



Meeting Minutes December 8, 2014 ~ Lawson Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Arnott, Charlene Clark, Chris Jacobson, William Lewis, Susan Rotkis

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

GUEST PRESENT: Julie Gifford (Commonwealth of Virginia), Laura Bateman (Legislative Consultant), Mike Yazkowsky (Economic Development)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Lewis welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and asked Ms. Oakley to call the roll.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Lewis stated minutes from the October 13, 2014 meeting were distributed and if there were no changes, called for a motion to approve.

ACTION: A motion was made by Scott Arnott to approve the minutes. Charlene Clark seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Arnott, Clark, Jacobson, Lewis, Rotkis

Nays: None

Absent: Arnold, Egert, Seymour

Abstain: None

REPORTS & BRIEFINGS: **Langley Air Force Base (LAFB)** – Mr. Sturk gave a brief update, highlighting the following items:

- The Virginia Air National Guard is working with the National Guard Bureau on potentially being home for one of the Cyber Guard Units.
- LAFB still pursuing the Installation Mission Support Center; we are #4 out of ten being considered.

Mr. Arnott mentioned there is space available at Fort Eustis, which is near LAFB. Mr. Sturk stated he would talk to the appropriate people about available space. Chairman Lewis inquired if Mr. Yazkowsky had anything in conjunction with this from an Economic Development standpoint. Mr. Yazkowsky stated not a specific effort. Mr. Sturk stated we are excited that we made the top four and the final announcement should be in February.

LAFB Clear Zone – Mr. Sturk referred to the Clear Zone property map, stating we are making good progress with the acquisitions. He stated the City will close on two properties in January. There are deed title issues on one property but staff is working through the issues. Mr. Sturk stated the City received additional funding from the State through the FACT Fund; \$1.26 million, which the City will match. He stated the City and LAFB have joined Oceana-Fentress Working Group to discuss encroachment issues in the area and in the Commonwealth. Ms. Rotkis inquired about other installations with the same issues. Mr. Sturk stated Oceana and Fentress are others dealing with encroachment, as well as Quantico and A.P. Hill are also dealing with joint land use studies. However, these locations are not part of the FACT Fund. Chairman Lewis commended staff on a great job with the clear zone acquisitions. Mr. Sturk stated it is a team effort with support from the City staff, the Governor, Delegate Helsel, Julie Gifford, as well as others.

P-4 Initiative - Mr. Sturk gave a brief update on the Public-Public/Private Partnership (P-4) Initiative, stating they continue to think outside the box on ways to create efficiencies and share services, cut costs, etc. The next Leadership Committee meeting will be for the City and HVAMC tomorrow at the Chamber of Commerce office. A specific project the City is working on is the public library on LAFB; The “Bateman” Library. Mr. Arnott stated the LAFB library has information that may not be available in other libraries.

NASA Update – Mr. Sturk gave an update on NASA, highlighting the following items:

- The City Manager and Vice Mayor attended the ORION launch in Florida, which is a big part of what NASA Langley Research has underway locally.
- City staff attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new NASA facility, which holds their cafeteria, research/high tech integration laboratories, etc. He stated the third facility is now fully funded and in the planning stages.
- Aero Day – Will be held in February. Mr. Sturk will forward the agenda to HFADA members who are interested in attending and being on one of the teams that visits the legislators. Mr. Yazkowsky mentioned NASA obtained a consultant who reviewed NASA’s plan and it received good remarks, but the area they can improve upon is working closer with the region; one way is a grant proposal they are putting together for a UAS Center of Excellence.

Hampton Veterans Medical Center (HVAMC) – Mr. Sturk stated the center continues to expand operations and encouraged HFADA members to drive through the campus and check out their expansions. Ms. Rotkis suggested the HFADA members take a tour of the facility. Mr. Sturk responded this is a good idea and that the March Community Leaders Breakfast will be hosted by the VA Medical Center on their campus in Building 83. He stated the HFADA is invited and encouraged all to attend. Mr. Sturk also stated the VA Medical Center closed on the contract with the City for use of the Community Activity Center, leased by the City on Fort Monroe. The facility has a zero entry pool specifically designed for aquatic physical therapy and spinal cord injury patients at the HVAMC. This arrangement is a very good partnership.

Fort Monroe – Mr. Sturk stated he tried to get Kirsten Talken-Spaulding, Superintendent for the National Park Service Monument, to brief the HFADA this month, but she is very busy. He will try to see if she can come to the January or February meeting. Mr. Sturk stated the Governor is very interested in expanding the

National Park presence at Fort Monroe. Ms. Rotkis stated it would be a good thing to transfer the Wherry Corridor area, as the NPS will keep the area consistent with the purpose of the National Monument and maintain it. Mr. Sturk agreed. Chairman Lewis inquired about the common synergies between the HFADA and the Fort Monroe Authority. Mr. Sturk stated it is through the National Park Service area and that is why he would like Ms. Talken-Spaulding to brief the Authority, as we can provide some advocacy on our part.

Governor's Office Update - Ms. Gifford, representing the Office of Veterans and Defense Affairs, reported the Governor's visit to LAFB went very well; he spent time at both LAFB and Fort Eustis. Mr. Sturk added we hope to have Secretary Harvey attend a HFADA meeting in 2015, after the General Assembly.

Legislative Update – Ms. Bateman reported from a State budget perspective; Governor will announce his budget next week; she does not expect good news as far as local budgets. However, the recent meeting with the Governor's Chief of Staff regarding Fort Monroe issues went well. Ms. Bateman stated the Governor believes in the FACT Fund and took action during the veto session to ensure the fund was intact; however, she is not sure if it will be reauthorized in this budget. She commended Ms. Brown and Mr. Sturk on the Clear Zone properties. Chairman Lewis inquired if HFADA had any proposals for upcoming session. Ms. Bateman stated nothing HFADA related.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:

No Report

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Brown gave an update on HFADA Summary of Powers (copy on file) and reviewed the information with the Authority. Chairman Lewis stated the HFADA has significant powers and it would be beneficial to think outside the box regarding opportunities we can enter into. Mr. Sturk stated this is a unique and instrumental body to have, with a federal presence in our community, which is important to have/keep in place.

NEW BUSINESS:

No Report

CLOSED SESSION:

Chairman Lewis entertained a motion to convene a closed session pursuant to the exemption from open meetings allowed by Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, to consider recommendations for appointments to the HFADA Board.

ACTION: Charlene Clark made the motion to convene into Closed Session. Susan Rotkis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Arnott, Clark, Jacobson, Lewis, Rotkis

Nays: None

Absent: Arnold, Egert, Seymour

Abstain: None

CERTIFY CLOSED
SESSION:

Chairman Lewis entertained a motion to certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge: (1) Only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia law were discussed, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting.

ACTION: Scott Arnott made the motion to certify the Closed Session. Charlene Clark seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Arnott, Clark, Lewis, Rotkis, Seymour

Nays: None

Absent: Arnold, Egert, Jacobson

Abstain: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further discussion, Chairman Lewis adjourned.

Submitted by,

Charlene Clark
Secretary/Treasurer

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