



Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2015 ~ Lawson Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wallace Arnold, Scott Arnott, Charlene Clark, Paula Hogg, Timothy Leighton, William Lewis, Scott Seymour

STAFF PRESENT: Bruce Sturk (Executive Director), Vanessa Valdejuli (City Attorney)

GUEST PRESENT: John Gately (MAC), Julie Gifford (Commonwealth of Virginia), Bruce Hoogstraten (NAST), Craig Quigley (HRMFFA)

CALL TO ORDER: Secretary/Treasurer Clark called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and called the roll.

**Chairman Lewis arrived at 1:15 p.m.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Lewis called for a motion to approve the March 9, 2015 minutes.

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

Ayes: Arnold, Arnott, Clark, Hogg, Lewis, Seymour

Nays: None

Absent: Jacobson, Rotkis

Abstain: Leighton

REPORTS & BRIEFINGS:

Local Federal Area Updates

- **Langley Air Force Base (LAFB)** – Mr. Sturk gave a brief update on Langley Air Force Base:
 - Clear Zone – Environmental studies are being conducted on Clear Zone Lots 19, 20 & 22. There is a house on Lot 18 that is to be demolished.
 - P-4 Initiative – Still pursuing the library opportunity.
 - On May 29th there will be a Langley Civic Leaders Dinner.
- **Hampton Veterans Medical Center (HVAMC)** – Mr. Sturk gave a brief update on the Hampton Veterans Medical Center, stating the HVAMC is the fastest growing in the United States; leasing 10,000 square feet of space at Peninsula Town Center and are considering moving administrative functions off-site. Mr. Leighton inquired about the amount of space needed and if they have the ability to build. Mr.

Sturk responded no, that they cannot build. Mr. Arnott inquired if they are bound by GSA rules. Mr. Sturk responded no.

- **Fort Monroe** – Mr. Sturk gave an update on Fort Monroe and the National Park Service.

Governor's Office Update – Julie Gifford gave a brief update on five items of legislation that may be of interest to the Authority:

- Veteran Employment Grant Fund – A program that awards grant funds to Virginia Valued Veterans certified companies who hire recently transitioning service members.
- Military Bond Bill – General Assembly authorizes issuance of public building authority bond for infrastructure projects inside and outside the fence line on military installations. This did not pass legislation, but was written into the budget.
- State Board of Community Colleges – Awards academic credit for military training.
- Military Child Identifier – Department of Education to establish a process for local school divisions to identify newly enrolled military connected students. April is the Month of the Military Child and the Governor is requesting that everyone wear purple on April 15th to recognize our military children.
- Tax Exemptions for Surviving Military Spouses – tax exemptions for surviving spouses of service members who were killed in action if the value of the assessed home is less than the average.

She mentioned they are still looking into the Veteran Care Centers; one in Northern Virginia and one in Hampton Roads, but the exact location has not been decided. The State will provide funding if federal funding is received. Mr. Sturk stated he spoke with Commissioner Newby and he mentioned the State is in, but the federal budget does not look good; it's currently to be determined.

Mr. Gifford mentioned there was also a Military Maritime Event held recently and she commended Hampton for coming out; the Mayor attended. It was a good event and comments were that this was the best year yet!

Hampton Roads Military & Federal Facilities Alliance Update (HRMFFA) – Craig Quigley gave a brief update on HRMFFA activities:

- Update on budget/Sequestration
- He talked with Dave Hinton (NASA) who is working on a charter for the Commonwealth on how to build an unmanned systems industry in Virginia. There is a meeting on May 23rd, which is a follow-on to the P-4 Initiative, and will include this discussion.

NASA Aerospace Support Team (NAST) – Bruce Hoogstraten gave an update on NAST activities:

- NASA held a Splash Test – about forty-five staffers attended the event, which will help NASA get updates
- Congressman Rigell is now on the Appropriations Committee
- NASA Administrator Bolden may be in the area in a few weeks. A few years ago when Administrator Lightfoot visited, there was a reception held at the

VASC, which goes a long way and there is discussion to do the same for Bolden.

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

- Colonel Bill Galbraith will be attending the MAC meeting to speak about a major event coming up at Fort Eustis, which is a Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Evacuation Saigon on May 15th & 16th – a salute to our Vietnam veterans.
- May Events – Special Recognition of the Tuskegee Airmen, particularly of Hampton Roads and DOTA, and Andy Greenwell, who was instrumental in designating the Ruppert Leon Sargent building.
- May 9th at 9:00 a.m. the Langley Air Force Base (AFAS Chapter 358), which has a quarterly clean-up of Oakland Cemetery; the MAC helps get the word out, as many veterans are buried there.
- May 12th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the HRCC - Joint Military Spouse Appreciation Night.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:

Mr. Sturk reported on May 8th, the City will be hosting a State Department International Leadership Program with a delegation from Japan; about 6-8 people. The leadership objectives is for communities that have military bases and the relationships those communities have with the bases. Hampton was highlighted as having two installations; one which has been closed (Fort Monroe). Several representatives will be in attendance and presenting to the delegation, including Chairman Lewis who will discuss the Hampton Federal Area Development Authority. He will update the Authority at the May meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Lewis apologized for being late, and welcomed Ms. Hogg to the Authority. He mentioned he relies on Executive Director Bruce Sturk, and others, who keep the Authority informed in many areas. Chairman Lewis stated he is glad to have Ms. Hogg onboard and looks forward to working with her.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Scott suggested the HFADA explore a letter of support for the NASA Measurement Center Lab. Chairman Lewis stated that was a good idea. Mr. Sturk stated he will work with Mr. Hoogstraten on a draft letter for the Chairman's review and signature. Mr. Arnold also inquired about the Authority being influential in the Veteran's Care Center, and suggested we add that to our list. Mr. Sturk stated this is a good idea and he will pursue this on behalf of the HFADA.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Lewis thanked Ms. Clark for taking notes in Ms. Oakley's absence and also Ms. Valldejuli for attending in Ms. Brown's absence. There being no further discussion, Chairman Lewis adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by,

Charlene Clark
Secretary/Treasurer

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