

**MINUTES OF  
THE EDWARDS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE  
MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2005**

President Deaver opened the meeting at 8:00 AM. Directors in attendance: Deaver, Welling, Speed, Wardlaw, Lawhon, Novinger, Jamison, Peterson. Others present: Johnstone, Greenlee, Uhazy, Moen, Maben, Barry Jung, Michelle Pando.

**Self Introductions**

Mr. Guy Greenlee introduced Mr. Barry Jung, his interim replacement when he retires the end of March and Ms. Michelle Pando, Employer's Training Resource. Ms. Pando is working on a BRAC grant and wants to work with members of ECA and others to complete the grant.

**ECA Project Status**

Land Use Compatibility -- James Welling said he had discussed this committee with Tom Weil and Tom was agreeable to serving as the committee chair. He intends to get with Dwight Deacon at Edwards to discuss issues the committee may want to get involved in.

Education -- Johnstone briefed the group on the progress of the AV Board of Trade Dialogue on Higher Education planned for May 26<sup>th</sup>. This all day event is intended to get the extended community of the Aerospace Valley involved in planning for a four year university some place in the region. In preparation for the Dialogue, working groups will be formed to identify issues that need to be addressed in the Master Plan. Letters inviting participation in these working groups hopefully will be mailed in the next couple of weeks. Johnstone said he had around 100 organizations throughout the Valley identified to receive invitations.

Dr. Les Uhazy and Johnstone visited with the President of Barstow City College and a representative of the City to discuss tying the college into the engineering program at the University Center through Distant Learning. The City and College were very interested in this possibility and also want to participate in the Master Plan effort for a four year university.

Additional volunteers are needed to participate in both of the above projects. Volunteers should contact the committee chairs.

Tom Wardlaw briefed on the new ECA web site, [www.ecateam.com](http://www.ecateam.com). Members should visit this site for a wealth of information on ECA and its efforts.

**Outlook Conference Video**

ECA purchased an additional 1,000 copies of the "Force For Tomorrow" video. Eight hundred of these copies will be distributed in the Board of Trade Outlook Conference "goodie bags". This should get wide exposure for the Edwards Community Alliance activities with community leaders.

**Community Video Showings**

Tehachapi and Rosamond have done an excellent job of showing the "Force For Tomorrow" video to community groups. In Tehachapi, Ms. Lawhon and Mr. Novinger have made showings to the Business

Outlook Conference, Lions, Kiwanis, and Chamber of Commerce. Barbara Speed and Tom Wardlaw have done an excellent job of showing the video throughout Rosamond. They have presented the video to Rotary, Rosamond Community Services District, Town Council, Senior Center and American Legion and Auxiliary. Other community representatives should use these examples for showings in their respective communities.

Dr. Uhazy and Bob Johnstone are available to discuss higher education opportunities with students after school video showings.

Supervisor Maben requested a listing of the community presentations so he can use the information for future budget discussions. Tom Wardlaw said he would provide the information to Maben.

**ACTION: TOM WARDLAW PROVIDE A LISTING OF COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS OF “A FORCE FOR TOMORROW” TO SUPERVISOR MABEN.**

**Meeting Frequency**

Tom Wardlaw suggested at the Executive Committee that the Board of directors should consider a modified meeting schedule. Johnstone suggested that ECA conduct one meeting a month and that this meeting be for **all** Board members rather than a separate meeting for the Executive Committee. This recommendation was approved by those in attendance. Lacking a quorum the recommendation will be brought to a vote at the next meeting. This recommendation was discussed and all were in favor of changing the meeting schedule to one meeting a month for all Directors.

**Financial report**

James Welling presented a financial report stating the current balance as of February 3<sup>rd</sup> is \$35, 919.21.

Johnstone said he had a Southwest Defense Alliance meeting coming up in Albuquerque on March 9 and 10. He recommended that since there still wasn't an agenda out that he not attend this meeting. He also said the Board of Trade Washington visit was scheduled for March 27-30 and one of the major topics for the visit was higher education. He suggested that he should probably make this trip but due to a medical procedure may be unable to travel. He requested that due to the rapidly approaching date of the trip that the Directors tentatively approve his travel if he is able to attend. On a motion made by Mr. Welling and seconded by Mr. Wardlaw the Directors approved the expenditure of \$1,500-\$1,700 for the travel.

**Open Discussion**

Dr. Uhazy briefed the group on the visit to Dayton he and Mr. Moen made as part of the Commander's Community Liaison visit. These trips provide an opportunity for community leaders to learn what is happening in the Air Force and particularly at their host base. It also allows them to make input to the Commanding General of the Air Force Material Command, Edwards AFB parent command.

Supervisor Maben congratulated the attendees on their continued efforts on behalf of Edwards after BRAC. He said some communities lose interest after the BRAC decisions have been made but ECA has continued this important mission to protect and enhance the Edwards mission and he applauded the efforts.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be in Boron on March 20, 2006

Respectively Submitted

Robert Johnstone  
Executive Director