

Maryland Military Installation Council (MMIC)

Meeting Minutes

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Meeting began at 8:35 AM, April 23, 2018.

Lisa Swoboda, MMIC Executive Director and Acting Director of Commerce Office of Military and Federal Affairs, recognized BGen Mike Hayes (Ret., USMC) as the former and first Executive Director of the MMIC. She then introduced Mike Gill, MMIC Chair and Secretary of Maryland Commerce, to provide welcoming remarks. Secretary Gill recognized Lisa Swoboda's new Acting Director role representing the State and managing activities to support the military installations. He remarked that the military installations are centers of innovation and partnerships, commenting on the partnership with government in Commerce's hosting of the first Maryland Tech Transfer Summit held on April 20, 2018. Secretary Gill also acknowledged the securing of \$20 million in the Army budget for the Army Research Laboratory's (ARL) advancement of a new 3-D advanced manufacturing initiative. This partnership with ARL and the state's 3-D printing industry base is being led internally by Commerce's Bret Schreiber and Sharon Markley.

Lisa Swoboda reiterated that tech transfer and pushing innovation out of the military is a priority for OMFA. The Maryland Defense Technology Commercialization Center (DefTech), a regional innovation hub funded through a federally-funded Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) grant program, opened on February 26, 2018 in Havre de Grace in office space provided in-kind from Harford County. This regional collaboration with Cecil and Harford Counties includes executed MOUs with 3 defense labs on APG (ARL, CERDEC and ECBC) and a Steering Committee with those aforementioned parties as well as community colleges, industry and TEDCO. The State has also implemented through the OEA grant program the Maryland Defense Diversification Assistance program to aide in lessening defense dependencies within the DoD supply chain. She also said that the Maryland military economic impact study of military installations is being updated using federal FY16 data. A draft will be available this late summer.

Military Installation Innovative Partnerships Panel: RADM Raymond "Chip" Rock, Ivan Bolden, Capt. Matthew Lake (Teran Judd absent) -

RADM Raymond "Chip" Rock, Commandant, Naval District Washington, discussed national defense strategy and partnerships that the Navy has entered in for innovation and the future. The Navy is prioritizing threats. Decision timelines is a national defense strategy, and the Navy is now in a power competition against assertive nations like Russia, China and other superpowers (ex. China has opened a naval base next to a US Naval base in Eastern Africa). This is especially true for the maritime mega cities which will grow over the next 15 years, as will aquaculture (15% growth) and maritime traffic. Ninety-nine percent of communication systems go under the seas. There is competition for resources under the Arctic Sea and drawing intercontinental maps – all putting pressure on the Navy. There are six elements to meet this need:

- bigger fleet (355 ship Navy is goal/currently 287), a better fleet (modernization/recapitalization of ships/better technology), and a talented fleet (worker talent – recruiting and retaining);
- energy resiliency/logistics resiliency (sustainment of fleet);
- readiness and resources challenges;
- networked fleet (linked in a network through Joint Force through manned and unmanned fleet/sensors that are connected/networked partnerships);
- education and research (Morgan State partnership; Naval energetics partnership at Indian Head; Naval Academy) and research. The Research Park @ Pax; Office of Naval Research partnering for renewable energies research; cooperative land use plans; renewable energy research); and
- intergovernmental support agreements (IGSAs) which is partnerships at the local level/municipalities for services.

Captain Matt Lake, Commander. U.S Coast Guard Yard, spoke about their heavy workload and internships. He said that the Coast Guard Yard, founded in 1899, is second largest operation of the USCGS and it is a mix of civilian and active duty personnel. Most employees live just outside the gate and is act as a “family” with most of the shipbuilders/workers being invested in the yard and has a symbiotic relationship with the community. With past threats of closure, the workforce successfully protested and demonstrated the value of the Yard. U.S. Senators Sarbanes and Mikulski were able to secure funding for the Yard within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security budget. Partnerships with various educational institutions helps service onboard advisors (maritime transportation) and internships (paid and also funded by agencies/private industry) along with and grassroots volunteer programs. *Partnerships in Education* is a focused soft community engagement/volunteerism – 10% of entire workforce is engaged in this program. 17 schools are engaged with tutoring and Science/STEM events (ex. Judging robotics contests). They provide guest lecturers at trade schools and internship programs focused on maritime education, including the transportation trade school at Cherry Hill. Ship building jobs in Maryland have gone away, peaking at 100,000 jobs, and students are not being guided to skilled trades. Under Armour donated money to the City of Baltimore for career development in the City to engage students in internships – the students became City employees and then the students provide services to the Coast Guard. CAPT Lake discussed OPM pathways, an entry level pathways into careers after probationary period. He mentioned that their formal apprenticeship programs have moved to this internship pathways program, because they were expensive and not diverse enough in their original state.

