



Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2014 ~ Lawson Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wallace Arnold, Scott Arnott, Charlene Clark, Phil Egert, Chris Jacobson, William Lewis, Susan Rotkis, Mark Stephens

STAFF PRESENT: Bruce Sturk (Executive Director), Bonnie Brown (Assistant City Attorney), Annette Oakley (Clerk)

GUEST PRESENT: Bruce Hoogstraten (NAST), Mike Yazkowsky (Economic Development)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jacobson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Annette Oakley called the roll.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Jacobson stated the minutes from the September 9, 2013 meeting were distributed and if there were no changes, called for a motion to approve.

ACTION: A motion was made by William Lewis to accept the minutes as written. Wallace Arnold seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Arnold, Arnott, Clark, Egert, Jacobson, Lewis, Rotkis, Stephens
Nays: None
Absent: Seymour
Abstain: None

REPORTS & BRIEFINGS: Mr. Sturk reported that Craig Quigley (HRMFFA) is traveling today and John Gately (MAC) is under the weather.

Langley Air Force Base Clear Zone Briefing – Mr. Sturk gave a brief update on the LAFB Clear Zone, reviewing the clear zone map of properties with the Authority (copy on file). He stated we have made significant progress in the acquisitions of parcels that are impacting the Langley Air Force Base Clear Zone.

Mr. Lewis commented that significant progress has been made since the Authority last met. Mr. Sturk stated out of the twenty-three parcels, seventeen are at the table in negotiations or some stage of conversations. He hopes to have all wrapped up before July 2014. He stated the funds from the State have been encumbered and/or on contract and funds are not only used towards acquisition of properties, but rather some

of the funds go towards environmental studies, appraisals, demolitions, etc. Mr. Sturk stated the City has received numerous kudos from the senior Air Force leadership on these efforts.

Mr. Lewis inquired about the parcel with a trailer park. Mr. Sturk stated the owner has been silent on correspondence and is not moving forward at this time. Mr. Lewis asked Mr. Yazkowsky how to deal with this type of property. Mr. Yazkowsky stated the City bought a trailer park in Buckroe, but it depends on the land worth, zoning, income approach, etc. Mr. Lewis inquired about doing a swap for a comparable piece of property. Mr. Yazkowsky stated it could be an option; the challenge is the City doesn't own a lot of residential land where it could place a trailer park.

Local Federal Area Updates:

- Langley Air Force Base (LAFB) – Mr. Sturk gave a brief update on LAFB, stating the City is very much involved in the Public-Public/Private-Public Partnership Initiative (P-4 Initiative), which has to do with shared services and opportunities. There have been two official meetings and there are sixteen other installations across the United States that are undergoing an FY14 P-4 Initiative Partnership. Currently at the table, the participants are NASA Langley Research Center, Jefferson Lab, Poquoson, York County, Newport News, Hampton, Langley-Eustis and the Hampton VA Medical Center, and also to include representatives from the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. Two areas the group is currently discussing for possible partnerships are green space and pools. Mr. Sturk also stated there are four working groups:
 - LIVE – Sustaining and growing the workforce
 - WORK – Looking at maintaining the infrastructure (base/municipal)
 - PLAY – Morale, welfare and recreation/parks
 - LEARN – Growing the workforce and continuing education

Mr. Sturk stated that he will continue to keep the Authority members updated and if anyone would like to participate in the P-4 Initiative Partnership forums let him know and he will send the information.

- NASA Langley Research Center – Mr. Sturk gave a brief update on NASA, stating there will be a ribbon cutting on January 15th for Commander Shepherd Boulevard, which is open to the public. He also reported NASA continues to work on the New Town Project, which is replacing outdated facilities with new modern facilities. Director Lesa Roe is on assignment to NASA Headquarters in DC to help assess future NASA requirements.
- NASA Aeronautical Support Team (NAST)- Bruce Hoogstraten gave a brief update on NAST, highlighting the following:
 - Un-manned Aerial Systems (FAA) Project – Virginia and New Jersey teams selected
 - Congress passed the budget/Advance Composite Issue
 - Annual Aerospace Day in Richmond, February 5th and 6th
 - NAST Team working with Aviation Week to possibly hold a workshop in the near future; aeronautics research is the main focus

Mr. Arnott mentioned some of the states that won the FAA Project initiatives have been very vocal on activities and inquired what the Virginia team is doing. Mr. Hoogstraten stated they are drafting a job announcement and plan to have an Executive Director on board, who will make the announcements. Mr. Sturk stated they do have specific tasks from the FAA; one being the Fail/Safe Work. Mr. Hoogstraten stated he will send some information to Mr. Sturk to distribute to the Authority members.

