



Meeting Summary

**NAS JRB Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee
January 22, 2024
1:30 p.m.**

**Pecan Grove Conference Center
405 N. Las Vegas Trail
White Settlement, TX 76108**

The Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth (NAS JRB Fort Worth) Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) convened at 1:30 p.m. on January 22, 2024. The meeting was hosted by the City of White Settlement.

Voting Members in Attendance

Mike Coleman, Chair, City of Westworth Village
Councilmember Dr. Larry Marshall, Vice Chair,
City of Benbrook
Jeff James, Treasurer, City of White Settlement
Dan Chisholm, Secretary, City of River Oaks
Jack Adkison, City of River Oaks
Stacey Almond, City of Lake Worth
Councilmember Michael D. Crain, City of Fort
Worth
Councilmember Macy Hill, City of Fort Worth
Councilmember Brian Libbey, City of Westworth
Village
Councilmember Laura Mackey, City of
Benbrook
Councilmember Paul Moore, City of White
Settlement
Randy Skinner, Tarrant County
Councilmember Gary Stuard, City of Lake
Worth

Non-Voting Members in Attendance

Andi Arabie, Benbrook Chamber of Commerce
Charlie Cripliver, The Office of Representative
Kay Granger
Jennifer DeWitt, The Office of Representative
Craig Goldman
Chad Edwards, Trinity Metro
Ann Elias, White Settlement Chamber of
Commerce
CAPT Beau Hufstetler, NAS JRB Fort Worth
Dan Kessler, NCTCOG
Ricky Langton, Camp Carter YMCA
Kit Marshall, Greater Fort Worth Association of
REALTORS
Audra Mead, White Settlement Chamber of
Commerce

Maj. Gen. Kevin Pottinger, Texas Military
Preparedness Commission
Brinda Rhodes, White Settlement Chamber of
Commerce
Maritta Sumner, Governor’s Committee to
Support the Military

Others Present

Korin Adkins, Texas Department of
Transportation (TxDOT)
Andi Arabie, Benbrook Chamber of Commerce
Paul Conley, TxDOT
Christopher Cook, Chief of Police, City of White
Settlement
Jennifer Dewitt, Office of Rep. Craig Goldman
Marvin Gregory, City of River Oaks
Lt. Col. Chris Hanna, Texas Army National
Guard
Col. Benjamin Harrison, 301st Fighter Wing
Chris Hocate, Vice President, Lamb-Star
Engineering
Larry Hoover, City of White Settlement
Darren Houk, City of River Oaks
Doug Howard, City of Benbrook
Dillon Maroney, Tarrant County Precinct 4
Stephen Murray, City of Fort Worth
James Myrick, City of River Oaks
Dan Novak, Westworth Village
Amelia Owre, NAS JRB Fort Worth
T.J. Patterson, City of Fort Worth
Sarah Rogers, Trinity Metro
Craig Shattuck, Naval Criminal Investigation
Service
Jill Van Hoewyk, Lamb-Star Engineering
Ron Wooten, East Lake Worth Neighborhood
Association
Faron Young, Mayor, City of White Settlement

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NCTCOG Staff in Attendance

Jackie Castillo
Jessica Cordova
Kyle Roy
Amanda Wilson

Meeting Summary Outline

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3. Approval of October 16, 2023, Meeting Summary (Action)
4. RCC Video Presentation
5. Tenant Command Presentation: Naval Criminal Investigation Service
6. Annual Review of Non-Voting Member Attendance (Possible Action)
7. Community Noise Mitigation Program
8. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update
9. RCC Development Review Tool Update
10. JLUS Update
11. Staff Reports, Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG
 - Defense Community Safety and Security Committee Update, Dan Kessler, NCTCOG
 - Transportation Project Implementation Update (Meandering Road), Dan Kessler, NCTCOG
 - Scheduling Update
 - Media Alerts
 - Correspondence
 - Attendance Report

Item 1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge

Chair Mike Coleman called the Committee to order at 1:30 p.m.

Item 2. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair opened the meeting with committee and audience member introductions.

