



Meeting Summary

**NAS JRB Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee
October 17, 2022
1:30 p.m.**

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

The Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth (NAS JRB Fort Worth) Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) convened at 1:30 p.m. on October 17, 2022. The meeting was hosted by the City of Benbrook.

Voting Members in Attendance

Mike Coleman, Chair, City of Westworth Village
Councilmember Dr. Larry Marshall, Vice Chair,
City of Benbrook
Councilmember Dan Chisholm, Secretary,
City of River Oaks
Jeff James, Treasurer, City Manager, City of
White Settlement
Ron Douglas, City of Sansom Park
Councilmember Leonard Firestone, 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

US Representative Kay Granger
Eric Greenman
CDR Gregg Hazlett, Chaplain,
NAS JRB Fort Worth
SSgt., Njie Hightower, 301st Fighter Wing
Jim Hinderaker, City of Benbrook
Courtney Holt, The Office of Texas Senator
Kelly Hancock
Doug Howard, City of Benbrook
Rick Langton, YMCA Camp Carter
Lenny Lasher, Castleberry ISD
Steve Montgomery, Fort Worth Chamber
of Commerce
Stephen Murray, City of Fort Worth
James Myrick, City of River Oaks
Dan Novak
Amelia Owre
T.J. Patterson, City of Fort Worth
Texas Senator Beverly Powell
Brinda Rhodes, White Settlement Chamber of
Commerce
Col. Gregg Russell, 301st Fighter Wing
Maritta Sumner, Fort Worth Air Power Council
Jason Ward, City of Benbrook
Jaclyn West, Lake Worth ISD
Susan Young, Tarrant County

Non-Voting Members in Attendance

Terri Davis, Benbrook Area Chamber
of Commerce
Chad Edwards, Trinity Metro
Dan Kessler, NCTCOG
Captain Mark McLean, NAS JRB Fort Worth
Tina Nikolic, Tarrant Regional Water District

Others Present

Tim Brestowski, The Office of Senator Beverly
Powell
Paul Conley, Texas Department of
Transportation
Charlie Cripliver, The Office of US
Representative Kay Granger
Phil Dupler, Trinity Metro
Maribel Gallardo, Greater Fort Worth
Association of Realtors

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance

Nick Allen
Jaclym Castillo
Paul Paine
Kyle Roy
Kim Wilder

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Meeting Summary Outline

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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 July 18, 2022 Meeting Summary (Action)

The motion to approve the meeting summary was made by Randy Skinner. Dr. Larry Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4. 2023-2024 Officer Nominations

Randy Skinner presented the Nominating Subcommittee's recommendations for the 2023-2024 RCC officers. The subcommittee recommended nominating each of the current officers for a second two-year term. No additional nominations were received from the floor. An officer election will be held at the Jan. 23, 2023 meeting.

The 2023-2024 officer nomination slate is as follows:

- Chair: Mike Coleman, City of Westworth Village
- Vice Chair: Councilmember Dr. Larry Marshall, City of Benbrook
- Secretary: Councilmember Dan Chisholm, City of River Oaks
- Treasurer: Jeff James, City of White Settlement

Item 5. Challenge Coin Presentation: U.S. Rep. Kay Granger and TX Sen. Beverly Powell

The Chair provided background on the RCC and read its mission statement. The committee created NAS JRB Fort Worth RCC challenge coins to provide a token of gratitude to individuals who have made a meaningful contribution to the RCC. Coins are given to including legislators, local elected officials, outgoing RCC members and key base personnel for their support of NAS JRB Fort Worth and our surrounding defense communities. Captain Mark McLean joined the Chair in presenting Challenge Coins to US Rep. Kay Granger, who as the first female mayor of Fort Worth led successful efforts to preserve the military installation at Carswell Field by establishing the first ever Joint Reserve Base, and Senator Beverly Powell, who authored SB 149 to restrict the operation of unmanned aircraft over military installations. Both legislators were given awards and a standing round of applause in honor of their efforts to support NAS JRB Fort Worth and defense communities in Tarrant County.

