



Meeting Summary

**NAS JRB Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee
July 19, 2021
1:30 p.m.**

**River Oaks Community Center
5300 Blackstone Dr.
River Oaks, TX 76114**

The Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth (NAS JRB Fort Worth) Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) convened at 1:30 p.m. on July 19, 2021. The meeting was hosted by the City of River Oaks at the River Oaks Community Center.

Voting Members in Attendance

Mike Coleman, Chair, City of Westworth Village
Dr. Larry Marshall, Vice Chair, City of Benbrook
Jeff James, Treasurer, Tarrant County
Dan Chisholm, Secretary, City of River Oaks
Jack Adkison, City of River Oaks
Stacey Almond, City of Lake Worth
Councilmember Paul Moore, City of White Settlement
Randy Skinner, Tarrant County
Councilmember Gary Stuard, City of Lake Worth

Ed Spurlin, NAS JRB Fort Worth
Jill van Hoewyk, Lamb-Star Engineering
Ron Wooten, East Lake Worth Neighborhood Association

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance

Nicholas Allen
Kyle Roy
Amanda Wilson
Teresa Taitt

Non-Voting Members in Attendance

Dan Kessler, NCTCOG
Captain Mark McLean, NAS JRB Fort Worth

Others Present

Lissette Acevedo, City of Fort Worth
Colonel Korey Amundson, 301 Fighter Wing, Carswell
Jeremy Bell, City of River Oaks
Cali Chidster, Texas Military Department
Charlie Cripliver, Office of Congresswoman Kay Granger
Eric Greenman, Lamb-Star Engineering
Darren Houk, City of River Oaks
Robin Howard, Texas Military Department
Captain Sean Kentch, Naval Information Force Reserve
Brian Libbey, Councilmember, City of Westworth Village
James Myrick, City of River Oaks
Kate Norris, Pavlik and Associates
Dan Novak, Parkinson's Foundation
Emily Randolph, Tarrant County
Darryl Roland, 301 Fighter Wing, Carswell



Meeting Summary Outline

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

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

Item 2. Approval of April 19, 2021 Meeting Summary (Action):

The motion to approve amended minutes was requested by Chair Mike Coleman. Jack Adkison made the motion. Councilmember Dan Chisholm seconded the motion. The meeting summary for April 19, 2021, passed unanimously.

Item 3. 2017-2020 Officer Recognition:

Dan Kessler and Chair Mike Coleman presented certificates of appreciation to the outgoing officers, who served 2017-2021. Randy Skinner was present to receive his certificate.

- Dennis Shingleton, Chair
- Debbie Whitley, Vice-Chair
- Joe Ashton, Secretary
- Randy Skinner, Treasurer

Item 4. NAS JRB Fort Worth Tenant Commands Series: Naval Information Force Reserve:

Captain Sean Kentch of the Naval Information Force Reserve (NIFR) provided an overview of the command's mission at NAS JRB Fort Worth. Their headquarters was established as an intelligence command in Fort Worth in 1988. NIFR provides support to 46 other commands, including the National Security Administration. They drill on-site in Fort Worth and at Joint Reserve Intelligence Centers (JRIC). The Fort Worth JRIC supports more than 300 drilling



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Reservists and 100 full- and part-time military as well as government civilians and contractors. There are 230 personnel affiliated with headquarters across the country.

Chair Mike Coleman asked a question about the organizational geography of NIFR's work, and Captain Kentch answered that the JRICs aid mission support to regional commands that are not organized according to time zone.

Item 5. FY 2019 Defense Spending Report:

Kyle Roy briefly summarized the FY 2019 Defense Spending Report prepared by the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation. His summary focused on the Dallas-Fort Worth area and Texas. Texas ranks number three nationwide in total defense contract spending at \$54.8 billion, and number three in defense personnel spending at \$11.4 billion. Texas ranks number two in defense contract spending (behind California) at \$43.4 billion. Tarrant County is the top defense contract spending location in the United States with \$17.6 billion due to the presence of Lockheed Martin, which is the top defense contractor in the state of Texas with \$22.5 billion in spending during FY 2019. Dallas County is the sixth in defense contract spending with \$9.3 billion. Other major defense contractors in Texas include L3 Technologies, Bell Boeing, Raytheon, and Textron. Tarrant and Dallas counties are both among the top 10 locations for number of defense personnel in Texas.

Chair Mike Coleman asked about the source of Potter County's defense contracts. Staff research was not able to provide a specific answer. However, the nation's sole nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly facility is located in a neighboring county, so operations at this facility may contribute to this spending.

Item 6. Meandering Road Update:

Eric Greenman of Lamb-Star Engineering provided an update on the Meandering Road project. Lisette Acevedo with the City of Fort Worth is the project manager. All funding for the project is appropriated and agreements have been signed. The project limits are NAS JRB Fort Worth's East Gate to Robert's Cutoff. The project will create roundabouts at Yale Street and LTJG Barnett and realign and signalize the intersection at Robert's Cutoff. Sidewalks will be added within the project limits, and bike lanes will be added to LTJG Barnett. The project is currently undergoing environmental clearance and awaiting approval. A public hearing to review the bicycle/pedestrian features is scheduled for October. Utility relocation and property acquisition must be complete five months before the project lets, and the letting is expected in December 2022.

