

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the The Florida Defense Alliance of Enterprise Florida



FINAL Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Florida Defense Alliance

A regular meeting of the Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) Florida Defense Alliance was held on November 17, 2009 via conference call.

Members Present:

Banning	Walker	Florida Department of Community Affairs
Borchers	Ron	Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Boyd	Colonel Marcus	AFAMS
Breitenfeld	Jim	Defense Support Initiative of Okaloosa County
Buehn	Bob	City of Jacksonville
Cato	Becky	Santa Rosa County
Conyers	Harrison	City of Jacksonville
Corcadden	Sean	Bay Defense Alliance
Dalton	Craig	Pensacola Bay Area Chamber of Commerce
DeBerry	Flynn	NSA Panama City
Fanto	Jeff	Okaloosa County
Fleck	Colonel Michael	Tyndall Air Force Base
Gartland	Kevin	Navy Region SE
Gonzalez	Diana	Florida Defense Alliance
Haynes	Deedee	Workforce Region 2
Holmes	Captain Steven	NAS Key West
Jacobs	Stephanie	Workforce Development Board of Okaloosa and Walton Counties
Lefevre	Eric	Florida National Guard
Lundblad	Debbie	Hulburt Field
McClintock	Colonel Bruce	Eglin Air Force Base
Marino	Joe	Office of Tourism, Trade & Economic Development
Martin	Colonel Larry	MacDill Air Force Base
Mattson	Dave	Eglin Air Force Base
Neubauer	Tom	Bay Defense Alliance
Panyko	Debbie	Pensacola Bay Area Chamber of Commerce
Payne	Amanda	Army OneSource
Piazza	Patty	Florida Defense Alliance
Rasmussen	Kay	Okaloosa EDC
Reidel	Ron	Avon Park Air Force Range
Robinson	Captain Harry	NSA Orlando
Roslin	Julie	Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast
Roy	Randy	NAS Whiting Field
Schwartz	Jodie	Tyndall Air Force Base

Sherman	Eric	DOD Liaison
Spangenberg	Ted	Bay Defense Alliance
Ushkowitz	Eric	Metro Orlando EDC
Wibberley	Jana	Bay Defense Alliance
York	Guy	Bay Defense Alliance

Present Via Phone:

All the members present.

Staff Present:

Rocky McPherson, Director Military & Defense, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Juliana Pena, Program Manager Military & Defense, Enterprise Florida, Inc.

Agenda

- I. Review and questions concerning Air Force Presentation to the Florida Senate
- II. Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development/Governor's Senior Leaders Forum
- III. Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) update and discussion
- IV. Family Support Working Group issues discussion
- V. Growth Management Working Group issues discussion
- VI. Florida Federal issues update
- VII. FDA Regional updates
- VIII. Next meeting details

A quorum being present, Diana Gonzalez, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at Time 1:00p.m.

Agenda Item I: Air Force presentation to the Florida Senate

The subjects of encroachment, transportation, energy and family support were addressed in the Air Force presentation to the Florida Senate on November 5, 2009. The Power Point Presentation is available at www.floridadefense.org .

The presentation discussed how Florida needs to tighten existing statutes to protect against encroachment near major military bases. There is a need to strengthen growth management laws concerning development near bases, to protect training ranges and routes, and to amend Florida building codes to implement noise abatement procedures near airfields.

Enhanced coordination between the State Transportation agency and military bases is needed to enhance military base connectivity to the state transportation system.

Department of Defense (DoD) has established significant requirements for military installations to reduce energy consumption. Additionally, the subject of coastal and Gulf of Mexico oil drilling

in the eastern third of the Gulf was discussed. The possible impact in both state and federal waters on military training was noted as a major concern of FDA members.

In the area of military family support the issue of reciprocity in professional licensing remains at the top of the list. Florida has already addressed Nursing and Teaching reciprocity, but there are at least five other professions which many military spouses work which need review in this arena. The goal is to expand the list of professions with reciprocity, to ease the process and reduce cost for the arriving military spouse.

The transfer of class credits for High School seniors was also discussed and work is continuing to identify the specifics of this issue and provide feedback to the Air Force and the Florida Senate.

