



Full Commission Meeting
August 16, 2016

Call to order

A meeting of the NCMAC Commission was held at the Department of The Rural Center; 4021 Cary Dr; Raleigh, NC 27610 as well as via teleconference on August 16, 2016.

Attendees

Attendees included:

- Bud Martin, NCMAC Chairman
- Paul Dordal, NCMAC Vice Chairman (by phone)
- Gary McKissock, Economic Development Committee Chairman
- Jeff Sanborn, Quality of Life Committee Chairman
- Ms. Sally Ann Gupta, Legislative Affairs Committee Chairman designee
- Hon. Chuck Allen
- Frank Bottorff
- George Breece
- Rep. George Cleveland
- Jeremiah Daniels
- Cresswell Elmore (by phone)
- William Hatcher
- W.A. Lehman
- Walter Marm, Jr.
- Etteinne Mitchell
- Steven Ratti
- Daniel Roberts
- Jimmy Stewart
- Pat Walke
- Kirk Warner
- Joy Thrash
- Sebastian Montague
- Will Best
- Secretary Cornell Wilson (NC DMVA)
- Assistant Secretary Joseph Kelly (NC DMVA)
- Troy Holowiti (NC DMVA)
- Kelly Barretto (NC DMVA)
- Jeremy Schmidt (NC DMVA)

Members not in attendance

- Bob Dickerson, Base Sustainability & Community Affairs Committee Chairman

Introduction

Chair started the meeting at 12:32pm. Commission opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Update

- Secretary of Military and Veterans Affairs updated the NCMAC with recent departmental accomplishments. Department is ready to start preparation for long session with NCMAC.
- Chair provided update to the NCMAC spending for the current FY. Explained obligated funds. \$544,733.62 not currently obligated.
- EDPNC position price point approved by OSBM. DMVA working with NCDOC to construct a way forward.
- The grant process for the NCMAC was explained by Mr. Bottorff. Grant Committee awarded grant for Allies for Cherry Point and a partial award to the City of Jacksonville.
 - Mr. Bottorff made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation; Mr. Sanborn seconded.
 - Mr. Breece asked if there was going to be a response to the grant applicants. Chair agreed and stated this will occur.
 - NCMAC voted unanimously in favor of committee recommendations.

Approval of Action Items

Chair made a motion to approve May NCMAC meeting's minutes and updated bylaws. Seconded by Mr. Breece and passed unanimously.

Reports

Topic: Matrix Update

The Matrix Group and Roosevelt Group gave an update on all the topics and tasks laid out in the SOW with the DMVA. Legislative affairs were covered. Stated DoD funding will likely be reduced due to sequestration and continuing resolutions. A brief review of the events at the 2016 ADC were covered. Next major initiatives are creating a Communications Strategy and building local, regional, and state partners. Matrix Group offered workshops for bases and communities for additional communication efforts.

Topic: NCCC Update

Mr. Paul Friday briefed the topics covered during the NCCC. NCCC continues to address any initiatives or concerns with their respective Services. Particular topics briefed were Sentinel Landscapes Joint Service Participation and Servicemember right to early lease termination

Old Business

Topic: Veteran Courts Update

- Veterans are appearing before judges who are familiar with their unique problems.
- Judges are supported by a strong interdisciplinary team, VA representatives, volunteer veteran mentors
- Treat the veterans' mental health and addiction issues
- Return veteran to society and their families

- Savings of \$27 for every \$1 invested
- Total Annual Savings (Harnett County VTC): \$1,426,015.12 including jail cost savings and value of services of VTC staff, mentors and volunteers.
- Renewing productive society members
- Model VTC Program based on \$80K funding per year
- Governor’s Crime Commission has obtained Federal Grants to assist VTCs
- Harnett, Cumberland and Buncombe County VTCs have GCC Funds; Applying for Federal Grants
- Catawba and Forsyth receiving GCC grants
- 200+ VTCs applying for same federal funding
- Sustainable funding concerns

Topic: FRC East Overview

A representative from Fleet Readiness Center East, MCAS Cherry Point briefed an overview of FRC East’s history, size and scope, capabilities, and possible future plans for the center. FRC East is a potential location for the vertical lift maintenance facility for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

Topic: NCMBC and DEFTECH Proposal

NCMBC, under the community college system, has established an NC Defense Technology Transition Office to facilitate increased communications and collaboration between DoD and companies and other stakeholders across the North Carolina innovation ecosystem. NCMBC’s DEFTECH initiative is currently being funded “out of hide.” Funding allows for only “part time staffing” of this position and no travel, and the person who works this does so at the expense of other necessary duties & NCMBC functions. NCMBC must “do this right” so we can have a valid assessment of the ROI by next spring. NCMBC requests support for bridge funding for FY2017 (Annual first year cost \$183,000; NCMAC ask \$42,232)

*Motion made by George Breece to support NCMBC \$42,232 request. Jeff Sanborn seconded motion. Question was posed to discussion about how this is different from EDPNC’s position. Mr. Dorney explained that EDPNC is focused more on recruiting new industry to the state while this is more designed to help current NC businesses expand and work with DoD. When discussion ended, NCMAC voted unanimously to support the request.

Topic: Sentinel Landscape Update and Proposal

- The North Carolina Sentinel Landscape Partnership (NCSLP) is in its sixth year of operation.
- Provides for the programmatic institutionalization and enhancement of compatible natural resource use in support of military readiness.
- Works in the public interest to ensure that development and land use have minimal impact on military readiness, working lands and conservation.
- Supported by Marine Corps Installations East (MCIEAST) and with these funds (\$3.62 million) the partnership has leveraged additional funds and resources in support of its efforts.

To ensure a fully implemented NC Sentinel Landscape designation the NC SLP is seeking financial support to help the partnership achieve three principal outcomes:

1. Implement a coordinated and comprehensive strategy within a defined landscape
2. Coordinate the delivery of Federal, State, NGO, and local programs to landowners
3. Encourage public and private participation in NC Sentinel Landscape programs

*Requesting \$150,000 from the NCMAC to continue supporting North Carolina's Sentinel Landscape. Bud Martin made a motion to approve the request. Seconded by Frank Bottorff. Discussion clarified why the state is now being asked to support this due to the statewide benefits of the now-in-place Sentinel Landscape. When discussion ended, NCMAC voted unanimously to support the request.

Topic: Matrix Communications Update

Matrix, the NCMAC, and the DMVA are working on a combined communications strategy to reach the entire state. Tools will include:

- Graphics and narrative showing fiscal impact in every community, tax revenue information, local, regional, state impacts statements, etc
- "Spread the word" speeches for key members of DMVA and NCMAC
- Presentation at upcoming League of Municipalities meeting in Raleigh (Oct 23-25)
- Circulate editorials and pre-written pieces for local papers, local and government media
- Public service announcements/commercials for multiple markets
- Social media - no way to do "face to face" at the local level with so many communities

Announcements

Mr. Dorney from the NC Military Business Center announced the NCMBC The Southeast Region Aerospace Supplier and Advanced Manufacturing (SEASAM) Summit in Winston Salem on August 16th and 17th.

Adjournment

Adjourn at 4:45pm