Chair Mike Coleman asked about the limits for the sidewalk, which will be LTJG Barnett to East Gate. Captain Mark McLean asked whether the project would touch the bridge into the base, and it will not. Chair Coleman asked about the number of roundabout lanes, and they will each have one lane. He also asked whether the school zone on Robert's Cutoff is north of the intersection, and Mr. Greenman said it was. When the Chair asked how long construction would take, Mr. Greenman estimated 18-24 months. Captain McLean asked about how many lanes would be closed during construction, and Mr. Greenman said he thought there might be weekends with only one lane opened, but he did not see or think construction would limit base access on drill weekends. Dan Kessler thanked the project team for their work and River Oaks for their patience.



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Item 7. RCC Branding Discussion:

Amanda Wilson explained that NCTCOG staff have been working with the RCC officers to develop a new logo and branding for the RCC. She provided context about how the current logo was designed in 2008 and showed examples of how the logo is used on letterhead and PowerPoint presentations. She then provided an overview of the process used to develop the new four logo options being presented today. Members were provided with a survey to rank their preferences. Dr. Larry Marshall expressed his appreciation for Option 4.

Item 8. Development Review and Encroachment Issues:

Amanda Wilson provided an overview of the current development review process and the RCC Development Review Tool. She presented comments provided to Westworth Village and Fort Worth for projects they had submitted since the last meeting. Both projects were determined to be incompatible, and a letter was sent to each city to explain the RCC's determination. Amanda then outlined a revamped development review tool and process recommended by staff. The redesigned tool will be more informative and easier to use, and the new process will better equip developers and city staff to make compatibility decisions earlier in the development process.

Amanda also discussed three strategies the RCC is pursuing to address encroachment issues: 1) local government zoning, including zoning overlays and ordinances, 2) a new sound mitigation program administered by the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, and 3) a required real estate disclosure which should make JLUS and AICUZ reports available on municipal websites. As part of these efforts, staff will work with cities to update their zoning ordinances to regulate uses in noise contours.

Mr. Jeff James asked whether communities could coordinate funding programs for sound attenuation and energy efficiency to help developers accomplish both goals. Amanda explained her research indicates specialty windows for sound attenuation and energy efficiency are not necessarily one and the same, but that staff would continue to look at this issue.

Item 9. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update:

Captain Mark McLean began with an update on how the base is gradually resuming normal activities as the COVID-19 pandemic is brought under control. Since April, many personnel have begun working on the base again after spending much of the past year working from home. Sixty percent of uniformed personnel have been vaccinated. The base held its first public event since March 2020; about 1,500 families attended Freedom Fest, although social distancing measures were in place. In October, the VMR-1 Road Runners will move to the base, bringing about 150 Marines; however, the Chinooks are not expected to move to the base for at least four or five years. The Air National Guard's 136th Airlift Wing received updated C-130J models. Additional public events are planned for the fall: A 9/11 memorial ceremony, the Greater Fort Worth Civic Leaders BBQ on September 17, and a 10k run on November 13.

Item 10. Legislative Update

Nick Allen provided an update of the 87th legislative session. SB 1, the appropriations bill, included \$30 million for the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Program (DEAAG).



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This figure was identical to the previous year's budget. Three bills of interest to the RCC passed this session. SB 149 was a focus of the RCC's legislative efforts; it adds military installations and airports to a list of critical infrastructure facilities over which unmanned aircraft systems are not permitted to operate. SB 780 allows local governments to enter into intergovernmental support agreements with a branch of the US armed forces. SB 3399 allows the Texas Department of Transportation to enter into agreements with the US Department of Defense or another federal entity to assist with road maintenance, improvement, relocation, or extension services for military installations. Nick also provided an update on three bills that failed to pass.

Item 11. Administrative Updates:

- **Scheduling Update:** The next RCC meeting will take place Monday, October 18, 2021 at a location to be determined.
- **West Tarrant Alliance Group Scheduling Update:** The August 2021 meeting has been canceled.
- **Transportation Project Implementation Update:** No updates to the transportation project map.
- **Media Alerts:** Included in the packets.
- **Correspondence:** Included in the packets.
- **Attendance Reports:** Included in the packets.

Dan Kessler made several remarks and provided an update on RCC business. Colonel Amundson was introduced from the Air Force's 301st Fighter Wing. Robin Howard and Cali Chidster from the Texas Military Department were introduced, and they will be traveling to Mineral Wells/Fort Wolters. Paul Paine joined the NCTCOG staff in April. Ed Spurlin was recognized for his work engaging developers over the past six months. Last year, NCTCOG applied to receive designation through the Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program. Although the designation was not received, the Department of Defense asked NCTCOG to apply for funding to develop an agile curriculum program; NCTCOG is close to establishing its eligibility for the award and will also reapply for DMCSPP next year. The RCC was urged to work collectively with developers to find projects that both address community needs and meet compatible use guidelines for the base.

Item 12. Public Comments:

No public comments were made during the meeting.