



Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2013 ~ Lawson Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wallace Arnold, Phil Egert, Chris Jacobson, William Lewis, Scott Seymour, Mark Stephens

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

COUNCIL LIAISON: Chris Snead

GUEST PRESENT: Laura Bateman (PWHD), John Gately (MAC), Bruce Hoogstraten (NAST), Craig Quigley (HRMFFA), Doug Allen (Joint Base Langley-Eustis), Mike Yazkowsky (Economic Development), Erik Weiser, Melinda Cagle, Cheryl Allen (NASA Langley)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jacobson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Annette Oakley called the roll.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Jacobson stated the minutes from the January 14, 2013 meeting were distributed and if there were no changes, called for a motion to approve.

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

Ayes: Arnold, Egert, Jacobson, Seymour, Stephens

Nays: None

Absent: Arnott, Clark, Lewis, Rotkis

Abstain: None

REPORTS & BRIEFINGS: **NASA Langley Presentation** – Mr. Sturk introduced Erik Weiser, who gave a presentation on Langley Research Center 20 Year Revitalization Plan (copy on file).

Mr. Arnold inquired if NASA Langley is on track with the mission growth/change as it evolves. Mr. Weiser stated yes, they have pushed as a team to look at what the future mission is as best described now. NASA plans for five year cycles and it can change with the administration and so forth, but right now they are on track. The plan is responsive to the mission and they are making the labs flexible and adaptable to bring in new technology and address new areas. If something comes up that is not in the plan, they will look to insert it at the expense of something already there.

Chairman Jacobson stated there was a program a few weeks ago called NOVA that talked about space coast change and commercial space; and inquired if NASA Langley is on track with that and if commercialization growth had an impact on the center. Mr. Weiser stated NOVA has given them a lot more work with commercial space companies, but it has not hurt the center.

Mr. Seymour inquired if the new buildings will be more mission flexible or specialized, i.e. green aviation, in the future. Mr. Weiser stated they are designing the facilities to respond to the mission, to include flexibility; such as making lab space more flexible. He stated they are prepared to change in the future. It was added that NASA Langley is unique; some organizations are focused on large programs and suffer when changes come, Langley remains fairly small, but is stable and has more flexibility.

Chairman Jacobson inquired, of the six center building projects, are all funded. Mr. Weiser stated the second building is being built; the third building is funded; one of the rehabs is funded; the data center is technically funded, and then later this spring they will begin negotiations with headquarters as to when to start 4A and 4B buildings. He stated the recapitalization budget is a five year budget; therefore they are getting a building about every five years.

Mr. Sturk inquired, with the recent sequestration, what does NASA Langley envision regarding planning contingencies that need to be put in place as a 'what if'. Mr. Weiser stated he is carrying dual paths and trying to do a lot of the work through leftover center operations funds to help fund some of the projects. He stated sequestration hasn't been a big impact on the center yet, but there is some talk of how it may affect the construction of facilities, so we are actively trying to commit and obligate our funds to get those projects going. However, at this point, NASA Langley is in an okay position as far as sequestration.

Mr. Stephens inquired, from a marketing and sales standpoint, is NASA Langley sending teams of people out to commercial teams that are going into space and asking them what they want. Mr. Weiser stated it is done through interfacing with the engineering and science groups and the launch vehicle researchers. He stated they also have proposal teams and other teams within the center who are looking at opportunities. He stated the center director would like to grow the size of the center and the budget, and are actively looking at ways to bring in more opportunities to the center. It was added that one area where NASA Langley is challenged now is conference travel, which has been seriously curtailed and had previously been a good opportunity to meet with others to present the research Langley is doing.

Mr. Lewis inquired, in regards to the new facilities, is there anything slated to be constructed on the current campus or is there an opportunity for development outside of the immediate campus. Mr. Weiser stated right now everything is slated for the immediate campus. It was added that the directive right now is to shrink and consolidate their footprint; they are really campus-focused.

Chairman Jacobson stated the Virginia Tech Space Conference Center and NIA programs, for example, are on the rise and inquired if those kinds of entities play in the plan as far as commercialization and can be brought into the center. Mr. Weiser stated NASA Langley has a strong relationship with NIA and feels the branch in the researcher level has relationships at the University and the NIA, etc. He stated NASA Langley has tried to leverage their capability to complement what they are trying to do. Chairman Jacobson mentioned bringing in companies like Space-X, to try to get

more of a footprint in Hampton. Mr. Weiser stated it's something NASA needs to look at in the future.

