

MILITARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

04 DECEMBER, 2017 ✂ 1500-1630

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: LCDR Adalberto M. Diaz, Elizabeth Dietzmann, RADM Dick Dunleavy, RDML Mark Gemmill, CAPT Steve Herbert, RADM Gary Jones, RADM Phillip R. Olson, RDML Craig Quigley, CAPT Richard Trowbridge, Councilmember John Uhrin, LT GEN Fran Wilson, Dot Wood

STAFF: Warren Harris, Jerry Stewart, Ray White, Ron Williams

VISITORS: Rick Dwyer (HRMFFA), Mercedes Holland (JEB Little Creek-Ft. Story), Charlotte Hurd (Mark Warner's Office), Diane Kaufman (Senator Kaine's Office), John Uhrin, Sr. (MOAA), Irv Lindley (Portsmouth Mayor's Office)

ABSENT: CAPT Steve Brennan, RADM Kevin Cook, Councilman Ben Davenport, RADM Greg Nosal, RADM Fenton Priest, CAPT Robert Rieve, CAPT Charles Stuppard

APPROVAL OF 25 SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTES

Approved as written.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

RDML Gemmill announced RADM Greg Nosal, and CAPT Charles Stuppard as two new members, unfortunately both are absent. RDML Gemmill welcomed all other visitors.

RECAP OF OCTOBER JOINT MEETING WITH NORFOLK

Both cyber and parallel runways at Little Creek were discussed.

HRMFFA UPDATE (RDML Craig Quigley)

- Budget uncertain both near and long term is looming. 8 December ends the current continuing resolution (CR). It needs to be replaced with something or the government will shut down. Suggestions are a two week CR, a one month CR or two – two-week CRs.
- Brian Hill Suffolk County administrator accepted a position with Fairfax County as County Administrator as of 1 January 2018.
- BRAC for 2018 – is unlikely. Probably will not occur until after 2020. The Navy is very pleased with the way the encroachment has been handled at Oceana.

CITY UPDATE

Councilman John Uhrin

The Arena deal has unfortunately died and the City is disappointed. We are working on the Dome Site. Councilman Uhrin requested staff update MEDAC on the Dome site project.

Despite what is printed in the newspaper, there is great regional cooperation among the cities. A strong example of regionalism is the support from both the HR Planning District Commission and the area City Managers for two GO Virginia applications.

John Uhrin, Sr. gave a brief recap of the November Vietnam Veterans Event. There were 450 in attendance. There is a video and pictures on the MEDAC website. Jerry will send the YouTube link to members

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Ray White's Report:

- Opportunity Inc., the regional workforce development organization, announced the opening of the Hampton Roads Veterans Employment Center at Military Circle in January. The Veterans Center will provide individual assistance to military veterans and their families. The new center will help veterans identify, navigate, and access services and resources to attain their employment goals and support their successful transition into the civilian workforce.
- Region 5 Go Virginia Board has recommended five regional projects to the state for grant funding. 1) Hampton Roads Regional Broadband Strategy; 2) Digital Shipbuilding Workforce Program; 3) Hampton Roads Regional Unmanned Systems Facility; 4) HRCyber Co-Lab; 5) 757 Seed Fund
- As a follow-up from the July Naval Future Force Science & Technology Expo, Rear Admiral David Hahn asked us to look into the possibility of having a similar technology event in Virginia Beach/Hampton Roads. We will have the *Catapult Technology Conference & Expo* in late April, 2018. The management team organizing the event would like to give an overview to MEDAC after the first of the year.

WARREN HARRIS

Warren briefly recapped many of the 2017 Economic Development accomplishments. For more information, please refer to:

VBDA Annual Report: <https://www.yesvirginiabeach.com/Documents/vbda-annual-report-17.pdf>

HR Chamber of Commerce Blue Print 2025: <https://www.vachamber.com/advocacy/blueprint-virginia/>

COMMAND VISIT (RADM Olson and CAPT Herbert)

Command visits will resume in January 2018.

MEDAC CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

RDML Gemmill will step down since he has been chair for more than three years. Phil Olson will be the chair with RADM Greg Nosal as the Vice-Chair. RDML Gemmill will remain as a member.

Councilman Uhrin presented a gift to RDML Gemmill for his service as chair.

Next meeting will be 22 January at 1300

Meeting adjourned at 1634