



Meeting Summary

NAS JRB Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee

April 15, 2024

1:30 p.m.

**Lockheed Martin
1 Lockheed Blvd.
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 April 15, 2024. The meeting was hosted by Lockheed Martin.

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
Councilmember Michael D. Crain, City of Fort
Worth
Councilmember Macy Hill, City of Fort Worth
Councilmember Brian Libbey, City of Westworth
Village
Councilmember Paul Moore, City of White
Settlement
Dillon Maroney, Tarrant County

Christopher Cook, Police Chief, City of White
Settlement
Samson De Sessa, Fire Chief, NAS JRB Fort
Worth
Phil Dupler, Trinity Metro
Doug Hammond, City of Benbrook
Larry Hoover, City of White Settlement
Doug Howard, City of Benbrook
Michelle Lesikar, The Sales Team Realtors
James Myrick, City of River Oaks
Dan Novak
Robert Nunley, City of White Settlement
Amelia Owre, NAS JRB Fort Worth
Linda Pavlik, Pavlik & Associates
Roger Peimann, Fort Worth Air Power Council
Mike Schlueter
Robley Sicard, YMCA Camp Carter
Maegan South, Tarrant County
Ed Spurlin
Ron Wooten, East Lake Worth Neighborhood
Association
Douglas Wooden, NAS JRB Fort Worth
Faron Young, Mayor, City of White Settlement

Non-Voting Members in Attendance

Anita Bullock, Office of Local Defense
Community Cooperation
Ann Elias, White Settlement Area Chamber of
Commerce
CAPT Beau Hufstetler, NAS JRB Fort Worth
Dan Kessler, NCTCOG
Kit Marshall, Greater Fort Worth Association of
REALTORS
Audra Mead, White Settlement Chamber of
Commerce
Brinda Rhodes, White Settlement Chamber of
Commerce
Kenneth B. Ross, Lockheed Martin
Maritta Sumner, Governor’s Committee to
Support the Military
Daron Worrell, Lake Worth ISD

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance

Lance Bokinskie
Jackie Castillo
Jessica Cordova
Kyle Roy
Amanda Wilson

Others Present

Korin Adkins, Texas Department of
Transportation (TxDOT)
Rachel Calderon, Pathway Homes
Paul Conley, TxDOT

Meeting Summary Outline

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge
2. Welcome and Introductions
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4. Tenant Command Presentation: Fire and Emergency Services
5. F-35 Production Update
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10. Staff Reports, Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG
 - Community Noise Mitigation Program Update, Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG
 - Transportation Project Implementation Update, Dan Kessler, NCTCOG
 - Scheduling Update
 - Media Alerts
 - Correspondence
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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 and thanked Lockheed Martin for hosting the meeting and the opportunity to tour their production facilities. Dan Kessler introduced Ms. Anita Bullock, a visiting project manager from the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, and thanked her for her longtime partnership with the RCC.

Item 3. Approval of January 22, 2024, Meeting Summary (Action)

The motion to approve the meeting summary was made by Secretary Dan Chisholm. Councilmember Michael Crain seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4. Tenant Command Presentation: Fire and Emergency Services

The Chair introduced Chief Samson De Sessa of the NAS JRB Fort Worth Fire Department. Chief De Sessa provided an overview of the department and its role through the installation's history as Carswell Air Force Base, the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process, and the installation's current designation as NAS JRB Fort Worth. The department operates in an automatic aid agreement with the Lockheed Martin Fire Department and in a mutual aid agreement with adjacent municipal departments. They provide services for all tenant commands, reserve units and retirees. Their scope of services includes responding to building fires and other emergencies related aircraft, munitions, and hazardous materials. He also spoke to the department's mission, core values and ethos.