Mr. Arnold inquired about 'no federal money'. Mr. Hoogstraten stated the FAA made an announcement with no dollars attached to it. Mr. Sturk stated they signed an OTA; proceeding without federal money.

- Hampton Veterans Affairs Medical Center (HVAMC) – Mr. Sturk stated he met with Mr. Dunfee this morning; they continue to work as a partnership. He reported on the following items:
 - The center is probably one of Hampton's largest employers; there is significant growth and building on the campus. The psychiatry department is growing exponentially, which is the result of the increase of the veteran's population. He stated there are approximately 800 employees that work at the center and live in the city of Hampton.
 - Working with the VA and the Salvation Army on the Homeless Transitional Veteran Program. This project is on hold as the Salvation Army is still seeking a facility to administer the program. One option on the table is partnering with surrounding localities.

Ms. Clark inquired about the Strawberry Banks property. Mr. Sturk stated Hampton University owns the land. Mr. Lewis inquired about the former Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind. Mr. Sturk stated it is not being considered due to environmental and other issues. Ms. Rotkis stated the issue seems to continue; how can the Authority assist. Mr. Sturk stated for various reasons, it continues to languish and there needs to be a defined facility that meets the needs of all the requirements that are put in place by the federal government that administers the grant per diem by a locality that has to provide a use permit. Chairman Jacobson inquired about the federal angle on the veteran voucher program. Mr. Sturk stated that was separate; the VA does work with the City and Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority gets so many vouchers a year, but this is a separate program. Chairman Jacobson stated there is a federal angle there; and would it be appropriate for us to invite members of the Authority of the former VA School of the Deaf and Blind to this meeting. Mr. Sturk stated he wasn't sure. Ms. Brown stated half of the property is owned by the City and part reverted back to the heirs of the defunct corporation. Ms. Clark inquired about the property on Mallory Street that is for sale, the Catholic Retreat Center. Mr. Sturk stated that property came off the table; the Army could not afford the maintenance and upkeep.

**Note: Phil Egert left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.*

Mr. Arnold inquired about the Fort Monroe property. Mr. Sturk stated that is also off the table due to higher/better use and as there are evacuation issues.

Chairman Jacobson stated if the Hampton FADA can assist, it can lend support. Ms. Brown stated public comment during the City Council meeting is also an option for the Authority to offer support and collective opinions. Mr. Arnott asked that the Hampton FADA be kept abreast of the issues. Mr. Arnold offered to work closely with Bruce if need be.

Legislative Update – Mr. Sturk gave a brief legislative update; providing an informational package (copy on file). He stated Laura Bateman could not be at the meeting today, but provided the information for the Authority to review. Mr. Sturk highlighted the following legislative items:

- Fort Monroe Authority
- State Budget
- STEAM Academy
- Langley Air Force Base
- Advance Composite Initiative
- Two-year Flooding Study

Mr. Sturk also distributed information on bills that are being introduced to the General Assembly that impact Veterans, military retirees, etc. in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Hampton Military Affairs Committee (MAC) – Mr. Sturk reported for John Gately, stating the MAC meeting is tomorrow night at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Development Conference Room. Mayor Wallace will be the guest speaker. Mr. Sturk stated the MAC continues to be a pivotal outreach to our Veterans and military families in Hampton, helping to facilitate events and resources. He stated they are having two planning sessions at City Hall; January 18th and January 28th.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:

No Report

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Sturk reported Financial Disclosure Forms are due to Jenn Green or Katherine Glass in the City Council office, by the 16th of January.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers – Ms. Brown stated during the first meeting of the year, members elect officers, which are for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer. After some discussion, Chairman Jacobson made a motion to elect the following slate of officers; William Lewis as Chair, Mark Stephens as Vice Chair and Charlene Clark as Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Arnold, Arnott, Clark, Jacobson, Lewis, Rotkis, Stephens
Nays: None
Absent: Egert, Seymour
Abstain: None

Mr. Jacobson stated he has enjoyed his two years as Chairman. The Authority thanked Mr. Jacobson for his service.

Mr. Lewis commended staff for their efforts regarding the Clear Zone.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Jacobson adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by,

Charlene Clark
Secretary/Treasurer

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