Base Sustainability and Community Affairs Committee
April 27, 2016

Call to order

A meeting of the Base Sustainability and Community Affairs Committee was held at the Goldsboro City Hall, 200 N. Center Street, Goldsboro, NC as well as via teleconference on April 27, 2016.

Attendees

Attendees included:

- Bob Dickerson (committee chair)
- Mayor Chuck Allen (on committee)
- Frank Botroff (on committee)
- Paul Dordal (NCMAC Vice Chair, on committee)
- Sonny Roberts (on committee)
- Pat Walker (on committee)
- Ron Massey (Mayor of Jacksonville designee)
- Marc Finlayson (Allies of Cherry Point)
- Sebastion Montague (Ex-Officio NC DOT)
- Robert Hosford (Ex-Officio Commissioner of Agriculture designee)
- Will Best NC (Dept of Commerce)
- Bob Coates (Governor's office)
- Bill Myer (MCI-East)
- Paul Friday (MCI-East)
- Will Summer (Clean Water Trust Fund, NC NCR designee)
- Secretary Cornell Wilson (NC DMVA)
- Jeremy Schmidt (NC DMVA)

Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included:

- Secretary of Public Safety or designee (Ex-Officio)
- Mayor of Elizabeth City or designee (Ex-Officio)
- Mayor of Fayetteville or designee (Ex-Officio)

Approval of minutes

Chair called meeting to order at 9:38am and minutes were approved.

Reports

Topic: Camp Lejeune Rail Study

<u>Discussion</u>: Mr. Massey briefed the ongoing study for Camp Lejeune Rail. A report is due on 5/1/2016 and will be presented to the General Assembly by the end of June.

Action Items: Once available, the report will be distributed to interested parties.

Resolution: Continued engagement by NC MAC, Camp Lejeune, and military communities.

Topic: Community Leadership Role of Community Coordinators

<u>Discussion</u>: Mr. Dordal and Ms. Walker discussed the Community Leadership Meeting on 4/19/2016. The Community Coordinators engagement template was presented as a standard, formal process.

<u>Action Items</u>: Community Coordinators will be given templates and asked to provide information on when they are meeting with local leaders.

<u>Resolution</u>: Committee recommended that issues from the Community Coordinator events/meetings be brought to the respective committees and ESG.

Topic: Community Grant Process

<u>Discussion</u>: Mr. Dordal presented current status of developing a \$200K Community Grant through the NC DMVA. A formal application and selection criteria will be presented to the ESG once it is developed.

Action Items: NC DMVA will continue the application and grading criteria with the support of the NCMAC.

<u>Resolution</u>: Once a formal process has been approved by the Secretary of Military and Veterans Affairs, the application and selection criteria will be provided to all communities and interested parties.

Topic: 2020 Census

<u>Discussion</u>: Mr. Massey updated the status of the 2020 Census adjustment proposal. Mr. Coates explained the Census Bureau expects to publish a draft in May. When the first federal register notice is made, there will be a 90-day opportunity for responses. Final process and decision expected by the end of the year.

<u>Action Items</u>: NC and the NCMAC will continue to engage with the Census Bureau once the first notice is released.

<u>Resolution</u>: Goal is for Servicemembers and families to be counted as in-state even Servicemember is serving abroad.

Topic: Waive EMT certifications

<u>Discussion</u>: Mr. Bottroff updated the committee on the status of the waivers for on-base personnel conducting training and receiving certifications for off-base support.

<u>Action Items</u>: This will not be part of the Governor's budget for the short term. General Assembly members may present it.

<u>Resolution</u>: If the General Assembly cannot implement a waiver system during the short session, the NCMAC will continue making efforts for the next long session.

Unfinished business

Not applicable

New business

Not applicable

Open Discussion

A recent meeting with Seymour Johnson Base Commander recognized the poor educational facilities around the Air Base. Other members present expressed similar concerns around other military installations. The committee expressed an interest to have this topic brought to the Department of Instruction for further review.

Mr. Roberts asked if Community Coordinators are engaging with local chambers of commerce. Recommended more involvement for Community Coordinators to connect with these organizations.

Announcements

Topic: Action Plans to Implement Strategic Plans

<u>Discussion</u>: Mr. Dordal explained the strategic plan and the action items Matrix group will be taking on behalf of the NCMAC. There will be reached conducted to align the action plan with the National strategy and to look for opportunities for mission growth and installation utilization. The first part of the Communication Plan is a short topic paper (available through the NC DMVA) for both the department and NCMAC to use. It will be distributed to the NCMAC and posted online.

Topic: Sentinel Landscapes

<u>Discussion</u>: Mr. Hosford briefed the status of the Sentinel Landscapes designation for NC and the involvement of the DoD, Dol, and USDA. Explained the mutually beneficial relationship between NC's agriculture and military communities and industries. Designations expected by summer of 2016.

Topic: LtGen John Davis ADC USMC comes to Havelock on May 17th Adjournment

Adjourn at 11:12am