Item 3. Approval of October 16, 2023, Meeting Summary (Action)

The motion to approve the meeting summary was made by Mr. Jeff James, White Settlement City Manager. Fort Worth Councilmember Michael Crain seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4. RCC Video Presentation

The Chair spoke about a Nov. 9 presentation to the Regional Transportation Council and awarding that body a challenge coin in gratitude for their support and funding. The presentation included a video about the committee's work on regional integration efforts. The Chair stated that the video would be made available for use by committee members. Dan Kessler thanked the Chair for his efforts and expounded on the RTC's recent acquisition of properties near the base's runway and funding support for the Meandering Road and Las Vegas Trail projects. Dan closed by saying that this was a great opportunity to bring the groups together for the first time and

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present the RCC's new challenge coin to them. He said RTC members expressed admiration and appreciation following the presentation. He also provided a short overview of the RTC and explained how NCTCOG provides administrative support. Following a viewing of the video, the Chair said NCTCOG staff would provide a link to members.

Item 5. Tenant Command Presentation: Naval Criminal Investigation Service

The Chair introduced the meeting's tenant command presentation from Mr. Craig Shattuck of the Naval Criminal Investigation Service (NCIS). Mr. Shattuck said he was grateful for the opportunity to explain the importance of NCIS for local organizations. He said is a civilian law enforcement agency that allows them to work for and with the military chain of command. He shared that his jurisdiction stretches over the entire southeastern United States and conducts criminal and counterintelligence operations. He said that he is a counterintelligence agent and likened NCIS's jurisdiction to that of the FBI, with the primary delineation being the involvement of US Naval property or personnel. He stated that because of the small size of the service, they focus very heavily on engagement and leveraging partnerships to accomplish their mission, emphasizing that teamwork brings successful outcomes to all parties involved. He then introduced a brief video that provided an overview of NCIS.

Following the video, Mr. Shattuck opened the floor for questions. The Chair asked where his agents worked. Mr. Shattuck stated that while he is located in the Dallas office, his team is stationed locally in San Antonio, Houston, Oklahoma, and at other locations in the Southeast. Dan Kessler asked him to share the significance of NAS JRB for NCIS operations. Mr. Shattuck said that his office recently moved from Arlington to NAS JRB to foster closer ties with the base. The move also enabled his office to stand up and promulgate teams of counterintelligence experts that work in "fused" environments, several of which are in operation now. Chief Christopher Cook thanked Mr. Shattuck for his work in integrating security and law enforcement efforts between the base and local departments.

Item 6. Annual Review of Non-Voting Member Attendance (Possible Action)

The Chair reminded the assembled that the committee's bylaws require an annual review of non-voting member attendance and introduced Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG, to present the review. Amanda stated that staff reviewed the attendance for CY 2023 and was impressed by the non-voting member attendance. She said there were one or two entities that would need to appoint a new member as the prior representative had moved on. She then shared the list of all current non-voting entities and asked the RCC to confirm the membership roster.

Fort Worth Councilmember Michael Crain asked why there were not representatives from the Office of Representative Charlie Geren or the Office of Senator Phil King listed, given that portions of these districts falls within the RCC's purview. Amanda said that NCTCOG staff had contacted Rep. Geren's office about this subject in the past, but they had not responded. She said that if the Office did express a desire to be represented then that would be presented to the RCC as an action item regarding their inclusion. She said staff would continue outreach efforts.

The Chair then called for a motion to confirm the roster. The motion to confirm was made by Mr. Jack Adkison. Mr. Jeff James seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Item 7. Community Noise Mitigation Program

The Chair recognized Amanda Wilson to update the committee on the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation's (OLDCC) Community Noise Mitigation Program. Amanda said the recent workshop held for voting members in November was a success. She then moved to a brief explanation of the program, stating that it is a federally funded initiative through the Department of Defense (DOD) that focuses on mitigating military aircraft noise impacts on covered facilities that include, but are not limited to, residential properties, hospitals, day care centers, and schools. She said that the notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) had not yet been issued and was being delayed, meaning there was still time for the RCC to consider whether there would be a benefit from participating in the program. Funding is allocated between active installations and national guard/reserve bases, which NAS JRB would qualify for in addition to a special consideration regarding new technologies introduced at installations after 2019, including the F-35. Based on the workshop, she said NCTCOG is reaching out to school districts and would be coordinating that effort with the base.

