



Meeting Summary

**NAS Fort Worth JRB Regional Coordination Committee
January 27, 2020
1:30 p.m.**

**Benbrook Public Library
1065 Mercedes Street
Benbrook, TX 76126**

The Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base (NAS Fort Worth JRB) Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) convened at 1:30 p.m. on January 27, 2020. The meeting was hosted by the City of Benbrook at the Benbrook Public Library.

Voting Members in Attendance

Dennis Shingleton, Chair, City of Fort Worth
Debbie Whitley, Vice Chair, City of Lake Worth
Randy Skinner, Treasurer, Tarrant County
Stacey Almond, City of Lake Worth
Mike Coleman, City of Westworth Village
Councilmember Laura Mackey, City of Benbrook
Councilmember Larry Marshall, City of Benbrook
Councilmember Paul Moore, City of White Settlement
Sterling Naron, City of Westworth Village
Paul Paine, City of Fort Worth

Non-Voting Members in Attendance

Dan Kessler, NCTCOG
Captain Jonathan Townsend, NAS Fort Worth JRB

Others Present

Charles C. Anderson, Fort Worth Air Power Council
Jay Bernstein, NAS JRB Fort Worth
Randy Cason, 301 FW/Carswell Air Force Base
Dan Chisholm, City of River Oaks
Jim Diggs, Ridgmar
Phil Dupler, Trinity Metro
Laura Evans, City of Fort Worth
John Fissette, Fort Worth Air Power Council
Jessica Gross, NAS JRB Fort Worth
Chris Hanna, TX Army National Guard
Tal Milan, Air Power Council
Evelyn Muelder, ELWNA
James Myrick, City of River Oaks

Drew Nilsson, NAS JRB Fort Worth
Dan Novak, City of Westworth Village
Dave O'Lenick, Sheraton Fort Worth
Jamie Patel, Michael Baker International
Andy Patras, GK Development/Ridgmar Mall
Larry Patterson, Ridgmar Neighborhood Assn.
Roger Peimann, Fort Worth Air Traffic Control
Rebecca Rodriguez, Office of Congresswoman Kay Granger
Missy Roth, ELWNA
Ron Rudder, City of Fort Worth
Ron Sauma
Richard Tharp, City of White Settlement
Jeff Thomas, YMCA
Michael Wasser
Jim Wilson, Benbrook Council
Ron Wooten, ELWNA

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance

Kimberly Wilder
Amanda Wilson



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Meeting Summary Outline

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge, Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of October 21, 2019 Meeting Summary (Action)
3. Series on NAS JRB Fort Worth Tenant Commands: Presentation 1 – Texas Air National Guard 136th
4. Update on F-35 Environmental Impact Statement, RCC Position of Support (Action)
5. Formation of Legislative Subcommittee
6. Formation of Bylaws Subcommittee
7. Comments on FAA's UAS Remote ID Proposed Rule (Action)
8. Development Review Project Update
9. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update
10. Administrative Updates
 - Scheduling Update
 - West Tarrant Alliance Group Scheduling Update
 - Transportation Project Implementation Update
 - Media Alerts
 - Correspondence
 - Attendance Report
11. Public Comments

Item 1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge, Welcome and Introductions:

Councilmember Dennis Shingleton called the Committee to order at 1:30 p.m.

Item 2. Approval of October 21, 2019, Meeting Summary (Action):

The motion to approve amended minutes was requested by Councilmember Dennis Shingleton. Amanda Wilson modified the minutes to include public comments. Paul Paine made the motion. Sterling Naron seconded the motion. The meeting summary for October 21, 2019, passed unanimously.

Item 3. Series on NAS JRB Fort Worth Tenant Commands: Presentation 1 – Texas Air National Guard 136th:

Lieutenant Colonel Kurt Anderson of the Texas Air National Guard 136th gave an overview of the group's mission. The presentation also covered a proposed UAS innovation zone by Texas UAS Werx. Lt. Col. Anderson said this proposed zone could possibly affect the multiple military units as well as Lockheed Martin. Lt. Col. Anderson discussed meetings that have been held to attempt to deconflict all of the operations, with those meetings still ongoing. Councilman Shingleton asked why UAS Werx opposes the option of moving south. Lt. Col. Anderson responded that when the question is raised, the company has not responded directly. Councilman Shingleton mentioned that legislative action could be needed in the future. Dan Kessler said Mineral Wells skies are crowded and that UAS Werx will eventually need an FAA permit for drone operations beyond the line of sight, but does not have such a permit at this time. Dan would like the FAA to declare Fort Wolters airspace off limits unless you have permission to fly. He said it's time for the FAA and the federal government to get involved in the airspace issue because it's a major one.