Ivan Bolden, Chief of Army Partnerships of the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Installation Management, spoke about intergovernmental services. He leads a Joint Partnerships Committee that includes the Army and the other armed services. They meet quarterly to find issues across the service that can be addressed together through potential regional partnerships. Once enacted, an Intergovernmental Services Support Agreement (IGSA) was built as a five-year partnership effort, but the Committee successfully extended the length of an IGSA to ten years making it more economically feasible for a community to enter into a partnership and find it mutually beneficial. The Committee is creating a handbook, commissioned by the Rand Corporation, for commanders and communities on how to engage in partnerships – 700 partnerships will be listed as best practices in this book. The handbook is scheduled for release in the fall and copies will be available by request. Outstanding partnerships will receive public recognition by the Undersecretary of the Army in a ceremony. Ft. Detrick is currently in the stages of an IGSA strategic engagement process (Col. Scott Halter is the POC) that

includes stakeholders from the community and garrison leaders to brainstorm ideas for partnerships and relationship building. The Committee is looking at installations of the future. If someone has ideas and suggestions, they should to contact Mr. Bolden. He will visit Georgia Tech in June and will meet with academics and the Army to talk about installations of the future. He has with met Microsoft and IBM for partnerships ideas. Nineteen IGSAs were signed in the past year, with two pending and 50 conceptual partnerships stemming from community meetings. The approval authority has been delegated down to the 3-star level (Army Installations Commanding Officer) and are looking to downgrade it even further. Mr. Bolden recognized the MMIC and the relationships with the bases and community support.

Col. Teichert, Commander, 11th Wing and Joint Base Andrews spoke in lieu of Teran Judd (Director of the Air Force Community Partnerships) about the Air Force partnerships. Col. Teichert mentioned a memo to all governors of each state that host Air Force bases and families to bring attention to two challenges facing the Air Force and other armed services: license reciprocity for spouses and good schools for military families. Col. Teichert has an upcoming promotion to a Brigadier General. Congratulations was wished by the audience. Mr. Bolden interjected with a thank you to the MMIC for inviting the Blue Star Families to present on such issues and highlighted their work for spouses and family of service members.

Col. Teichert highlighted incorporating STEM into Air Force air shows via exhibits to ignite interest in STEM education. JBA at the JBA Air Show hosted 2,100 children at a STEM exhibition to show military capabilities. Impressed with the STEM tie-in and the opportunity for exposing children to STEM fields, an Air Force four-star general said that the inclusion of a STEM event should be done at every airshow. The next air show in May 2019 will again feature the STEM event and hope to have about 10,000 students come. He recommended creating a menu of options for STEM education opportunities to help the Air Force better connect to the community.

Ms. Swoboda responded that Commerce's Annabelle Sher, OMFA Assistant Director, is taking inventory of STEM activities conducted in association with MD military installations. The repository is expected to be complete this early fall and will be shared widely on the Commerce website but directly with the MD State Department of Education and local school superintendents.

The following is in response to questions during this panel session:

RADM Rock said that Naval District Washington is hosting Fleet week in Baltimore. The Air Force Thunderbirds are flying, and the Navy is a joint partner. The event will have a robust STEM theme. RADM Rock asked Mr. Bolden whether support agreements are inherently local and what is the role of higher command is in IGSA's?

Ivan Bolden, a former garrison commander, works in the Pentagon and understands that there are laws and regulations that the commanders do not necessarily know of or understand. When an IGSA is received, the partnership is staff with local staff. After a few are complete and success is defined, the hope is to have the IGSA sign-off authority passed on to the garrison commander of that particular installation. He indicated that the turnaround time for IGSA is about 2 days to 6 weeks, with an average of 3 to 4 weeks.

