

Governor's Military Affairs Commission (GMAC) Meeting
Sierra Vista City Council Chambers
1011 North Coronado Drive
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
May 29, 2008
10:00 am

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

GMAC Co-Chair Lisa Atkins called the meeting order at 10:08 am.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners Present

Lisa Atkins, Co-Chair, West Valley
Thomas Finnegan, Co-Chair, Ft. Huachuca 50
Mayor Robert Strain, City of Sierra Vista
Mayor Robert Walkup, City of Tucson
Robert Johnston, Lt. Gen., USMC (Ret.), Tucson
Monsignor Richard O'Keeffe, Yuma
Priscilla Storm, Diamond Ventures, Tucson
Thomas Browning, Brig. Gen., USAF (Ret.)
Supervisor Lenore Stuart, Yuma County
Representative John Nelson, Arizona House of Representatives (via teleconference)
Michael Francis, West Valley Community Action Coalition (via teleconference)

Commissioners Absent

Senator Thayer Verschoor, Arizona State Senate
Supervisor Sandie Smith, Pinal County
Mayor James Cavanaugh, City of Goodyear
Dr. William Carrell, Jr., Tucson, DM 50

Ex-Officio Members, Governor's Liaison and Staff Present

Anna Maria Chavez, Governor's Military Affairs Policy Advisor
Tracy Hannah, Governor's Policy Advisor for Regulatory Affairs
Sam Wercinski, Commissioner, Arizona Department of Real Estate
Deb Sydenham, Asst. Deputy Director, Arizona Department of Commerce
Don Baier, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Jamie Hogue, Deputy Land Commissioner, Arizona State Land Department (via teleconference)
Angela Shinn, Assistant Deputy Director, Arizona Department of Veteran's Services
Mona Engler, Program Analyst, Arizona Department of Veteran's Services

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes for March 27, 2008

Commissioner O'Keeffe moved to approve the minutes with corrections as noted by Commissioner Storm. Commissioner Stuart seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved with corrections.

IV. Commissioner Updates

Commissioners Stuart, Walkup, and Atkins all mentioned that the installations in their communities (MCAS Yuma, Davis-Monthan AFB, and Luke AFB respectively) will have a change of command this summer.

Commissioner Strain mentioned the passing of the electronic range legislation (SB 1387) which will be discussed later in the meeting.

Commissioner Storm mentioned that Pima County was processing the adoption of the Airport Environs Zone Ordinance, consistent with the City of Tucson and in accordance to the JLUS. This will come before the Board of Supervisors in August. Also, the MC3 continues to meet.

V. Old Business

Economic Impact of Arizona's Principle Military Operations, Discussion and Possible Action (Presented by Alan E. Maquire, President, The Maquire Company)

A Powerpoint presentation was conducted. According to Mr. Maquire, the degree of reporting improved this time vs. last time (FY 2000) and more detailed data was received. Two key highlights include: the FY 2000 figures reflected a \$5.66 billion in economic revenue generated for the state whereas FY 2005 figures reflect a \$9.12 billion revenue generation; next, Total Military Industry Employment in FY 2000 was reported as 83,506 and in FY 2005 this figure was 96,328. Overall employment attributable to the direct employment and the businesses those operations increased by more than 15%. During the same period, total economic output from Arizona's military industry increased by over 60%, while the direct output increased just less than 35%.

The Executive Summary and Full Report will be released soon and will be available on the Arizona Department of Commerce website (www.azcommerce.com). Hard copies of the Powerpoint were provided to all Commissioners present.

Discussion and Possible Action concerning Ancillary Military Facilities (Presented by Co-Chair Lisa Atkins)

Discussion focused on a draft letter prepared by Co-Chair Atkins from the GMAC to Andrew Thomas, Maricopa County Attorney regarding development in close proximity to Luke AFB, Luke Auxiliary Field One, and the Gila Bend Auxiliary Air Field. Modifications were made to the draft letter to clarify a focus on new construction vs. expansion of existing structures and remove the term "moratorium" in addition to several other minor changes. Proposition 207 implications were also discussed although it was understood that nothing could be done with relation to this issue at this time. Commissioner Stuart moved to approve the letter as modified, Commissioner Walkup seconded the motion, motion passed with Commissioner Storm abstaining and Commissioner Francis voted nay.

VI. New Business

Legislative Update, Discussion and Possible Action

Anna Chavez provided Commissioners with a handout entitled Military Bills signed into Law by Governor Napolitano as of 5/16/08 which provided summary information on ten bills ~ SB 1006, SB 1277, SB 1334, SB 1387, HB 2021, HB 2213, HB 2249, HB 2495, SB 1169, and SB 1083. She briefly reviewed these bills. A brief follow-up was also provided by Sam Wercinski, Real Estate Commissioner with regards to SB 1387 which deals with real estate disclosure and military electronic ranges. Additional information was also provided by Tracy Hannah, Policy Advisor for Regulatory Affairs.

Fort Huachuca Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action (Presented by Colonel John Bird)

A comprehensive Powerpoint was provided by Colonel Bird which reviewed the mission of Ft. Huachuca and the various tenant activities of the Fort.

VII. Calendar Dates and Locations: Upcoming GMAC Meetings

Fall Meeting ~ October 30th, 2008

Western Army Aviation Training Site ARNG (Silverbell WAATS)

VIII. Call to the Public:

No public comments were made.

IX. Adjournment

Commissioner O'Keeffe made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Storm seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.