The Chair clarified that an action from the RCC would be needed once the final application guidance was released. Amanda affirmed the clarification and expounded on some of the potential program requirements, including the local match and acoustic testing for structures, which would impose pre-grant costs on applicants. Dan Kessler said NCTCOG would be willing to administer the program if the RCC chose to submit an application. The Chair asked in general when they could expect the F-35 jet to be fielded to units at NAS JRB. CAPT Hufstetler responded that they expected to take possession of the first operational platforms in August 2024.

Item 8. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update

The Chair then introduced Captain (CAPT) Beau Hufstetler to provide the base update. CAPT Hufstetler opened his statement by sharing a story of flying and working with the prior base commander, CAPT McLean, and shared his hope to continue his work. He also thanked the RCC for welcoming him to his new command. He shared that his first 60 days on the job had been focused on meeting leaders on the base and reviewing processes. He proceeded to outline an itemized schedule of his command priorities over the next 12 months:

- February will be primarily an assessment month for the base. This entails force protection and security response exercises. Base commands and personnel will be evaluated on all aspects of operations in the security domain. He supplemented that his command was working closely with local law enforcement to coordinate these operations. Additionally, he asked for patience if the increased security posture at the base contributed to traffic and congestion times as they conduct these exercises.
- March will involve preparations for the upcoming airshow, and he spoke about the traffic, security, and parking planning that was being undertaken by stakeholders in preparation for this event. He shared that a representative of the Blue Angels flight team expressed the excitement of the unit to visit and perform in the DFW area. He asked that any ongoing questions or concerns be directed to Commander (CDR) Tom Kuhrt. He updated the committee on the movement of several static jet displays off of the base and onto displays within bordering communities.

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- He provided an update on the approval of Phase 3 funding for the flightline security grant and thanked the RCC for their support, especially Major General (MG) Kevin Pottinger and the Texas Military Preparedness Commission.
- He shared that one of his immediate priorities is supporting a Department of Defense-wide initiative to address quality of life and quality of service concerns for military members. Therefore, he and his team are focusing on two barracks buildings on base that house junior personnel and need improvements. Also, he said the base is in need of a replacement switching substation.
- Finally, he addressed the burgeoning competition for professional talent and how that is impacting the DoD and his command. He asked for the support of the RCC in addressing recruiting goals.

The Chair commented favorably on CAPT Hufstetler's sense of humor. Councilmember Darby stated his appreciation for the efforts of the 14th Marine Artillery Regiment in moving the static jet displays to support community outreach efforts.

Item 9. RCC Development Review Tool Update

The Chair introduced the review tool and its purpose as a project review clearinghouse for stakeholders to assess impacts of proposed projects on the local community and military operations. Kyle Roy, NCTCOG, then provided an overview of the tool and a recent project. He thanked the RCC members for submitting comments and explained that updates to the tool had been applied to make commenting easier.

City of White Settlement, Project 168— The property is currently a U-Haul facility and is located at 1000 Alta Mere Drive (1000 State Highway 183). The project is platting and construction of two new multi-story buildings to be used for commercial storage. The parcel falls within the 80 dB Noise Contour and the Accident Potential Zone (APZ) I of NAS JRB Fort Worth. The site is located south of the base's runway. Warehousing and storage uses are generally compatible in the 80 dB noise contour and APZ I, but the property owner should coordinate with city staff and the base to ensure recommended sound attenuation and maximum floor to area ratio measures are taken in office areas or any areas where the public is received. In addition, the Federal Aviation Administration letter provided by the city addresses concerns about height obstructions for multi-story facilities located south of the runway. Comments and votes from RCC members and their delegates supported the staff assessment.

City of White Settlement, Project 169— The property is currently a Lowe's store and is located at 600 State Highway 183 east of the base. The project is a replat of the 15.96-acre property, which would be divided into 15.37-acre and 0.59-acre lots, with the larger lot continuing to be occupied by Lowe's. On the smaller lot, the developer would construct a new building to be occupied by Brakes Plus, an auto service specialty shop. The parcel falls within the 75 dB Noise Contour and is not located in an Accident Potential Zone (APZ). The proposed action is consistent with Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) recommendations. Repair services are generally compatible in the 75 dB noise contour, but the property owner should coordinate with city staff to ensure a noise level reduction of 30 dB is achieved in office areas or any areas where the public is received. Comments and votes from RCC members and their delegates supported the staff assessment.

