

Minutes from 20 September 2018

HRMFFA Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting

1. HRMFFA's quarterly Board of Directors meeting was held at the Regional Building in Chesapeake on 20 September 2018. Public Board members present were: Mayors Alexander, Jones, Price and Tuck; Supervisors Hipple, McCarty and Shepperd. Councilman Charles Southall attended representing Poquoson. Private Board members present were: Baugh, Brickell, Curtis, Dreyfus, Faulkner, Klett, McKenna and Stephens. Karl Johnson attended as a non-voting member representing Joe Campbell. Executive Director Quigley, Deputy Executive Director Dwyer and Treasurer Collins were also present. A quorum was achieved.
2. Board Chair Kenny Alexander called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and offered welcoming remarks. He then opened the floor for public comments; there were none.
3. Mayor Alexander welcomed the Commander Navy Region Mid-Atlantic (CNRMA), Rear Admiral Chip Rock, to the board meeting and asked him to proceed with his remarks. Admiral Rock thanked Mayor Alexander for the opportunity to address the HRMFFA board and thanked the leaders in the room for being such good partners to the Navy and military service members in the region. He stated the on-going Joint Land Use Studies (JLUS), sea-level rise, transportation, and working with Virginia's Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs are great examples of on-going cooperation. Admiral Rock said he is focused on supporting the Chief of Naval Operations' priorities which are broken into six tenets:
 - Bigger: Quantity has a quality all its own and the Navy is working to grow from its current 287 ships to 355.
 - Better: Increasing capabilities in addition to quantity is important and requires investing in leap-ahead technologies like directed energy and unmanned systems.
 - Networked: A connected and distributed bigger and better Navy needs to share and act on information at the speed of light.
 - Talented: Investment in recruiting, training, education, managing and retaining the best people.
 - Agile: A global maneuver force unconstrained by geographic boundaries, self-sustaining in terms of logistics, and always innovating.
 - Ready: Readiness is key. The most powerful Navy in the world is ineffective if it can't leave the pier.

As for what this means for Hampton Roads, Admiral Rock thought it was a good bet that the region would play a heavy role in the future just as it has throughout our Navy's history. Looking at potential regional partnerships, he broke it down by sectors:

- Industry: Private and public shipyards in the region are very important to the Navy. Is there a way to partner to become faster and more efficient?
- Infrastructure: Everyone shares the challenge of infrastructure sustainment and recapitalization. The Navy has only funded 70% of the requirement. Not sure if the Navy needs to own buildings.
- Transportation: Needs to be considered in our strategic plan as we assess what it takes to achieve a 355 ship Navy. Grateful to the region for the support to improve transportation and accessibility to bases.
- Talent: Potential opportunities to partner on schools and housing for Navy personnel and their families.
- Sustainment: Looking to capitalize on opportunities where the community may have capacity to provide services such as snow removal, facilities maintenance, landscaping, public works activities, gyms, child care, fire and emergency services, etc.

Admiral Rock again thanked the board for the opportunity to address the group and that he looked forward to working together over the coming years.

4. Executive Director Quigley then reviewed the quarterly financials. He pointed out that we are overall under-running our budget with actual expenditures at 13% compared to projected expenditures of 17% as of 31 August. He noted a few anomalies under board/business meetings due to the upcoming DC trip as well as professional development due to Deputy Executive Director Dwyer participating in the CIVIC Leadership Institute Class this year. There were no questions or comments from the board.
5. Mr. Quigley then introduced Ms. Donna Lawson from the NASA Langley Research Center (LaRC). Ms. Lawson thanked HRMFFA for co-hosting the reception for NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine in August. Mr. Bridenstine passed to LaRC's director, David Bowles, how much he enjoyed the reception and meeting the community leaders. Ms. Lawson also provided a pamphlet for everyone in attendance that highlight's LaRC's contributions to NASA.
6. Mayor Alexander then asked John Simmons from The Roosevelt Group to provide his Washington Update. Mr. Simmons briefed the board on the latest status of the defense budget bills, National Defense Authorization Act, appropriations bills and the FY19 MILCON-VA bill appropriations.

Key items of interest include:

- 2.6% pay raise for military personnel.
- Adds 15,000 active duty personnel in FY2019.
- Includes steps to implement a Space Force, not as a separate military branch but under authority of existing branches.
- Authorization, but no funding, for Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) which would allow DoD to fund community infrastructure projects that impact military installations. No money was appropriated for the program, but money could later be re-programmed into it.
- Gives DoD authority to realign or close military installations if the governor of a state requests it.
- GAO report is looking at professional military education and offers opportunity to leverage public/private institutions of higher learning to educate military on “whole of government” training such as the new program at William & Mary.
- DoD must submit to Congress in FY2020 a list of unfunded parking, access control points, and roads projects at bases that have serious congestion issues.
- \$50M was provided to each of the services to help alleviate deficiencies in access control points, fire stations, air traffic control towers, and Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection issues.
- Veterans Administration budget increased \$12.1B over FY2018.

For additional details, see attached Roosevelt Group slides.



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7. Mr. Quigley then discussed the creation of three committees that were mentioned at the June board meeting: NASA Advisory Committee; Budget & Finance Committee; and Nominating Committee. Mayor Tuck has agreed to chair the NASA and Nominating Committees. However, it is envisioned that the HRMFFA Vice-Chair will be the Chair of the Nominating Committee each year which is why Mayor Tuck was approached for two of the committees. Supervisor Hipple agreed to chair the Budget & Finance Committee. Mr. Southall asked what the intent of the NASA committee was. Mr. Quigley explained that the NASA Aerospace Support Team (NAST) was being disestablished, so this new committee would advise the HRMFFA board on NASA issues. Supervisor Shepperd made a motion to approve with Supervisor McCarty seconding; approval was unanimous. Mr. Quigley stated the staff would get with the new committee chairs to provide draft charters and suggested committee members that can be discussed/approved at the December board meeting.





8. Mr. Quigley introduced Sheila Wilson as the new HRMFFA Treasurer as of 1 October due to Nancy Collins' retirement. HRMFFA bylaws state that the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission Chief Financial Officer will serve as the HRMFFA Treasurer so there is no need for a vote.
9. Mr. Quigley then suggested the remaining meeting time be dedicated to going over the logistics of the 26 Sep HRMFFA Board trip to DC. Board members going on the trip had trip books at their chairs that contained the schedule for the day as well as background papers and issues/questions to be addressed with each of the officials board members would be meeting with during the day. Mr. Quigley mentioned that those going on the trip would receive additional materials via e-mail and they should print them and insert into the appropriate tab in their binders. Mr. Simmons stressed the importance of reading the National Defense Strategy summary in the books as the DoD senior leaders would likely reference it throughout the day. He also encouraged board members to ask questions of the federal leaders throughout the day to demonstrate their deep knowledge on the subjects and that the region truly cares about, and wants to support, the federal presence in the area. Mr. Klett added that he thought the board should also use the opportunity to ensure DoD was aware of the high-speed data cables that will be coming ashore in Virginia Beach region and that they offer an incredible resource for DoD and other federal agencies. Mr. Klett said he would provide a background paper on the subject to be included in the trip books.
10. Mayor Alexander asked if Admiral Rock had any closing comments. Admiral Rock stated many of the issues the board wants to discuss with the Navy are already being worked by CNRMA and he looked forward to continuing to work with the community.
11. Mayor Alexander adjourned the meeting at 11:36 am.