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The Chair asked about crises the department had faced in recent years. Chief De Sessa outlined significant efforts, including responding to the F-35 crash in Lake Worth with the Lockheed Martin Fire Department, a Lockheed Martin hangar fire, and a T-45 jet trainer crash. For smaller incidents, the department usually responds to room and contents fires due to the predominance of brick and mortar construction on base. Mr. Ed Spurlin, a retired NAS JRB Community Planning Liaison Officer, asked Chief De Sessa to elaborate on concerns about firefighting foam, PFAS, and chemical contamination on the base. The Chief said some buildings do have foam in them and are currently quarantined; a Navy contractor is scheduled to remove the chemicals from these buildings and return them to service. Dan Kessler asked about how the department trains and prepares for fighting aircraft crashes. The Chief said the department is a member of a North Texas community of practice for joint training on fighting aircraft fires with specialized material and munitions concerns. He also stated that the base commander can authorize them to provide mutual aid outside the fence line if any aircraft or munitions incidents do occur.

Item 5: F-35 Production Update

The Chair introduced Mr. Ken Ross from Lockheed Martin for an introduction. Mr. Ross spoke at length about their scope of operations and community impacts. He stated that Lockheed Martin is broken into four business areas: space, aeronautics, rotary and mission systems, and missiles and fire control. Further, their primary missions are combat systems, air mobility, Skunkworks research, and system sustainment. He also spoke to the history of the Lockheed Martin facility in Fort Worth as one of the original World War II aircraft plants. Historically, the plant produced several aircraft types but with F-16 production moved to South Carolina. Now, the Fort Worth facility is solely focused on the F-35. One of their other priorities is reducing environmental impacts, especially electricity usage, water use and waste production. Lockheed Martin also partners with local schools on a STEM education outreach program. Their high school program provides summer internship opportunities to students through high school and post-secondary education for computer science and engineering majors; the program boasts a 67% lifecycle retention rate. The objective of the program is to immediately fill critical jobs sourced with local talent. They also work with the military and veteran communities to assist with career transition and mental health initiatives. Finally, the Lockheed Martin community resiliency program focuses on supporting area food banks and addressing food security.

Mr. Ross then introduced Mr. Joe DeLapp for the F-35 production update. Mr. DeLapp shared his experiences as a longtime US Air Force (USAF) pilot; in his current role, he provides customer engagement for the F-35 program. In 15 years, over 1,000 F-35s have been produced. He also shared that reserve units, including the one based at NAS JRB, will be receiving their first permanent F-35 platforms this year. Furthermore, the platform is currently in use by three US services and 18 partner nation forces. The F-35 has unique capabilities, including stealth technology, advanced sensor fusion that cues other collection nodes, network enabled operations across platforms, weapons/fuel capacity for signature management, and supersonic speed. For example, the F-35 passes sensor and targeting information to other networked air and ground platforms. The Fort Worth production facility currently produces 130 aircraft annually.

Mr. Mike Schlueter asked about the F-35 flight testing program, and Mr. DeLapp said their regimen calls for four to six flights, with some being conducted by Lockheed Martin test pilots and some by the Department of Defense's Defense Contracting Management Association (DCMA) test pilots. Mr. Schlueter also asked about how Lockheed Martin uses chase planes for test flights, and Mr. DeLapp said the first test flight utilizes a chase plane to evaluate the aircraft's performance during aerial maneuvers. Mr. Roger Peimann asked about when the USAF 301st

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Fighter Wing would receive the F-35; Mr. DeLapp said the aircraft would be deployed at NAS JRB this year but said the rollout had been slow due to necessary upgrades to computer and software systems. The Chair asked for information about international production, and Mr. DeLapp responded that production is based in the US except for deliveries to Japan and Italy. Ms. Bullock asked about supply chain issues, and Mr. DeLapp said the F-35 utilizes several thousand internationally sourced parts, which has caused some issues. However, issues more often arise more from the Congressional appropriations process and variability in funding authorizations..

Item 6. Strategic Parcel Acquisition & Reuse Program Update

Dan Kessler provided an update on the Strategic Parcel Acquisition and Reuse Program. Dan reviewed the historical focus of this initiative, the Cowtown BBQ parcel acquisition process, and the associated rezoning efforts of White Settlement. He reiterated that the program is very focused on acquiring properties that abut the NAS JRB fence line to ensure those parcels are rezoned for compatibility with the base. Acquisition mitigates trespassing and unauthorized access to the base. Dan said motorhomes illegally parked on DOD property underscored the urgency of the issue. He also provided an update on a related effort to arrange a land swap with White Settlement for an adjacent parcel owned by the Knights of Columbus. This effort is nearing completion and will ensure all property in the Southern Clear Zone is held by the US Navy. Once completed, the area will be re-fenced and cleared.