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Item 4. Update on F-35 Environmental Impact Statement, RCC Position of Support (Action):

Lieutenant Colonel Jay Bernstein, from the 301st Fighter Wing, conducted a presentation on the F-35 Draft Environmental Impact Statement. An overview of the F-35 capabilities was provided. Colonel Randy Casson, Vice Commander of the 301st Fighter Wing, provided an overview of the transition of the base from combat F-16s to F-35s should NAS JRB Fort Worth be the chosen site. The project will require \$100 million of construction and renovation. Captain Jessica A. Gross, also from the 301st Fighter Wing, was present to answer questions after the presentation. Councilman Shingleton said the RCC will prepare a formalized letter of support to provide before the submittal deadline date. A motion to approve the RCC Position of Support of the selection of the base as the operation center for the F-35 was requested by Councilman Shingleton. Paul Paine made the motion, Sterling Naron seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

Item 5. Formation of Legislative Subcommittee:

Councilmember Dennis Shingleton made a request to the committee for three or four members to form a legislative subcommittee. He said there will be one or two meetings held and would only take one afternoon of members' time.

Item 6. Formation of Bylaws Subcommittee:

Councilmember Dennis Shingleton made a request to the committee for three or four members to participate in a subcommittee to review needed changes to committee bylaws. He also said there will be a review of other issues such as awkward election times.

Item 7. Comments on FAA's UAS Remote ID Proposed Rule (Action):

Amanda Wilson said the FAA released a UAS Remote ID Proposed Rule that will allow for remote identification of drones by enabling traffic management and allowing for flights beyond a visual line of sight when the proper transmission of identity is located. She said there are two mode designations for all new drones: "Standard" (drone ID and location can be broadcasted over an internet connection with permission to be flown beyond the line of sight) and "Limited" (drone ID and location will not be broadcasted, but can only be flown four feet away from its operator). Amanda recommended a letter of support for these proposed regulations to the FAA by their March 2 deadline date. Paul Paine made a motion to tentatively proceed to create the letter of support and present it to the committee for approval. The motion was seconded by Mike Coleman. It was passed unanimously.

Item 8. Development Review Project Update:

Amanda Wilson said one project was submitted in the Development Review tool since the last meeting. One comment was from the base in regard to noise decibel levels of 65-70 range from the construction of a residential duplex located in an existing subdivision. Amanda said an RCC letter has been created to send to the City of Fort Worth.

Item 9. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update:

Captain Jonathan Townsend conducted a slide presentation of his update on the NAS JRB Fort Worth. Some notable events that occurred are: the Texas Military Summit that was held in Austin



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in January with discussions including the replacement of the Texas Commanders Council chair and the issue of drones; the change of command is scheduled to take place on Thursday, April 23; the upcoming military special operations exercise in which the base will serve as host in March; and the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) proposal layout which includes a new Fleet and Family Services Center and three Navy colleges for active and reserve personnel and their families. Captain Townsend said he will bring his replacement to the April 20 RCC meeting which will be his last.

Item 10. Administrative Updates:

- **Scheduling Update:** The next RCC meeting will take place Monday, April 20, 2020 in Lake Worth.
- **West Tarrant Alliance Group Scheduling Update:** The next meeting is Thursday, February 6 at the River Oaks Community Center.
- **Transportation Project Implementation Update:** Dan Kessler said a lot is happening involving transportation projects. He stated the Westworth Village Bike Trail is currently under construction with completion occurring within a three month timeframe.
- **Media Alerts:** Included in the packets.
- **Correspondence:** No correspondence to share at this time.
- **Attendance Reports:** Included in the packets.

Item 11. Public Comments:

No public comments were made during the meeting.