Item 10. JLUS Update

The Chair then asked Amanda Wilson to provide the committee with a JLUS update. Amanda said NCTCOG is working on the implementation phase of recommendations from the 2018 study and said that current funding will be expended over the course of the next two months. In that time, staff will focus on closing out current projects and produce a final report. This information will be shared with the RCC when it is finished. She said that since there were several recommendations from the study that NCTCOG were not able to implement within the current grant staff would be applying for a second implementation grant through OLDCC. Another grant for Military Installation Resilience will identify community concerns that may have an impact on base operational function in the future, including stormwater and infrastructure issues. She said this grant would identify future needs and funding opportunities. Furthermore, staff are working with local communities and FEMA on the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program (BRIC), which has assigned technical experts from FEMA to study stormwater, runoff, and other water concerns affecting the base. That technical team will visit within the next few months to create an action plan that will help future grant applications. Amanda also discussed recent work on the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) program. REPI looks for open spaces that can be preserved for compatibility with the military mission.

Item 11. Staff Reports, Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG

- **Defense Community Safety and Security Committee Update:** Dan Kessler shared that Paul Paine had left NCTCOG for an opportunity with the City of Fort Worth. He then provided an update on preparations for the Wings Over Cowtown Airshow, which is expected to draw 150,000 people in April. He explained that while the military cannot charge for admission to the airshow, there are extensive costs that the RTC is helping cover, including parking. NCTCOG has been working with local establishments, property owners, and charter companies to organize parking and shuttle services. Although admission is free, attendees will need tickets to park and utilize shuttle services. He thanked all involved parties for their work to coordinate logistics for this event.

In addition, Dan provided updates on the following items:

- Progress is being made on clearing brush from the base fence line, especially its southern perimeter.
- A land swap between the Knights of Columbus and the City of White Settlement is almost ready to proceed. The City will acquire land in the Clear Zone and gift it to the Department of Defense for preservation.
- There is an ongoing effort to address security concerns on the land the City of White Settlement acquired from Cowtown BBQ. A new fence and other security control measures are necessary.
- Great attention is being paid to UAS detection and law enforcement. The committee is working with the base, law enforcement, and other parties to implement and enforce recent changes to state code that allow the prosecution of individuals that violate security protocols related to impeding military operations with privately operated UAS. He cautioned that enforcement would not necessarily be punitive and that the penultimate concern is the safety of military operators and the local communities. This effort will be supported by an upcoming series of workshops over the coming months.

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The Chair asked whether there would be any specific effort to advise airshow attendees about restrictions for drone operations during the airshow. CAPT Hufstetler said they had conducted a series of press releases on this issue that would be increased as the date for the airshow grows closer. Dan added that NCTCOG had developed a welcome packet that addresses drone operations in local communities around the base, and Kyle Roy said he had made arrangements to distribute the packets to city staff at the meeting's conclusion. Fort Worth Councilmember Macy Hill asked if the UAS flyer had been made available in a digital format. Dan said the both the flyer and packet would be provided electronically after the meeting. Vice Chair Larry Marshall asked if there had been any law enforcement actions taken against drones at a recent Blue Angels airshow. Dan said he was not sure, but that NAS JRB regularly experienced drone encroachment and base staff were actively monitoring this issue.

- **Transportation Project Implementation Update (Meandering Road):** Dan provided updates on several projects:
 - Meandering Road: Property appraisals have been completed, work contracts have been extended, and construction on the River Oaks section can move forward when property acquisition is complete. Most of the property acquisitions will not be large or intrusive. The estimated final price for property acquisition is \$25 million, and this funding has been secured.
 - Las Vegas Trail: Environmental review is complete, and work to acquire right of way and finalize the design has begun. Construction will begin no later than 2025.
 - State Highway 199: Design is being finalized, construction is expected to begin in 2026.
 - Interstate Highway 30 Improvements: Preserving access to Lockheed Martin Boulevard is a key element of this project. Despite challenges, design work and public meetings are continuing.
- **Scheduling Update:** The next RCC meeting will take place Monday, April 15, 2024, at Lockheed Martin.
- **Media Alerts:** Included in the packets.
- **Correspondence:** Included in the packets.
- **Attendance Reports:** Included in the packets.