Item 6. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update

Captain Mark McLean provided updates on several items. He first spoke on the topic of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and showed a video of a drone interfering with aircraft at a Blue Angels airshow. He said drones are becoming the base's largest encroachment issue. He praised SB 149, which added military installations to the list of critical infrastructure facilities in Texas where use of drones is restricted, although the law was recently declared unconstitutional. Capt. McLean also said the base had installed a NINJA counter-UAS system that allows the base to detect, control, and seize unauthorized drones in the base's airspace. He said the base currently has the technical ability to capture unauthorized drones but lacks legal authority to do so. 10 U.S. Code § 130i provides legal authority for some military facilities, but he has advised his superiors that US Navy bases should be added to the list of facilities in Sec. 130i.

Capt. McLean said part of the base's runway was being repaired, and the full runway would reopen in December. Also, he extended an invitation to attend the base's Navy 10 Miler run to be held Saturday, Nov. 12. Last year, almost 500 runners participated, and there will also be a five-mile option this year. In addition, he said NAS JRB is expected to be designated to host an airshow on the Blue Angels' 2024 schedule, which will be their first airshow at the base in nine years.

Councilmember Brian Libbey asked for a report on the base's September "Media Day" event. Capt. McLean said it was attended by WFAA, NBC5, Spectrum and the Fort Worth Report. The base provided a brief and tour of the base and allowed journalists to enter aircraft and the control tower. He said the event was very successful and noted that WFAA would like to partner on future stories.

Item 7. NAS JRB Fort Worth Tenant Commands Series: Religious Ministry Services

Capt. McLean introduced Commander Gregg Hazlett, Chaplain for NAS JRB Fort Worth, to the committee so he could give an overview of the base's Religious Ministry Services. Cmdr. Hazlett has served as a chaplain in the US Navy for 16 years and was enlisted for an additional two years. He has served two Navy tours in Afghanistan and also completed a tour on an aircraft carrier. Cmdr. Hazlett said the primary mission and responsibility of a Navy chaplain is the spiritual and emotional well-being of servicemembers and their dependents. He is ordained as an

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Evangelical Christian pastor, but his responsibilities are threefold: Provide, Facilitate, and Care. He provides services (including weddings and funerals) to meet the spiritual needs of anyone that identifies as an Evangelical Christian. He facilitates the exercise of religious freedom by servicemembers of all faith traditions, and he cares for all servicemembers by providing counseling, suicide prevention, and life coaching, including for servicemembers who do not identify with any religious faith. Cmdr. Hazlett said 80% of his time is spent on care and noted that suicide prevention is a significant part of his work. One unique aspect of being a chaplain is that they have a responsibility to keep all of their private conversations confidential.

The Chair expressed his admiration for the efforts the US Navy makes to connect servicemembers to their families during deployments. Cmdr. Hazlett explained that in warzones chaplains are non-combatants and may not carry a weapon. Instead, chaplains must rely on combat servicemembers to act as their bodyguards. He said a chaplain is asked to bring the presence of God with them into the field of combat. In a warzone, a chaplain may perform last rites, provide counseling or comfort the injured. In the US Navy, there is only one chaplain for every 1,400 servicemembers, and Cmdr. Hazlett operates in his role on a full-time basis.

