

21st Century Partnership Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2017
10:00 a.m. Goodwill Industries, Macon, GA

Present: Pella Murphy, Judy Sherling, P.J. Vasquez, Darlene McLendon, Wayne Lowe, Matt Thielke, Mary Johnson, Karen Lincoln, Laura Mathis, Jacob Reynolds, J. Huff, Dan Penny, Judy Smith, Beth McLaughlin, Jack Steed, Joe Brownlee, Mike Davis, Randall Walker, Audrey Connely, Greg Ziesenhene, April Bragg, Hillary Strickland, Glen Starlnecker, Jim Taylor, Randy Toms, Robert Smith, John Hall, Mark Byrd, Bill Stembridge, Donovan Head, Ron Shipman, Rob Brooks, and Andrew Ross

Welcome

Rob Brooks

The meeting officially opened at 10:05 a.m.

Prayer/Pledge

Jack Steed

Financial Report

Wayne Lowe/Laura Mathis

Partnership report given by Wayne Lowe; County/City report given by Laura Mathis

Chairman's Update

Rob Brooks

Mr. Brooks thanked everyone for the support, introduced the federal field reps present, Head, Ziesenhene, and Ross. Also thanked the media for the positive coverage, the Counties and Cities and the state and federal legislatures for their continues support.

Executive Director Update

Dan Penny

Mr. Penny provided information on:

- The 2016 RAFB economic impact for salaries/retirement pay and contracts in Mid GA.
- The base garnering the 2016 AF Maintenance Effectiveness Award for the 2nd consecutive year and the stats that made the award possible.
- The contract the Partnership has signed with Atlanta-based Donnelly McDonald, LLC.
- Provided a legislative update;
 - Perdue visiting in Fall of 2017
 - House Bill 224, School of Choice
 - House Bill 470; Defense Community Economic Development Fund
 - Thanked the state Legislatures for their hard work.

- The Partnership infomercial that will focus on STEM degrees and careers at RAFB.
- The latest information on when a BRAC will take place is 2020 from everything that is being released
- The impact the hiring freeze has on DoD spouses.
- Union elections will take place before Aug 2017
- The possibility of workload that is performed at Robins of a repetitive nature being a candidate for automation in the future and can the aging workforce adjust to this change.
- The Partnership working with the Telegraph on presenting the Golden Eagles Award for Technology in April at the Grand Opera House in Downtown Macon
- 2018 The Partnership will award 5 - \$1,000 scholarship focusing on students in Mid GA with special consideration to those pursuing STEM degrees. Application process will begin Jan 1, 2018.
- Sponsorship & events to include: AFA Golf Tournament; Scott Memorial Golf Tournament and the 2nd annual Congressional Breakfast trip.
- Final updates; CFC application for 2017 completed; the 2016/2017 Strategic Plan being finalized; and the Partnership has updated the Sponsorship packaged for 2017.

Questions/Comments following:

1. Mr. Lowe asked if there is anything we can do to get the solar power field at the south end of the base moving forward? Rob answered that it is a GA power contract and it is still in the works, Ron Shipman and Laura Mathis are working.
2. April briefed the 23 March AIC PEO Outlook and the 4 April State of the Base luncheon.
3. It was announced that Jack Steed received a Lifetime Achievement Award by Goodwill Industries

No new/old business

- The next 21st CP meeting is scheduled for 13 June, 10:00 a.m. – Location Museum of Aviation Art Gallery
- Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



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