

MILITARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

22 MAY 2017 ✂ 1500-1600

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: LCDR Adalberto M. Diaz, Elizabeth Dietzmann, RADM Mark Gemmill, CAPT Steve Herbert, RADM Bud Jewett, RADM Fenton Priest, CAPT Robert Rieve, CAPT Richard Trowbridge, LT GEN Fran Wilson

STAFF: Scott Hall, Jerry Stewart, Ray White

VISITORS: Julie Gifford (Governor McAuliffe's Office), Mercedes Holland (JEB Little Creek-Ft. Story), Charlotte Hurd (Mark Warner's Office), John Uhrin, Sr. (MOAA), Charles Dupont (Navy Ret)

ABSENT: CAPT Steve Brennan, RADM Kevin Cook, Councilman Ben Davenport, RADM Dick Dunleavy, RADM Gary Jones, RADM Phillip R. Olson, RDML Craig Quigley, Councilman John Uhrin, Dot Wood

APPROVAL OF 24 APRIL NOTES

Approved as written.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

RADM Gemmill welcomed all other visitors.

HRMFFA UPDATE (*RADM Mark Gemmill*)

- Expect the President's FY2018 budget proposal to be delivered to the Congress on 23 May. Expect only modest increases in proposed defense spending.
- The finally-approved FY2017 budget contains good news for Hampton Roads, particularly in ship maintenance funding.
- Gerald R. Ford's first underway period (builder's trials) went quite well, but further delays to delivery are possible/likely.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Ray White's Report:

- Virginia Beach Economic Development will hold an **Unmanned Systems Business Roundtable** on 23 May from 0830 to 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.
- Norfolk State University is having a Cyber Workshop on 7 and 8 June on their campus. A Virginia Beach Economic Development representative will be attending.

Scott Hall's Report

- Dome site – RFQ interviews are being scheduled, and the recommendation for a preferred developer is expected to be finalized and presented to Council within the next three weeks.
- Transatlantic cable - Warren, Mayor Sessoms, and Scott met with Telefonica executives while on their recent marketing trip to Europe to discuss the status of the MAREA and BRUSA subsea telecommunications cable projects. Scott and Councilmember Davenport met with NxtVn in the

Netherlands. During his State of the City Address, Mayor Sessoms announced NxtVn's plans for development of a large data center park in Virginia Beach.

- Economic Development hosted the Mayor's Manufacturing Roundtable meetings. Superintendent Spence briefed the group on various technical education programs available through Virginia Beach City Public Schools, and discussions included suitability and availability of exiting military members for local manufacturing jobs. Economic Development will conduct a survey to gather workforce data for the local manufacturing sector.
- OWL Metabolics, a biotech company from Spain, will co-locate with Sanyal Biotechnology in the VABeachBio Accelerator
- Veterans Innovation Challenge – Economic Development is partnering with the Center for Advancing Innovation to create the VABeachBio Innovation Challenge. This challenge will be the first in America, and will focus on commercializing innovations and inventions from federal research laboratories with priority given to veteran entrepreneurs. (Steve Harrison & David Couch (ED staff) are the leads for more information).
- Warriors Week is 2-4 June in partnership with the USO. Danish Embassy officials will be visiting and we are hosting a luncheon and business networking event for bio and cyber security 1 June, at the Sheraton on 34th Street.
- Met with IMS Gear and Stihl in Germany

COMMAND VISIT (*CAPT Herbert*)

Visits in the works for both Little Creek and Oceana.

VB 2040 PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEDA

At the March MEDAC meeting, Peggy Layne challenged MEDAC members to become vision partners with VB2040. Today the discussion was about the six elements and how they affect members that are exiting the military, what is relevant for them, and how we make them want to stay in Virginia Beach. With Jerry facilitating and after a very engaging conversation, the six elements were prioritized and narrowed to the top three. See the handout Jerry provided for completed details.

DISCUSSION

RADM Gemmill:

- Warrior weekend is 2-4 June.
- 29 May - Military Wreath laying 19th Street at the Veterans Memorial at noon
- 5 June – Battle of Midway Commemoration at the Aviation Memorial 19th Street

Charlotte Hurd:

- Veteran's Administration Medical Center Facility to expand in Virginia Beach – Senator Warner pressed the Congressional Budget Committee recently to fix the red tape so this project does not take 10 years to build.
- Save the date for the Woman's conference at the VBCC 21 October – Charlotte provided a hand out.
- Charlotte provided a Q&A flyer on the Oceana Fuel Spill.

Next meeting **Joint MEDAC Tuesday, 27 June 2017 at 1400** in the Slover Library at 235 E Plume Street, 6th Floor, Room 650, Norfolk

Opportunity Inc. to brief workforce Dean Uborn and MSC

RADM John Harvey will brief about Military Sealift Command

Meeting adjourned a 1633