



Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2019 – Lawson Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wallace Arnold, Scott Arnott, Patrick Garvey, Michele Hammond, Paula Hogg, Stevie Hunt, Daniella Woods-Lewis

STAFF PRESENT: Bruce Sturk, Bonnie Brown, Donna Hodges (Substitute Clerk)

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Linda Curtis

GUESTS PRESENT: Charlotte Hurd (Senator Warner’s Office), Craig Quigley (HRMFFA), Laura Sandford (Economic Development Authority), Hugh Lessig (Daily Press)

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Hogg called the meeting to order at 1:02pm; welcomed everyone and introduced new members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chair Hogg stated the January 14, 2019 minutes were distributed for review and noted one change on page 4, last item, correcting absent to Clark, instead of Garvey (Mr. Garvey was present).

ACTION: A motion was made by Mr. Arnott to approve with change, and seconded by Mr. Garvey. A roll call vote was taken, with results as follows:

Ayes: Arnold, Arnott, Garvey, Hammond, Hogg, Hunt, Woods-Lewis

Nays: None

Absent: Clark, Hinshaw

Abstain: None

REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS: *Bruce Sturk provided the following updates:*

Langley Air Force Base

Mayor and City Council hosted a dinner for our federal partners on March 28th and it was well attended by all our federal partners; we had representatives from the VA Center, NASA, Fort Monroe, HFADA, MAC and City Council. To cap off the meeting the Mayor and Council have started their Hampton Stars Program. They honored two retired Air Force Generals to the Hampton Stars Program – General John Jumper and General Darren McDew. Although unable to attend, both sent letters that were read by the Mayor at the event

and their names will also be placed on the Hampton Star plaque at the Veterans Conference Room in the Ruppert Leon Sargent building.

Adopt an Airman program continues to thrive with 180 participants. A reminder we are always looking for additional host families to support the airman at Langley Air Force Base.

We continue to work the Phase III REPI (Readiness Environmental Protection Integration Program) at LAFB – Bruce presented a map identifying additional properties that will be transferred to the Air Force for the Readiness Environmental Protection Integration Program. We continue to work with the property owners for those willing to sell. Bruce gave a brief history of Clear Zone acquisitions for new members for their understanding.

Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)

The JLUS study really looked at resiliency and Hampton has been working with Dutch Dialogues consultants; the work includes our military partners. One of their primary gates, the property at Sweeny Boulevard (North Armistead, West Gate), is currently operating inside the Clear Zone so they are working to relocate the gate which could potentially be moved to the other side by Commander Shepard Boulevard. We have started conversations with the Office of Economic Adjustment with a scope of work for a project design – they are the office that provides grant money – and we hope to have a grant in place by mid-summer to move the project forward.

Second project is the Big Bethel Reservoir which is owned by the federal government. During the BRAC process, that property was part of the transition from Fort Monroe to Langley. Langley uses it for recreational purposes and there are also two dams on that property. One of the Resiliency Hampton recommendations was to take a holistic look at the property, looking at how it impacts sea level rise, and consider using it as a holding site and piping in water. They are also meeting with the Office of Economic Adjustment to review and discuss for grant funds. The City of Hampton is interested in partnering for other opportunities on that property, i.e. baseball or soccer fields where we could partner with the base and have that open for the public.

LaSalle Gate – this property is prone to flooding so looking at options such as a flood gate, and as a part of the Resiliency Hampton efforts, looking at mitigation in some way by elevation of the road, etc. It was called out in the study so we need to make sure there is access from our city to the various points of the installation that were identified.

We continue to work and support formal training of F-22's to come here but the installation has to go through an Environmental Study. It could take 2-4 years for the study but we are hopeful it will be 2 years and hopeful the study will be favorable. A big part of the study includes concerns from the

community, i.e. jet noise, which will be reviewed. The study is underway. F-22's have a big economic impact for us, bringing 735-800 jobs and also bringing in millions of dollars in economic multiplier to our community with the activity.

Hampton Veteran's Administration Medical Center (HVAMC):

There is still an interim director in place, they are working on finding a permanent director. Mr. Sturk has been asked to serve on the interview panel. The HVAMC is also part of the Resiliency Hampton efforts. We are helping them identify additional facilities off site to help with administrative services and additional parking. They are working with Hampton University for additional parking and using Hampton University's satellite parking which is a good partnership.

Fort Monroe/National Park Service (NPS):

Terry Brown, NPS Superintendent, has been hard at work with 2019 events. The big event -- 2019 Commemorative Commission -- is scheduled for some time around August 23. Superintendent Brown also serves on the Federal Commission so he is getting good visibility with our federal leadership to bring in recognition and resources for Fort Monroe. The Visitors Center is scheduled to open around that same time frame. The Fort Monroe Authority is moving forward with redevelopment and sending out RFPs to developers.

NASA:

Mr. Sturk, Admiral Quigley, Mayor Tuck and others toured NASA with the Director a couple of weeks ago and NASA continues to do great things for our nation. They are fully engaged for missions back to the moon and to Mars, abort and entry command systems, also doing climate research and hypersonic activities. This NASA center is one of ten, but it is one of the only facilities that continues to grow new facilities. Getting ready to do a ribbon cutting for the Measurement Systems Lab in the next year. The budget was also discussed, a good shot in the arm; Admiral Quigley can add to this during his report.