Mr. Sturk thanked Mr. Weiser for his presentation. It was mentioned that copies of the NASA Langley Research Center 2012 Annual Plan was available for those interested (copy on file).

NAST Update – Bruce Hoogstraten gave a brief presentation on NAST. Informational handouts were distributed (copy on file).

Legislative Agenda Update – Laura Bateman gave a brief presentation on the legislative update (copy on file).

In regards to JLUS and the Clear Zone, Mr. Sturk stated the City has begun some appraisal work on two properties of willing sellers. He stated these two parcels have residential homes on them and City staff has met with the property owners. Mr. Egert inquired if any other willing sellers have come forward since last year. Mr. Sturk stated there are just two who are willing sellers, but he has been in conversations with other interested parties. Mr. Lewis inquired if the two willing sellers are both residential. Mr. Sturk stated one is a resident and one is leasing. Mr. Stephens inquired if we would do anything with the existing buildings. Mr. Sturk stated most likely knock them down.

Ms. Bateman continued her presentation. In regards to the Science Museum of Virginia, Mr. Lewis inquired if there was a budget item for one facility to promote K-12 programs or is it spread around throughout the district. Ms. Bateman stated it flows through the appropriations to the Science Museum of Virginia.

Mr. Arnold inquired if Fort Monroe had any idea of a final turnover. Mr. Sturk stated the FMA states they are anticipating a July transfer of a portion of the property, which would exclude the non-reversionary areas. There are still some negotiations they are working through.

Mr. Stephens inquired about Bill 1906, which relates to the Department of Veterans Services developing a comprehensive program to reduce unemployment among veterans, and if there was a company in Hampton for folks to talk to about it. Ms. Bateman stated she would check; that it might be through the Workforce Development Council. Mr. Sturk stated we should review the bill to see specific details of the incentives; it may be a program that has follow-on activities. Ms. Bateman stated she will be glad to pull copies of individual bills and get the information to the HFADA members. Mr. Arnold stated one of the significant issues is retention of veteran jobs is key. Training employers to sustain veterans in the workforce is a big part.

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

- Recommends the HFADA review the Economic Quarterly Report from Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, which focuses on the effects based on economic forecasting on Hampton Roads from sequestration. The information is on the website and folks can subscribe to the report as well.
- The Continuing Resolution expires on March 27th, but the House has passed an appropriations bill to provide actual appropriations for the Defense Department, Department of Veterans Affairs. The Senate intends to add a couple other appropriations bills.

- Mr. Quigley heard that the President’s FY14 budget submission to the Congress would not be until later this month; the working date had been the 25th, but could be as late as early April.
- There has been a significant change to the draft of the Tri-State Coalition on Unmanned Aerial Systems with New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia. Maryland has chosen to withdraw, the partnership between Virginia and New Jersey remains. The proposal is due the 28th.

Hampton Military Affairs Committee (MAC) – John Gately gave an update on the Military Affairs Committee activities:

- Hampton Fire Chief David Layman will be speaking at the MAC meeting tomorrow night regarding the hiring of vets.
- March 6th - the MAC hosted an event of a collaborative group who discussed various issues related to the military. The MAC plans to continue this effort through quarterly meetings. It will be called “The Team” (Transition and Employment Assistant for the Military).
- April 27th – Celebration of Military Children at the Peninsula Town Center from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Meeting Director of Citizens Unity Commission (CUC), Michelle Woods-Jones, today regarding a film called “42”, Jackie Robinson story.

Local Federal Area Updates – Bruce Sturk:

- Budget - Mr. Sturk stated the Community Leaders Breakfast will be held on March 22nd and the City Manager will be presenting the budget. The Commander of LAFB, Colonel Auch, will be in attendance and giving farewell remarks.
- Hampton Veterans Administration Medical Center (HVAMC) – Mr. Sturk stated on May 24th the Community Leaders Breakfast participants will meet at City Hall and travel to the HVAMC for a tour to learn about the growth of the VA and impacts on the community.
- Langley Air Force Base (LAFB) – Mr. Sturk stated he is continuing to have discussions with LAFB on shared services.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:

No Report

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Sturk reported Bonnie Brown is now our newest Assistant City Attorney and will be working with the Hampton FADA.

NEW BUSINESS:

No Report

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairman Jacobson adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by,

Mark J. Stephens
Secretary/Treasurer

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