Jill McClune, member and former President of The Army Alliance, asked whether IGSA's are public/private or public/public and if there are the disagreements amongst various offices and

leaderships. Mr. Bolden said the statute defines IGSA as public/public. If Anne Arundel County decides to establish an IGSA at Ft. Meade, they may have to hire a contractor, but the agreement is still between the county and the installation.

Jack Pappas, MMIC audience member, commented that he has noticed a chilling effect between the base and professional associations outside the gate and asks if this can be rectified on an institutional basis. Mr. Bolden said he encourages commanders to talk to unions during strategic engagements and invite them to meetings. He recounted that at his director's meeting every Wednesday, union representative are represented. He stated that the more open and transparent, the better the outcome but understands the challenges with installations access.

Ret. BGen Dean Ertwine, MMIC Member and OMFA Assistant Director of Army Programs, said that partnerships do not always work and asked the panel for recommendations on pitfalls to avoid.

Mr. Bolden mentioned that a change of administration can be damaging if the new official does not understand economic impact – same with a new commander. The deputy garrison commander should be the POC for an IGSA because that is where the continuity lies. Attending council meetings is important.

Ms. Swoboda mentioned the JBA commissary partnership with local food banks to provide them with nearly expired food. This has led to over 20,000 lbs. of donated food. She brought this to the attention of other attending garrison commanders as a low-hanging fruit in the partnership cycle that could benefit all.

Ms. Swoboda acknowledged staff from the offices of U.S. Senators Cardin and Van Hollen, Congressmen Cummings, Harris, and Ruppersberger.

Meredith Lozar, Director of Community Solutions for Blue Star Families, described partnerships with the community to share stories and build relationships between spouses of active military service members. Blue Star Families started in 2009 with sharing the challenges of being military families. There is a 28% unemployment rate for military spouses which makes the financial situation is unsure. Additionally, 38% of military spouses are underemployed, making less than \$20,000 a year. During a job recruitment, 30% of the positions are less likely be offered to a military spouse. The purpose of Blue Star Families is to bring programs to these spouses to solve these problems and reduce their isolation. They conduct an annual family lifestyle survey to establish trends to inform policy, deliver programs, collaborate/partners, and shine recognition on existing programs. From the thousands of responses, the latest trend is that most military families are not using these services and are very isolated and not connected to their communities. The survey indicated that 90% want to be connected to their communities and 70% reside next to civilians and are not communicating. The Blue Star Families try to connect them with programming and events to bring civilian and military families to connect and reduce isolation. Career programs aim to reduce unemployment. \$12.5M goes to programs to employ military spouses, development of career pipelines, job fairs, and career counseling/matching. Skills inventory are developed along with employment preferences to match them to employers like Lockheed Martin Professional reciprocity between states is a major challenge. A \$1 investment has \$12 return for the communities. Funded at \$50,000, Blue Star Families are also heavily volunteer led program. Civilian volunteers encounter challenges accessing.

From questions, Ms. Lozar said that there is a DC Chapter of the Blue Star Families with over 60,000 active volunteers in DC/MD/VA area. This is the most active one in the region and would like to engage more with Maryland families. From comments: MD State Senator John Astle mentioned that the reciprocity situation has been a topic in the Maryland General Assembly and will be worked in next year's General Assembly session. Jill McClune asked whether remote careers be available to military spouses. Ms. Lazar responded that nursing, education, and business administration are the three most desired careers, and remote opportunities are very desired but hard to find.

MD Professional License Reciprocity: John Papavasiliou, Deputy Commissioner of Occupational and Professional Licensing, MD Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR).

DLLR licenses all non-medical professions – check qualifications in certain fields, issue new license and enforce ethical standards. It regulates CPAs, real estate agents, barbers/cosmetologist, electricians, etc. DLLR also licenses bay pilots, foresters, competitive events like boxing, MMA and professional wrestling. The 2013 Veterans Full Employment Law requires that the State assist military families and spouses to become licensed in the State through reciprocity. This law is a result of the last BRAC with the extensive reassignments to APG and other installations. This law assists reassigned service members, discharged veterans, and their spouses that hold valid out-of-state licenses. It also includes spouses of recently deceased veterans. They are lead through Maryland's licensing process and facilitates expediting their license. Commissioner of Federal regulation included in this process. The veteran must apply within one year of discharge or separation from active duty and show proof of assignment in MD. Or within one year of death of military member and the spouse must show proof of MD residency. Have processed and licensed 113 applications since the beginning of the program. From questions about certain professional licenses, Mr. Papavasiliou explained that education licensing is through the Maryland State Dept. of Education and nursing licensing is through the Dept. of Health. These agency websites have links to their services for veterans. A question was whether DLLR can they help with the transfer of MD licenses out of state, and the response was that they can assist. From another question DLLR can assist if service members working in DC and lives MD. Maryland is one of the first states that have a reciprocity program and now MD has agreements with other states. The DLLR website has a list of professions they license.

