

MEETING SUMMARY

Joint Land Use Study Policy Committee/Regional Coordination Committee Meeting Lake Worth Council Chambers

**Monday, March 17, 2008
1:30 p.m.**

Councilman Chuck Silcox, Committee Chair, opened the meeting with introductions. Councilman Silcox recognized the current Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Policy Committee members and introduced the new Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) members. Councilman Ron Sauma made a motion to approve the October 15, 2007, meeting summary. Councilman Carter Burdette seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilman Silcox introduced Rachel Wiggins and the next item on the agenda, Acceptance of the JLUS Report. Rachel requested the Committee's acceptance of the report as a final product for delivery to the funding agency (Department of Defense's Office of Economic Adjustment (DOD's OEA)). Rachel mentioned that the report is a library of options that local entities may choose to implement, and that it is advisory in nature. She also stated that some footnote changes will be made to the report as suggested by the Committee. Councilman Carter Burdette from Fort Worth made a motion to accept the report and Gary Robinson of Westworth Village seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The next agenda item was the Acceptance of Draft NAS JRB Regional Coordination Committee Bylaw NAS JRB RCC Bylaws. This item was deferred to the NAS JRB RCC agenda.

Michael Mallonee provided a report on the status of local government actions. He stated that all seven member entities, as well as NCTCOG's Executive Board, have passed resolutions in support of the JLUS and future formation of the RCC. He thanked the local governments for their support and timely adoption of the resolutions. Michael also stressed the importance of these actions in the continuing efforts related to the JLUS process. He also noted that the resolutions will be transmitted to the Department of Defense (DOD).

The next item on the agenda was the Recognition of Policy Committee Members. Mike Sims expressed his appreciation for the hard work of the committee members and presented each of them with a plaque commending their hard work. Bill Thornton added his gratitude and stated that the JLUS had been a successful and very important process. Councilman Carter Burdette also praised the Committee and its progress. He regrettably stated that he will no longer participate in the study process and still believes this to be a very important initiative. Councilman Burdette stated that the formation of the NAS JRB RCC was very important to the continuing success of NAS JRB.

At this point in the meeting, there were a few comments from the public. One individual stressed the consideration for acquiring and condemning residential property in the Noise and Safety Zones around the base. There was also a comment on the importance of the Statement of Principles for the NAS JRB RCC and how important it was to ensure not only the base's future but also that of the surrounding communities. There was discussion about the ability of the committee to accept non-government officials and staff members as committee members. Councilman Silcox responded by mentioning that the RCC would be comprised of local government staff and elected officials who would represent the interests of the communities and their neighborhoods.

In response to the public comments, Councilman Silcox agreed with the importance of the base and communities working together to improve the quality of life for all affected by this study. He stated that the RCC will be well suited to continue such coordination.

Fort Worth's Councilman Carter Burdette made a motion to dissolve the JLUS Policy Committee and form the NAS JRB Regional Coordination Committee (RCC). The motion was seconded by Randall Brown of White Settlement. The motion passed unanimously.

After the closing of the JLUS Policy Committee meeting, the first meeting of the RCC began. The floor was opened for nominations of new Committee Officers. Councilman Ron Sauma of Benbrook made a motion that Fort Worth's Councilman Chuck Silcox be selected as the Chairman of the RCC. Randy Skinner of Tarrant County seconded the motion and the recommendation was approved unanimously.

Councilman Gunnar Rasmussen of White Settlement made a motion that Paul Paine (Retired Captain, United States Navy) be selected as Vice Chair of the RCC. Randy Brown seconded the motion and this appointment was approved unanimously. Councilman Chuck Silcox made a motion that Councilman Ron Sauma be selected as Secretary of the RCC. Randy Skinner seconded the motion for Secretary and this appointment was approved unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Acceptance of Draft NAS JRB Regional Coordination Committee Bylaws. Rachel Wiggins noted that the bylaws were the same bylaws that were presented to the JLUS Policy Committee in October, with the exception of one Committee-requested change. She noted that on page four, Section B, the wording had been changed to mention that the term of each assigned member will be determined by the appointing entity. She also stated that the bylaws allowed for future inclusion of additional non-voting members. Mike Sims added that the Town of Lakeside, who is currently in the study area but not an active participant, could be added in the future to the RCC through adoption of a resolution in support of the JLUS. A motion to approve the bylaws was made by Dave Gattis of Benbrook, and a second was made by Paul Paine. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was an update on the status of the Department of Defense's Office of Economic Adjustment (DOD OEA) grant. Rachel Wiggins recognized John Leigh from the Department of Defense for an announcement. Mr. Leigh mentioned that the application has been informally approved and is on schedule for formal approval within the coming weeks. He stated that a few minor changes were being made and a grant announcement was forthcoming.

