAA and Secretary of Transportation Chao for advocating for completion of an EIS for a parallel runway for Norfolk International Airport.
- Chairman Wittman has agreed to champion an entire Virginia Delegation letter to restore Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding. This is funding to municipalities to improve their emergency preparedness.
- Florida Congressional delegation is trying once again to move an aircraft carrier to Mayport, FL. The Navy would have to pay approximately \$1B to build the infrastructure needed to support a nuclear-powered carrier.

CITY UPDATE (*Councilman John Uhrin*)

- Arena green light – building timing is 18 months to two years. The City is addressing stormwater management at the site. They may break ground before the end of the year. The site has great ingress and egress.

ENVISION VIRGINIA BEACH 2040 UPDATE (*Peggy Lane*)

RADM Bud Jewitt introduced Peggy Lane, 2040 Vision to Action Community Coalition (VTACC) Chair. Peggy presented the VB2040 report to City Council in February.

VB2040 Mission: *Having established a vision, the Coalition exists to help ensure that Vision becomes reality*

The Vision to Reality is a connected, learning and diverse community, with a unique environment, active life style and thriving economy. Peggy gave a comprehensive brief. For more details of the VB2040 Council report, please see the handout and PowerPoint.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Ray White's Updates:

- Virginia Beach Economic Development, Cyber Protection Resources will hold Cyber Security Roundtable III on 28 March, 0830 – 1100 at the Virginia Beach Department of Economic Development. The topic will be “Applying Big Data Techniques to Cyber Security and Workforce Development.”
- The Navy League's Sea Air Space Expo will be held 3-5 April at National Harbor, MD. This Expo brings the U.S. defense industrial base, private-sector U.S. companies and key military decision makers together for an annual innovative, educational, professional and maritime based event. Speakers include: RADM Christian Becker, Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, VADM Paul Grosklags, Commander, NAVAIR, VADM Thomas Moore, Commander, NAVSEA and Gloria L. Valdez, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy. Expecting 300 exhibitors and more than 10,000 attendees.
- On 20 and 21 April we'll be attending the Jacobs Technology Days that is held in conjunction with the Virginia Aerospace Business Association and the Hampton Roads Unmanned Systems Opportunity Exchange in Hampton, VA.

SCOTT

- In the Mayor's State of the City speech he announced a data center park and broadband initiative. We are marketing ourselves as a digital port city. In April, Councilman Davenport will provide a briefing on the next generation infrastructure broadband.
- Virginia Beach Metro Veterans Innovation Challenge – 6 April Thrive Bio-net – a partnership to help translate or commercialize the major bio-med initiatives with major bio-science companies. Preference will be given to veterans.
- Community meeting on the Veteran Care Center – 150 attendees.
- 23 March ED hosted the Mayor's Manufacturing roundtable. There will be a follow up meeting to include Aaron Spence, Superintendent of Schools.
- 28 March - Cyber Security Roundtable in the ED offices with 60 attendees
- Business activities and inquiries picking up due to the State of Virginia Economic Development partnership.

COMMAND VISIT (RADM Olson and CAPT Herbert)

Mercedes is helping to schedule a briefing to the new Commanding Officer at Little Creek. Then Oceana soon after that the Fall.

DISCUSSION/EVENTS

- Mercedes Holland- She is working on a questionnaire for sailors as to what is important or interesting to them.
- John Uhrin, Sr. - Starting a Website to gauge interest for a 50th Anniversary Commemoration for Vietnam Veterans and their spouses. They will conduct a survey through the Website.
- Scott thanked MEDAC member for their time served on this committee on behalf of the City.
- RADM Kevin Cook – attended a roundtable discussion with Scott Taylor designed to help him become more informed on US Flag and Merchant Marine issues.
- RADM Fenton Priest– offered to get Mission United for United Way on the May (joint meeting) or June agenda.

Next meeting: 24 April

Adjournment 1700