As the agenda moved to the Maryland General Assembly update, Ms. Swoboda mentioned the Military Alliance Legislative Luncheon Reception, a networking session of all seven military alliances, that took place in Annapolis in January. The purpose of the event was to reach out to state legislators to educate them of the impact of the military bases on Maryland's economy. She requested that attendees reach out to their local legislators to help promote the work the MMIC members do, to elicit support for the military installation challenges and needs identified through the MMIC.

State Senator John Astle, who is stepping down next year after 36 years of public service, addressed the recent legislative session outcomes where 3000 bills were introduced. The exemption for military pensions increased to \$15,000 for those over 55 years of age. The legislature tried to mitigate impact of

the federal tax overhaul on Marylanders. The legislature also had to deal with Medicaid/Medicare and the ACA policies and made some steps to address that issue. The diversity in medical marijuana licensing was addressed by general assembly. There is a tax credit for organ donation. A bill was passed to ensure that casino dollars are lock boxed for education and will be on the ballot in November. There is a separate commission for capital construction of schools as authority, taking it away from the Board of Public Works. The school safety law was bipartisan resolution. Legislation for banning bump stocks was passed and loopholes were closed on domestic abusers and can no longer own guns with a court order. Alcohol licensing at the local/municipal level. Senator Astle mentioned that the name of the Harry Nice Bridge is being changed to the Senator Middleton Bridge and the structure will likely be updated.

Jeffrey Kendrick, USAF (Ret.), Director of the MD Center for Veterans Education & Training (MCVET) described the non-profit. It provides services to homeless veterans and for 23 years for 9000 veterans, with a 75% success rate. The Center provides education and education and housing. The current salary for graduates is about \$18/hour and they just graduated their first doctorate candidate. There are currently 20,000-25,000 homeless veterans and MCVET. On May 26th there is a pinning ceremony for Vietnam vets in Baltimore, MD. One June 2nd & June 3rd there will be a VA stand down at VA memorial building to recognize homeless veterans and will feature job services available. June 10th there is the annual 5k/10k to support the Center. Women are largest growing population of homeless veterans. MCVET plans is to expand to serve homeless families and family members of veterans as well. This organization is open 24 hours a day and asks MMIC members to call MCVET to help a homeless veteran. Opened an office at Haverhill health center to also provide health services to homeless veterans.

Mr. Kendrick provided additional information. They have 249 bed facility and 24 hour/7 day intake process, and provide clinical services with on-staff social services. They have Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholic Anonymous meetings at facility, and clinical and aftercare programs and services. Average length of stay is between 12 and 15 months – has funding for 2 years per veteran. Also they can provide services for dishonorably discharged veterans.

Barney Michel, President of the APG Discovery Center, described APG101.org and mentioned the APG Centennial. The APG Discovery Center, an asset to the community was an effort to rebrand from the APG museum lost in the last BRAC round. It is organized with a board of directors and volunteers. They want to model it after the Maryland Science Center showcasing the technologies that have come out of APG labs. There is a request for a \$230 million bond bill to convert the APG train station to the APG Discovery Center. The Center plans to open in 2021/2022. The Center would encourage students to pursue careers in Defense and the STEM fields. There will be a dedication of APG workers that lost their lives at APG over the last 100 years on International Workers Memorial Day.

Maryland Military Commander Updates:

Bill Cole from Adelphi Laboratory Center and Blossom Research Center shared that the Center is updating MOAs with local firefighters, police districts, and animal control. Jack Kaiser from their stadd is supporting the Statewide Joint Land Use Study (SJLUS). Blossom Point has an active JLUS study and looking to protect all installations from encroachment.

