



Meeting Minutes May 11, 2015 ~ Lawson Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wallace Arnold, Scott Arnott, Paula Hogg, Chris Jacobson, Timothy Leighton, William Lewis, Scott Seymour

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

COUNCIL LIASON PRESENT: Linda Curtis

GUEST PRESENT: Laura Bateman (Legislative Liaison), Kirsten Talken-Spaulding (NPS)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and asked the Clerk to call the roll.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Lewis stated the April 13, 2015 minutes were distributed for review and called for a motion to approve.

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

Ayes: Arnott, Hogg, Jacobson, Leighton, Lewis, Seymour

Nays: None

Absent: Arnold, Clark, Rotkis

Abstain: None

REPORTS & BRIEFINGS:

Local Federal Area Updates

- **Langley Air Force Base (LAFB)** – Mr. Sturk gave a brief update on LAFB:
 - He and the City Manager have a meeting with Colonel Allan regarding the P-4 Initiative opportunities, to include The Bateman Library project. They will do a six month test project to see if we can pursue the investment. They will also continue discussion on use of the athletic fields.
 - The City Manager spent last week at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama, for a National Security Forum. She stated it was a good event and there may be some action items from the debrief.

**Note: Wallace Arnold arrived at 1:06 p.m.*

- Mr. Sturk stated in regards to the Clear Zone, there are meetings this week and early June to discuss properties with DEQ to ensure the best interest of the City.
 - Staff will be meeting with LAFB regarding the REPI program to look at acquiring various protected property.
 - May 29 – The LCLA Leadership Appreciation event will be held at the VASC from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and HFADA members are invited to attend. The senior military leaders will be there.
- **Hampton Veterans Administration Medical Center (HVAMC)** – Mr. Sturk gave a brief update on the HVAMC:
 - He wanted to get this Authority’s input on partnering with the HVAMC regarding off-campus administrative office space. This may involve some sub-committee work with our Council Liaisons.
 - He and the Mayor have spoken with the Daily Press about negative information in the paper regarding Veterans care at the HVAMC. They have also reached out to our Congressional Delegation to speak highly of our medical center and the progress they are making; for example expanding their footprint with satellite clinics on the Southside.

Chairman Lewis inquired if we are looking at existing properties in the business park. Mr. Sturk responded yes and it may be a future discussion for closed session.

- **National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA)** – Mr. Sturk gave a brief update on NASA, stating the following:
 - A reception was held on May 8th for Administrator Bolden at the Virginia Air and Space Center.
 - Hopeful that the third Measurement Systems Laboratory construction project will get full funding and move forward.
 - Upcoming Sea Level Rise discussions, which NASA will be one of the key leaders in regards to science climate research capabilities. Data collected helps with our emergency operation centers for flood mitigations and preparation in terms of weather events.
- **Fort Monroe** – Mr. Sturk gave a brief update on Fort Monroe:
 - Staff is working with the Fort Monroe Authority on zoning of the property.
 - A Delegation from Japan visited this past week, sponsored by the State Department International Leadership Program. The U.S. and Japan are trying to form closer ties in regards to military preparedness and military support structure. Mr. Sturk stated several folks were involved in the meetings, included representatives from Langley, Fort Monroe Authority, Fort Monroe NPS, HFADA, Chamber of Commerce, LCLA, etc. There was also a tour of Fort Monroe. Chairman Lewis stated it was an eye-opening experience for him and seemed that the delegation was astonished at how well we interact with our military. He stated it was a well-organized event and commended Mr. Sturk.

Fort Monroe National Monument Update – NPS Superintendent, Kirsten Talken-Spaulding, gave a brief overview of the National Park Service, specifically Fort Monroe National Monument (copy on file).

Ms. Talken-Spaulding mentioned that next year will be the five year anniversary as a National Monument and it will also be 100th Anniversary of LAFB and then NASA. She invited the Authority, as leaders in this area of connecting people with their public lands and ways we can collaborate.

Military Affairs Committee (MAC) – Mr. Gately gave a brief update on MAC related activities:

- Veterans Court and future funding sources
- May 12th 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Hampton Roads Convention Center – Military Spouse Event.
- May 12th – 5:00 p.m. at the Ruppert Sargent Building - Special recognition of the Tuskegee Airmen, particularly of Hampton Roads DOTA, and Andy Greenwell, who was instrumental in designating the Ruppert Leon Sargent building. There will be an unveiling of a plaque honoring the Tuskegee Airmen
- May 13th from 12:00-3:00pm at the Virginia Air and Space Center – Annual County Fair Event
- May 14th – Mental Health Fair at the Crocs Center in Norfolk
- May 25th – Memorial Day ceremony at 10:00 a.m. at the Hampton National Cemetery

Legislative Report – Laura Bateman reported that on May 1st the Governor announced that of the ‘leftover’ bills from the veto session; of the fourteen bills he signed none fall into HFADA category. The six he vetoed, none really fall under HFADA matters. In the veto session, both House and Senate passed the Governor’s amendment to a couple of bills related to Veterans Care Centers; Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia. The General Assembly agreed with the amendment which authorizes the use of \$67 million dollars for these two Veteran Care Centers (VA Beach and Prince William County).

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:

Mr. Sturk reminded the Authority about the upcoming Community Leaders Breakfast, which will be held on May 22nd. The agenda is to visit the HVAMC and he encouraged all Authority members to attend. He stated attendees will depart from City Hall.

Mr. Sturk reported on the Homeless Veterans Program and stated staff is currently in discussion with Hampton Redevelopment & Housing Authority regarding an eleven acre tract as a possible site for the shelter.

OTHER BUSINESS:

In regards to MAC activities, Mr. Gately added the Virginia Values Veterans (V-3) will have an employer training day on the 20th at the OMG office in Chesapeake.

Mr. Arnold announced the new YMCA at Fort Monroe is up and running now.

NEW BUSINESS:

No Report

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further discussion, Chairman Lewis adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Submitted by,

Charlene Clark
Secretary/Treasurer

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