Action Item: Encroachment

Determine recommendations for legislative consideration regarding amendments to FS 163.175 and 163.177, including possible definition of the term 'disclosure' and possible methods of enforcement of real estate disclosure requirements.

Concerning oil drilling in coastal and Gulf of Mexico waters, those interested members will meet to coordinate amongst them and follow up with a conference call to develop and refine issues and ideas.

Agenda Item II: OTTED Governor's Senior Leadership Forum, December 1, 2009

Joe Marino, OTTED Defense Coordinator, stated that the agenda for this forum is still being developed. The goal is to make this agenda substantive and cover both federal and state military and military family issues. It will be held in Camp Blanding Joint Training Center and will include one senior representative from each military service with major forces in Florida. The Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) has been invited because of the licensing reciprocity issue on the agenda.

Mr. Marino announced that seven of the nine members of the new Florida Council on Military Bases and Mission Support have been appointed. This Council's first public meeting is tentatively planned for January 14, 2009 in Tallahassee. Work continues to obtain the final two appointments to complete this new Council.

Agenda Item III: Strategic Intermodal System and the Military in Florida

For the 2010 Strategic Intermodal System military evaluation update refer to the power point presentation available at www.floridadefense.org.

Agenda Item IV: Family Support Working Group discussion

The family support working group chair, Patti Piazza, talked about the Air Force declaration of 2009 as the Year of the Military Family.

Association of Defense Communities (ADC) federal legislative agenda does not contain military family issues, and their 2010 Winter Forum will be a good opportunity to suggest issues for development on the national scale. They could include such topics as professional licensing reciprocity, High Schools senior credit transfers, and childcare which FDA has developed. Jim

Breitenfeld, Okaloosa County Defense Support Initiative (DSI) has been asked to serve on the newly formed ADC family support committee.

Action Item

Working group members develop a set of issues for potential presentation to ADC for inclusion in their federal legislative agenda.

Agenda Item V: Growth Management Working Group

See Agenda Item I for issues and discussion.

Agenda Item VI: Florida Federal Issues update

Florida key federal issued presented by the membership included the relocation of the 7th Special Forces to Eglin AFB moving April-May 2011 with an estimated completion date of September 2011. An Okaloosa County BRAC family's transition council has been created and includes civilian and military leadership to develop and address needs of the families relocating to Eglin AFB.

The Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) for Eglin AFB and Okaloosa County was completed and in August 2009 started the implementation phase.

F-35 Joint International Training introduction to Eglin AFB continues in accordance with the initial AF Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and the supplementary EIS currently being developed continues with a targeted release date of September 2010. It may authorize basing of additional F-35 aircraft at Eglin AFB.

Agenda Item VII: Regional Updates

The following updates were given by representatives of each Florida region:

Naval Station Mayport harbor dredging is in the 2010 Defense budget.

The upcoming Quadrennial Defense Review has potential for significant impact in Florida.

The Florida Forever and DoD REPI program has been a tremendous success for Santa Rosa County and NAS Whiting Field. The county is supportive of continuation of Florida Forever funding and also supports continued DOD REPI funding in the 2010 budget.

Mr. Flynn DeBerry stated that the JLUS for NSA Panama City has been completed.

City of Jacksonville completed their "Week of Valor"; a weeklong celebration honoring the Military and Veterans.

Captain Harry Robinson, Commander, NSA Orlando, reported that TEAM Orlando's Partnership III building construction is on schedule, and the Orlando M&S Force Protection project is set to start construction at the end of November 2009.

Ron Reidel, Range Support Manager, reported that Avon Park Air Force Range's Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) is in its beginning stages, but their challenge continues to be finding funds for a necessary noise study to go along with the JLUS.

Diana Gonzalez, FDA Chair, reported that Homestead Air Reserve Base hosted their first Air show in a long period of time, and it was a huge success. She also reported that the construction of the new SouthCom headquarters is moving forward with an estimated move-in year of 2011.

Captain Steven Holmes, Commanding Officer, NAS Key West, reported that his region's main issues remain encroachment and incompatible development as well as water born encroachment. NAS Key West will be hosting an air show in the Spring of 2010.

Agenda Item VIII

Diana Gonzalez, FDA Chair, invited all members to the next meeting scheduled for January 26, 2010 in Tallahassee, Florida. Exact location and times will be provided.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.