Item 8. Legislative Program for 88th Texas Legislature (Action)

Nick Allen provided an overview of the RCC's proposed program for the 88th Texas Legislature. He presented the legislative program as information item at the last RCC meeting held July 18, 2022. Nick began by reviewing dates of interest for the legislative session, noting that it will convene on Jan. 10, 2023. He then read the program's Preamble and outlined the RCC's proposed legislative priorities. Nick said the issue of prohibiting unmanned aircraft activities that may impede or disrupt safe military operations is expected to be revisited during the session, since a court had ruled that the law listing military installations as critical infrastructure was unconstitutional on First Amendment grounds. Dan Kessler added that the ruling is currently being appealed. A motion to approve the proposed Legislative Program was made by Councilmember Dan Chisholm. Councilmember Laura Mackey seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 9. Recent Flood Events and Stormwater Mitigation

Kyle Roy gave a presentation on Recent Flood Events and Stormwater Mitigation. He reviewed and presented photos of stormwater damage caused by the flood event that occurred on Aug. 22, 2022. Photos and video showed flooding in Westworth Village at the Hawks Creek Golf Course and Pumphrey underpass and in White Settlement on Las Vegas Trail, at the NAS JRB Fort Worth runway underpass, and at the base's commercial gate access road at Farmers Branch Creek. Dan Kessler said all of these flooding events are infrastructure resiliency issues that will need to be fixed. Kyle asked the committee to send any other photos to NCTCOG staff to help document the need in future grant applications.

The City of White Settlement, with assistance from NCTCOG staff and consultant Brian Darby with JD Engineering, submitted an application to the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program. The total cost of the project is \$1.8 million, and the application was \$1.2 million in federal funding. White Settlement is providing a 30% local match requirement. The project will construct new drainage improvements to prevent flooding in existing residential areas, protecting the base as well as an adjacent Texas National Guard facility and industrial properties. The

design phase of the project ended in September 2022. The construction phase is expected to begin in July 2023 and end in July 2024.

As an information item, Kyle gave an overview of the Integrated Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure Study. This study involves NCTCOG and the US Army Corps of Engineers and partners, including the Tarrant Regional Water District, collaborating on the project to aid communities in proactively integrating stormwater management, urban development, transportation, and environmental planning. Most of the study planning has occurred in the surrounding counties of Denton, Wise, Parker and Johnson. NCTCOG's Director of Transportation has made this study a priority and stakeholder engagement began in August. The study goals are to address vulnerable and critical infrastructure assets, reduce flood risk, minimize lifecycle costs, and provide environmental and ecosystem benefits to communities.

Item 10. Base Community Security/Emergency Response Coordination

Paul Paine gave a presentation on Base Community Security/Emergency Response Coordination, which is one of the tasks in the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) implementation grant. NAS JRB is focusing on working with communities outside of the base to improve its security. The base has submitted a DEAG grant for additional security technology inside the fence line. Paul is working with communities around the base to improve perimeter security partnerships through the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) federal grant program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The UASI program is used to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism, and he observed that any threat to the base would affect surrounding communities. Paul said the objective is to work together to make the base's perimeter safer. In North Texas, the cities of Dallas, Fort Worth and Arlington work with NCTCOG to acquire UASI funding. Paul said over \$100 million in UASI funding has been received to date, and more funding has recently been approved by FEMA. Paul said he would like to create a partnership (working through the City of Fort Worth) to secure resources for the communities surrounding the base, beginning with police forces and first responders.

The Chair asked if this effort would have the capability to respond to a multi-drone attack on the base. Paul explained that the base would identify the threat and communicate it to outside security immediately to apprehend the drone operators. He said UASI funds will help enhance communication and response times in active security situations. A planning meeting with the police chiefs of White Settlement and Fort Worth is being scheduled. Capt. McLean noted that the FBI should be involved in planning as well; he said there were also concerns about how to respond to an active shooter at the base. The base has a goal to host a quarterly communications coordination event with local police departments. Paul said this project would require a multiyear approach.

Item 11. Non-Voting Member Outreach

Kyle Roy presented an update on the committee's outreach efforts to current and prospective non-voting members. He said the RCC approved bylaws this past January, including a new requirement to conduct an annual review of the committee's non-voting membership. Kyle said NCTCOG staff met with the RCC officers to identify prospective members and develop a plan to check in with current members. Prospective non-voting members include the NAS JRB Fort Worth tenant commands, Texas Military Preparedness Commission, Fort Worth Air Power Council, National Defense Industry Association, Greater Fort Worth Association of Realtors, State

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and federal Legislators, and Lake Worth and Castleberry school districts. The officers will present a final list of proposed non-voting members at the January RCC meeting, and action to approve the updated roster of non-voting members will take place at that time. Kyle also welcomed non-voting members in attendance and asked them to reach out should they need any additional information.