Military Affairs Committee (MAC):

The Little Heroes event was held at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, with 1800-2000 military families attending. The entry fee was a military ID and the event included activities with Police, Fire, Coast Guard and military dogs. Mr. Garvey also added that they had very good volunteers for this event, and reminded all they are always looking for volunteers.

Joint Base Langley Eustis (JBLE):

(Update provided by Bruce Sturk for Jeree Grimes)

P-4 Update: They are in final negotiations with the power company as a Resiliency backup. Award should be out soon for gas turbine that will not only be able to power Langley and NASA, but will also help our community. Once all details are provided we will participate and partner for services, like fire services and shelter locations for evacuation, if a hurricane comes, as part of the backup Resiliency efforts.

Hampton Roads Military Federal Facilities Alliance (HRMFFA):
(Update from Admiral Quigley)

Admiral Quigley indicated Mr. Sturk covers all of the federal facilities in Hampton so well that he thinks it would be good to share comments, to include updates for the Hampton Roads Region, so all know efforts are not in isolation.

Admiral Quigley shared points of emphasis on what Mr. Sturk shared. In all of NASA's budget for FY20, there are only 2 new buildings included throughout all of NASA and we (Hampton) have one. We keep getting awarded because we kept our word (promised to demolish 2 square feet of old energy inefficient buildings for every 1 building that we are awarded) and that "promise kept" is being rewarded and is a reflection on our quality leadership.

JLUS – There are two other installations on the Southside with a particular focus on sea level rise. The region is studying it with a thoughtful, deliberate disciplined approach to address sea level rise. We will mitigate the effects of sea level rise.

Two weeks ago Rick Dwyer and Admiral Quigley went to Washington DC to deliver federal legislative priorities for 2019. They held off to see what the President submitted to Congress on the proposed budget and used that proposal to plug in some numbers. NASA's budget was good and there is \$241M designated for regional military construction -- that is five times more than a year ago. This is a great start. He also mentioned that the mid-life overhaul of the Harry S Truman is a major piece of work -- a \$4B project that involves hundreds of workers -- and hopefully should hit the shipyards in 2023.

Land Purchase - DC is very aware of what Hampton has done with Langley Clear Zone and is very pleased. The Air Force is very complimentary to the efforts of the City of Hampton. Chesapeake and Virginia Beach are doing some of the same work as Hampton – splitting costs, not doing eminent domain, only willing sellers of properties and repurposing property so it does not encroach flight zones. They (government) have seen our progress and they are pleased. Hampton has set the tone, the government is very impressed with partnerships and initiatives.

Resilience – a deliberate word that will continue with Military Installations. It is important that installations can continue to carry out missions and remain

functioning after disasters, i.e. cyber-attack, physical attacks like hurricanes, flooding, fires, etc. -- that is a key issue. For facilities that can do this ("take a licking and keep on ticking") and still remain functioning, the DoD puts additional assets to the installation because of their resiliency. You will hear the resiliency term a lot.

SENATOR WARNER'S OFFICE:

(Update provided by Charlotte Hurd)

Senator Warner is a huge advocate behind getting the training of F-22's coming to Hampton Roads. He has also put synergy behind the Veteran's Care Facility on the Southside and hopes to have it up and running by 2024.

In regards to the military housing issues throughout the Commonwealth, Senator Warner has been engaged with families. He had meetings with 13 families on March 11 and will do a follow up on April 25. He is working hard and has legislation in the works.

Wallace Arnold expressed that if we have the opportunity where the HFADA can weigh in to be an advocate in support of the Veterans Care Facility, we should; the more voices added can only add weight for the cause.

Mr. Sturk indicated he had a site orientation with Congresswoman Elaine Luria at Langley AFB regarding housing. It is an issue but they are aggressively addressing. Over the years the military went to privatizing housing so our ability to "peek under the tent" was limited. Options are being looked at, such as a "bill of rights" where government would hold payment if concerns are not addressed. We recognize we need to take care of military families. We appreciate the board's support and willingness to navigate this issue.

Wallace Arnold also shared that the Community Engagement Board, which works with the VA, can be a helpful resource and an advocate. Our VA was given kudos on one hand and severe guidance on the other. Kudos for our facility for assisted living, housing vets on a more permanent bases, including Hospice. We need to look at how to take care of family members who come to visit. This is something we and the community can work on for the future.

Mr. Sturk also added that there have been discussions with the board about helping families visiting. Some suggestions brought up were to have a place similar to the Ronald McDonald House that is used for families with children at the Children's Hospital. There is good representation on the board with Sentara, Riverside, VA Hospital, military retired, etc. all working on this issue.

UNFINISHED

BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Stevie Hunt announced this meeting would be his last as he has accepted a

new position overseas. He praised the work of the HFADA and was thankful that he has been a part of such amazing work. Chair Hogg, on behalf of the HFADA, expressed appreciation for his contributions.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Hogg adjourned the meeting at 1:50pm.

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