

21st Century Partnership Quarterly Meeting

March 15, 2007

Minutes

Welcome

Chairman Byrd

Chairman Byrd called meeting to order at 10am. As the new chairman Mark Byrd indicated that the 1st 90 days in this position were showing how busy the 21st CP truly is and he sees the commitment to RAFB and the community. He thanked Chairman Emeritus Eddie Wiggins for his years of service.

Pledge/Invocation

Tom McMichael

Houston County Commissioner Tom McMichael opened with a prayer and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of December Minutes

Chairman Byrd

December minutes were approved. Motion made by Ben Hinson, Larry Harper seconds the motion.

Financial Report

Childs/Swain

MaryTherese Tebbe gave financial Report in absence of Treasurer Homer Childs. Diane Swain gave government funding report. Both reports were approved.

Larry Harper gave motion Neil Suggs seconds motion.

Capital Campaign

Asst. Tres Hinson

Ben Hinson indicated the Capital Campaign will be renamed to show a continuous effort to raise money for the Partnership. He suggested a membership drive for individuals and a partnership drive for businesses. Hinson also said the partnership needs about 75k more per year from pledges and donations.

Executive Directors Report

Ex/D Tebbe Therese

MaryTherese Tebbe gave a power point with highlights of accomplishments for the Partnership in 2006. Her Executive Directors Report for 2006 will be posted on the Partnership website.

2007-2009 Plan of Work

V/C Walker

(Committee and update)

Bob Walker introduced the Plan of Work Committee.

He gave the approach that they took in reviewing and approving the 2007-2012 Plan of Work for the 21st CP.

Walker turned Plan of Work presentation of to Gen Ron Smith.

Plan Presentation

Ron Smith

Major General Ron Smith (ret) started by giving information on what Chief of Staff General Michael Moseley would say if he were present at the meeting. He gave quotes from Moseley's testimony to Congress one week ago in Washington. He sighted the number of flying hours is the same to day as 14 years ago but with fewer planes today. Smith gave the challenge to the group to think about helping the Air Force with their issues right now or else the issues at Robins (i.e. job losses) wouldn't really matter.

Smith outlined the Plan of Work indicating the 21st CP is fully engaged in helping to attract a new flying mission for Robins, working quality of life issues, and creating a new coalition with the other ALC communities to work AF level issues.

A full copy of Gen Smith's briefing will be posted on the 21st CP website.

Discussion

Chairman Byrd

Gen Smith asked Jack Steed who heads our awards committee if we are doing enough to say thanks to the folks at Robins. Steed indicated he had to cancel last quarter's Quality award due to only three applicants. He sighted the time of year is bad because there are many Air Force Awards that have applications out at that time too.

There were no other discussion items form the group.

Next Meeting

Chairman Byrd

The next meeting was announced for Thursday June 21st at 10am.

Adjourn

Chairman Byrd

Chairman Byrd adjourned meeting at 10:49am.

1st Quarter Attendees:

Larry Harper, Lee Slade, Ronnie Sanders, James Kinchen, Chet Lowe, Billy Edenfield, Gene Rector, Bob Walker, Brad Fink, Al Jensen, Mike & Rita Hale, Megan Smith, Marty Klumpp, Nick Fuhrman, Dan Hart, George Slappey, Larry Pugh, Paul Nagle, Jack Steed, Ivan Allen, Eddie Wiggins, Bill Stembridge, Morgan Law, Steve Williams, Hobby Stripling, Patty James, Ben Hinson, Marilyn Ashmore, Tom McMichael, Jim Worrall, Don Thompson, Neil Suggs, Jimmy Autry, Ray Lightner, Bubba Edwards, Ann Gregory, Ron Carbon, Diane Swain, Ned Sanders, Ron Smith, MaryTherese Tebbe.