Item 12. Development Review Tool Projects

Kyle Roy presented two projects submitted to the online Development Review Tool:

- **Westworth Village: Project 159**— The proposed project is a new mixed-use development on a vacant 2.39-acre lot located on Hawks Creek Avenue. The project is also located immediately east of the runway at NAS JRB Fort Worth. The site plan calls for two building structures with 107 surface parking spaces. Both buildings are planned to have three floors with a maximum height of 60 feet, which will require a variance from the city's 35-foot height maximum ordinance. The property falls within the 70 dB Noise Contour but does not lie within the Accident Potential Zones of NAS JRB Fort Worth. A letter was provided to the city stating the proposed action is consistent with the Joint Land Use Study's (JLUS) compatible use recommendations. Since the project is located in the 70 dB Noise Contour, U.S. Navy guidelines encourage the developer to incorporate sound attenuation measures in office spaces, retail areas, and any areas where members of the public are received. As a reminder, building height should always be taken into consideration in an area in close proximity to active military airspace.
- **Fort Worth: Project 160**—The project is a proposed zoning change from neighborhood commercial to light industrial for warehouse with wholesale distribution of auto parts. The property is vacant and located at 3824 Benbrook Boulevard south of Chapin Road. The property falls within the 65 and 70 dB Noise Contour and lies within Accident Potential Zone II. A letter was provided to the city stating the proposed action is consistent with the Joint Land Use Study's (JLUS) compatible use recommendations. Since the project is located in the 70 dB Noise Contour, U.S. Navy guidelines encourage the developer to incorporate sound attenuation measures in office spaces, retail areas, and any areas where members of the public are received. In addition, it is recommended the maximum floor area ratio not exceed 2.0.

Item 13. JLUS Update

Kyle Roy gave an overview of the new RCC Development Review Tool in Amanda Wilson's absence. The improved tool is now more user-friendly and easier to access. The tool uses a virtual engagement platform called PublicInput.com, which allows users to create their own username and password and manage their own account. Users will no longer need to coordinate with NCTCOG staff for access. There is also a new Development Review Tool Submission Form that allows users to upload project documentation directly. When new projects are submitted, NCTCOG staff will now provide a preliminary project assessment to inform discussion by commenters. Kyle also noted that a line has been added to the project notification emails advising that elected officials should consult with their city administration before commenting on projects.

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Item 14. Administrative Updates

- **Mission Statement Adoption:** The new bylaws call for RCC voting members to pass resolutions supporting the new RCC mission statement. NCTCOG staff are available to attend council meetings to provide an overview of the RCC upon request. Resolutions received to date are from the cities of Benbrook, River Oaks, Sansom Park, Tarrant County and Westworth Village.
- **Scheduling Update:** The next RCC meeting will take place Monday, Jan. 23, 2023, in Fort Worth.
- **Transportation Project Implementation Update:** Dan Kessler provided updates on several projects. Dan said TxDOT held a public meeting on the Las Vegas Trail project at that had a great turnout. The project is expected to let in 2025. The Meandering Road project is also making progress; TxDOT is not requiring additional public meetings, and this project is expected to let in March 2024. Also, a proposed design for the Interstate Highway 30/State Highway 183 project has been settled on. The design maintains interstate access from IH 30 to SPUR 341 for Lockheed Martin.
- **Media Alerts:** Included in the packets.
- **Correspondence:** Included in the packets.
- **Attendance Reports:** Included in the packets.

Item 15. Public Comments:

No public comments were made during the meeting.