The next item on the agenda was the discussion of next steps. Mike Sims stated that the study was categorized into four phases. Mike informed the committee members that Phase One was the initial stage of the "Joint Land Use Study Grant." He noted that the grant was comprised of \$232,955 received from the DOD OEA with a required local in kind match of \$25,888. Mike added that Phase Two of the study can be categorized as the "Start Up Year of the RCC." He also stated that this phase of the study will be comprised of a \$192,500 grant received from the DOD with a required local in-kind match of \$27,562.

Mike clarified that Phases Three and Four will not qualify for DOD funding. Mike defined Phase Three as the "Annual Cost After Start Up," which includes staff time and administrative costs. He expressed the need for the Committee to have a strategic plan for funding for fiscal years 2009 and 2010. Mike described Phase Four as the "Future Hard Costs" which will include surface transportation improvements and land acquisitions.

Dave Gattis suggested that each city should pay per capita to make it an equal cost share based on how each city is affected. Councilman Silcox recommended that we should discuss this matter in greater detail at the next meeting. Councilman Ron Sauma asked if the cost share payments have to be paid in one large payment. Mike Sims stated that the cost share should be paid over the course of a twelve month period. Vicki Mikel then asked if there is a possibility for the cost share to be spread over a two year period. Mike replied that it is a possibility and added that Phase Two is estimated to be one year of work and that the first year could be stretched into another fiscal year pending a calendar review and final grant award from DOD.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of upcoming meeting dates and locations. Fletcher Clark III provided an update for the Committee informing them of the meeting dates for the coming calendar year. Fletcher also noted that the RCC schedule will mimic the JLUS Policy Committee schedule, with meetings held on the third Monday of each month, except in the case of extenuating circumstances.

Councilman Silcox opened the floor for other business. Rachel Wiggins noted that grant applications for encroachment partnering will be due to the Navy in the summer. She noted that NCTCOG staff will schedule a workshop in the coming months to get everyone up to speed.

Councilman Silcox thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting was adjourned.

Attendees

Elected Officials and Military Officers Present

Chuck Silcox, Chairman	Councilmember	City of Fort Worth
Carter Burdette	Councilmember	City of Fort Worth
Gunnar Rasmussen	Councilmember	City of White Settlement
Ron Sauma	Councilmember	City of Benbrook

Others Present

Neils Brown	Project Manager	Trust for Public Land
Randell Brown	Public Works Director	City of White Settlement
Fletcher Clark, III	Transportation Planner	NCTCOG
Anne Cozart	Guest	Representative Geren's Office
Keegan Drake	Guest	Representative Granger's Office
Marcia Etie	Guest	Representative Granger's Office
Shelly Harper	Guest	ELWNA
John Isbut	Guest	DoD, OEA
Patricia Lodge	Guest	Resident of Fort Worth
Renee Lamb	Director of Transportation	Tarrant County
John Leigh	Project Manager	DoD, OEA
Michael Mallonee	Transportation Planner	NCTCOG
Vicki Mikel	Assistant City Manager	City of Lake Worth
Jocelyn Murphy	Guest	City of Fort Worth
Linda Pavlik	Guest	Pavlik and Associates
Brinton Payne	Government and Urban Affairs	Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce
Gary Robinson	City Administrator	City of Westworth Village
Mike Sims	Senior Program Manager	NCTCOG
Rachel Wiggins	Principal Transportation Planner	NCTCOG
Dave Gattis	Assistant City Manager	City of Benbrook
Randy Skinner	Planning Manager	Tarrant County
Bonnel Ray	Guest	NAS JRB Fort Worth
Norm Robbins	Manager of Community Relations	Lockheed Martin
Chris Vaughn	Reporter	Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Bill Thornton	President and CEO	Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce
Joe Waller	Guest	Resident of Fort Worth
Meredith Whitten	Guest	Student
Ron Wooten	Guest	Resident of Fort Worth