Captain Lake from U.S. Coast Guard Yard discussed the recent 119th anniversary of the Yard and the service life extension project for the USCGC EAGLE – 82 years of service and will continue another 20 or so years. Starting engineering/design for medium endurance cutter fleet and will be overhauling over

the next few years. There are \$230 million in contracts for renovation of Coast Guard cutters contributing 200-250 direct jobs at the Yard. They are growing their workforce by 10% every year to meet these demands.

Col. Scott Halter from Ft. Detrick discussed their robust partnerships with community including domestic violence shelters, high school students learning at the labs/STEM education, computer aid dispatch assistance. His staff has been working to find gaps/overlaps with non-profits in the area to meet the needs of the community and updating MOAs and IGSA's to partner with Frederick County at a lower cost. The installation recently conducted a full scale exercise emergency services and training with local partners.

Col. Philips from APG stated that the installation received \$570 million over 10 years for containment aid/demolition of 60 buildings resolution - \$6 million and \$20 million forthcoming. APG has been partnering with the community and local government on combating the opioid epidemic and proper disposal of prescription medication. APG hosted a Discovery outreach week that included an APBI, a tech expo, and a Discovery Fest which was a free community event.

Col. Rickard from Ft. Meade, the 2nd largest installation in the Army, provided updates to the installation workforce: 55,000 people and growing with 7,000 NSA employees moving on base. Ft. Meade Garrison Office is working with State and local government to figure out solutions to traffic issues. The U.S 10th Fleet Navy cyber command was recently established on the fort as the U.S Cyber Command continues to evolve as a stand-alone combatant command. Col. Rickard also discussed educational partnerships including a Cyber LAUNCH grant with Anne Arundel County high school students to pursue the cybersecurity field, including DoD cyber careers.

Col. Teichert from Joint Base Andrews (JBA) announced the recent 75th anniversary of the Air Force base. Joint Base Andrews is holding the annual small business summit on May 15th. The summit will provide information about contracting opportunities (over \$46 million in small projects). U.S. Congressman Brown will be the keynote speaker. STEM education is important to the Air Force mission. JBA will continue to host a STEM fair that ties in with their annual Air Show. Col. Teichert commented that many JBA workers with families are choosing to live in VA as there are challenges in MD to allow vouchers for military families to choose where they go to school.

Captain Baker from NSA Annapolis (US Naval Academy) announced his upcoming Change of Command. The installation is building a new parking garage on the Academy and repairing their sea wall. The Naval Academy Cyber Center, a \$107 million project, is on track for completion in 2020/21. \$5 million for MWDR program is committed to supporting a new recreation program for military service members and families. The Naval Academy graduation is May 25th, and President Trump will be the commencement speaker. The Blue Angels will perform.

Captain Jones from NSA Bethesda (National Military Medical Center) mentioned the addition of a 650-parking space garage, a utility system upgrade to expand the capacity of their facilities and the use of a temporary medical facility to house operations as new construction is ongoing to Buildings 2, 4, 7 and 8. The pedestrian tunnel underneath the infrastructure is still being constructed. Infrastructure upgrades to the Uniformed Services University and Radiological Research Institute are underway. Montgomery County is working on the MD 355 metro tunnel and elevator over the next year. Captain Jones is changing post August 17th.

Jack Templeton, Chief Technical Officer from NSWC Carderock Division, discussed their science and engineering funding through 2019 and their work with the DoD Comptroller to allow rollover of funds in this account. Charlotte George was recently hired as the STEM outreach staff person for Carderock handling K – 12 and university STEM activity and managing any relationships with academic community. Their STEM outreach includes working with 3D Materials Command, conducting base tours for seven different schools, and hosting Math Counts event for middle schoolers and annual cohort of high school/college associate internship programs.

Captain O’Leary from NSA South Potomac updated the Council on their work with the Charles County JLUS and SJLUS engagement. Dahlgren received an explosive device and Indian Head was swept for explosives. Chemical Biological defense mission will move from Dahlgren to Indian Head resulting in 150 people moving their work location from VA to MD.

