

MILITARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

24 APRIL 2017 ✂ 1500-1630

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

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

STAFF: Scott Hall, Bob Matthias, Jerry Stewart

VISITORS: Mercedes Holland (JEB Little Creek-Ft. Story), Charlotte Hurd, Edward Shahnazarian (VB ComIT), John Uhrin, Sr. (MOAA)

ABSENT: RADM Kevin Cook

APPROVAL OF 27 MARCH NOTES

Approved as written.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

RDML Gemmill welcomed all visitors.

HONOR FLIGHT (*John Uhrin, Sr.*)

John Uhrin, Sr. had the honor to be the guardian for “Willie” a 94 year of Navy veteran for the latest Honor Flight. There were approximately 75 ROTC from local schools for the sendoff. For complete details, see John’s PowerPoint.

HRMFFA UPDATE (*RDML Craig Quigley*)

- There will hopefully be a budget outcome by 28 April. The Senate returns to DC today, the House of Representatives tomorrow. There will be a CR for some amount of time (1 or 2 weeks) until they can figure out the compromise.
- Gerald R. Ford – ship at Norfolk Naval Station now. Additional trials being conducted in the coming weeks.
- Cathy Lewis – *Hearsay* focus on military families and their challenges.
- Great American Tides game 21 May. Hampton Roads will get its Great American Defense Community flag at the Tides game, with a breakfast on Capitol Hill in late June.

CITY UPDATE (*Councilman John Uhrin*)

- The flyer for the Lesner Bridge sculpture “The Canoes” was shared by John Uhrin. No City funds were used. Funding coordinated by a private group. John passed around a brochure with a drawing of the sculpture.

BROADBAND BRIEFING (*Edward Shahnazarian, ComIT*)

Councilman Davenport introduced Edward Shahnazarian with ComIT. This initiative began two years ago.

One of our major initiatives is to be a tier one community (aggregations of data centers and cloud storage), which puts us on the map for new data centers (located in Corporate Landing Park). We are working with Chesapeake and Norfolk.

Edward is the Next Generation project manager. –Their goals is to be leaders in Hampton Roads. Below are their Master Technology Plan and Resolution.

Master Technology Plan - A roadmap for how the IT department will partner with other City departments to implement the right technologies needed for long-term business success.

- Includes four major pillars that all IT department initiatives support:
 - ✓ Transforming service delivery
 - ✓ Building better business solutions
 - ✓ Strengthening IT governance
 - ✓ Improving infrastructure and operations

- Next Generation Network (NGN) –Initiative I-1
 - ✓ The “Improving infrastructure and operations” pillar included a recommendation to explore ways to create a Next Generation Network. Documents the City’s progress in creating the NGN
 - ✓ Assesses the City’s need and market for future NGN capabilities
 - ✓ Provides strategic and technical recommendations for achieving the City’s goals related to broadband infrastructure and operations

Broadband Resolution - Adopted by City Council in March 2015

- ✓ Charged staff to explore and create opportunities to leverage NGN investments made by the City and VBCPS to advance high-speed broadband across the region.
- ✓ Broad Band Task Force (2015-2016)

We are making sure our sidewalks and street have fiber optic cable conduit on any projects going forward and are fiber ready. We have been doing this for the past year. The City owns 115 miles of cable, some of which is “dark” cable.

Please see the detailed presentation or contact Edward Shahnazarian with ComIT for more details. Edward can be reached at EShahnaz@vbgov.com or by phone at 385-1381.

ENVISION VIRGINIA BEACH 2040 PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES (*RADM Jewett*)

Please see RADM Jewett’s handout for details. Due to the time constraints, this discuss was deferred until the May MEDAC meeting. RADM Jewett quickly reviewed the six elements. We will brainstorm MEDAC’s connectivity to all six elements at the May meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Ray White's Updates:

- Virginia Beach headquartered **Global Technical Systems** recently announced their expansion here, investing \$4.1M and creating 21 jobs to allow production of next generation composite electro-mechanical batteries (EMB).
- **DAO Group** a full-service computer systems company, founded in 1999, will move its corporate headquarters to Virginia Beach with a \$2.3M capital investment. Additionally, the company will relocate 12 employees to Virginia Beach and add 25 new jobs
- 60 people attended Virginia Beach Economic Development and Cyber Protection Resources' **Cyber Security Roundtable III** on 28 March, at the Virginia Beach Department of Economic Development. The topic was "Applying Big Data Techniques to Cyber Security and Workforce Development." Derek Dabbs of Sera-Brynn and Scott Phillpott of CPR were presenters at the event.
- Virginia Beach Economic Development will hold an **Unmanned Systems Business Roundtable** on 23 May from 0830 – 1100 here at our office. Presenters include David Culler, Jr. Capt., USN, (ret) who is CEO of Hazon Solutions, Kevin Promfet of Williams – Mullen and Tom Walker of IssueTrak.
- On 20 and 21 April Virginia Beach Economic Development attended the **Jacobs Technology Days** that was held in conjunction with the Virginia Aerospace Business Association and the Hampton Roads Unmanned Systems Opportunity Exchange in Hampton, VA. More than 200 people attended this event, where Virginia Secretary of Technology, Karen Jackson, gave a keynote address.

VBDA receive four responses to the RFQ and interviews will be in May.

COMMAND VISIT (*RADM Olson and CAPT Herbert*)

It was suggested Peggy Lane be invited to a future command visit.

DISCUSSION/EVENTS

- Need to resolve the issue that this meeting is the same time as Norfolk's MEDAC
- John Uhrin, Sr. - Vietnam Veterans 50th Anniversary – The Website is up and running. If you'd like to participate in the upcoming events, please send John Uhrin, Sr. an e-mail (juhrin3@verizon.net). John Uhrin, Sr. is also working with Julie Hill to get the word out.
- Mercedes announced CAPT Joey L. Frantzeh, as the new Commanding Officer at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek –Fort Story
- Councilman Uhrin announced Warrior weekend is 2-4 June

Next meeting: 1500, 22 May

Adjournment 1700