Captain Hammond from Naval Air Station Patuxent River (PAX River) introduced Sabrina Hecht from the Community Planning Resource Office who will be responsible for fostering relationships between Pax River, St. Mary’s and Calvert Counties. Transportation initiatives are a priority, and she is working on these initiatives with the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland, such as on-base transportation and bike services. SJLUS to establish ACIUZ. There is a \$60 million runway improvement project underway to improve taxiways. The base’s 75th anniversary was April 1st and was celebrated with a ceremony and airshow that included STEM booths and exhibits.

State and Military Alliance President Updates

Mark Crampton from MDOT mentioned that the Port of Baltimore had its third highest year for tonnage and BWI airport surpassing records. Mentioned pending road construction projects including, but not limited to: APG MD 22 at 462 is under construction; Beards Hill Road expected completion this summer; MD 759 construction should finish by fall 2019; Suitland Parkway/Westover Drive; I-95/495 intersection to be done later this summer; Dowerhouse Road will be finished fall 2020; NSA Bethesda MD 320 BRAC improvements to Sligo Creek with Parkway bike bridge under construction and finishing up this Spring; Ft. Meade, MD 175 Phase 2 widening under construction with plans to be completed 2019/2020; MD 175 Reese Road is under construction finishing winter 2019/2020; MD 175 with 295 widening project in design and funded for construction to be finished in fall 2021; Phase 3 of the Rt 175 improvements discussed as well as a series of road improvement projects.

Tim O’Ferrall, Executive Director of the Ft. Meade Alliance, discussed the C3 grant and working with transitioning veterans and families with internships, career assistance and training. Resiliency Center campaign is well underway and close to meeting goal. Two changes of command this year – Ft. Meade Alliance has Steve Tiller passing presidency to Doreen Harwood of Leidos and Garrison Commander Col. Rickard is leaving as well.

Tom Albro, President of the Army Alliance, discussed the Alliance’s efforts to DoD workforce recruiting and direct hire authority to improve the recruitment process. USAjobs needs improvement and OPM is conducting a study to address problems. Working with the APG Garrison Office on the APG JLUS. CSSC won an ADC Great American Defense Communities Award for 2018.

Amanda Johnston, Executive Director of the Ft. Detrick Alliance, stated that the C3 initiative launched in February and the Alliance is on the C3 Advisory Board. The Alliance is working with Hood College and

other colleges in Frederick and Washington Counties on workforce development in support of Ft. Detrick's workforce needs. The Alliance is exhibiting at job fairs and participating in STEM events. National Cancer Institute at Ft. Detrick participated in the Take-Your-Kids-to-Work Day program.

Ivan Caplan, President of the Maritime Technology Alliance, discussed the science and engineering revitalization and recapitalization fund and the need to extend the funds from 1 year to allow for rollover of funds. The Alliance is working with Congress for support. The Alliance is supporting the Coast Guard Yard with advocacy for ship lift capabilities (\$20-30 million project). The Alliance developed a STEM career resource manual for middle and high school counselors to encourage STEM careers.

Brian Norris, President of the Southern Maryland Navy Alliance, discussed their successful engagement with Federal and State congressional delegation particularly with the Wallops Island broadband project. After delays in funding and an increase in cost, their advocacy was successful in getting the appropriations needed. The broadband extension will connect with Wallops by the end of the year. There is consideration to connect NASA Goddard in Greenbelt to Wallops. The Alliance worked with State House Speaker Busch and State Senate President Miller on grants to the local airport for an increased taxiways and infrastructure. 75 new jobs as a result – \$750,000 for broadband at the airport and infrastructure. Integration of UAS into national airspace remains one of the Alliance's priorities.

Sheila Zattsau, Co-Chair of the Military Alliance Council, mentioned that Commerce Deputy Secretary Wu, Lisa Swoboda, and federal and county officials came to speak at their recent Alliance meeting. She also briefed on a \$250,000 bond bill for youth enrichment project, \$60,000 support for Black Box Theater and the demolition scheduled for the old Ely building to make way for the Velocity Center construction (a CSM and Navy partnership). NAMMO is close to securing space within the town of Indian Head, and also behind the gate.

Jim Estepp, Executive Director of the Andrews Business and Community Alliance, briefed on the upcoming 75th anniversary celebration for JBA on May 2nd. He stated that the County will have a new State Senator for this district, including new county executive and county council members. They have good relationships with the candidates and look forward to briefing the winning candidates on the importance of the base to the community.

The meeting closed 12:09 PM