Item 7: NAS JRB Fort Worth Update

Capt. Beau Hufstetler provided an update on recent activities at NAS JRB Fort Worth. Capt. Hufstetler congratulated the NAS JRB Fire Department for achieving and sustaining a high level of emergency certification, ranking well nationally. He also noted that the department has a firefighter who is currently competing for Navy Firefighter of the Year. Capt. Hufstetler also thanked the RCC members and NCTCOG for their efforts supporting the successful Wings Over Cowtown Airshow over the weekend. Dan Kessler also thanked the Regional Transportation Council, including Councilmember Crain, for their monetary support for parking and shuttle services during the airshow. Capt. Hufstetler then shared about an incident at Ridgmar Mall on Sunday: A military working dog alerted security staff to a suspicious package on one of the shuttle buses. Although this proved to be a false alarm, he said the incident response demonstrated great partnership between the installation and the adjacent communities so that the airshow could proceed as planned on Sunday. Moving to other topics, he said the base is working to upgrade its electrical switching station to accommodate power demands for the F-35. Two barracks buildings need significant repairs, which is a service priority; he is in the process of securing funding for that effort. Finally, the base's runways are being evaluated for improvements within the next 5-10 years.

Item 8. RCC Webpage Review

Kyle Roy provided a review of the RCC homepage, RCC Development Review Tool, and other defense community webpages hosted on the NCTCOG website. Dan Kessler reminded the assembled that these webpages are primarily a resource for the RCC and local governments. He especially encouraged the members to utilize the tool for their planning and development efforts. In his review, Kyle highlighted the "welcome packet" materials for residents and community members located near the base. He asked the members to share these materials, which are also available in Spanish and Vietnamese translations.

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The Chair asked Mr. Roy to upload the RCC informational video that was played at the January RCC meeting to the webpage, and Kyle said the website would be updated with the video and new UAS flyer later in the week. Dan added that the welcome packet would continue to be updated with new and revised information as needed. The Chair thanked the NCTCOG staff for their efforts with these initiatives.

Item 9. JLUS Update

Amanda Wilson shared a brief update on the JLUS implementation grant. NCTCOG staff are finishing technical memoranda and white papers that will fulfill much of the grant's reporting requirements. She then showed several slides with report materials that visualize the compatibility efforts undertaken by local governments since 2008. In addition, NCTCOG is preparing an application for a second implementation grant as well as a Military Installation Resilience study to address concerns about stormwater management, cybersecurity, and electrical capacity. She also announced the 2024 Defense Community Infrastructure Program by OLDCC; in recent years, NCTCOG has partnered with the cities of White Settlement and Lake Worth to submit applications, which are due this year by June 17. She closed with an update on the FEMA BRIC program; FEMA staff and consultants conducted a site visit to observe stormwater issues around the base.

Item 10. Staff Reports, Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG

The Chair called for any pressing staff reports in the interest of time.

- **Transportation Project Implementation Update:** Dan Kessler provided updates on several projects:
 - Meandering Road: Right-of-way acquisition will begin in the next 30 days in River Oaks. The RTC has funded the Roberts Cut Off extension. Engineering for a second bridge from LTjg Barnett Road to the installation is being conducted and may seek DOD funding through OLDCC in the future.
 - Las Vegas Trail: This project is scheduled to go to construction in early 2025.
 - SH 183 Corridor Project: The first round of public meetings was completed with large community turnout. AECOM is the lead on this project, and \$25 million dollars is dedicated to the study and planning phases. The study phase is initially focused on base access, but progress is contingent on completing the Meandering Road project.
- **Scheduling Update:** The next RCC meeting will take place Monday, July 15, 2024, in the City of Lake Worth.
- **Media Alerts:** Included in the packets.
- **Correspondence:** Included in the packets.
- **Attendance Reports:** Included in the packets.

Item 11. Public Comments

No public comments were received.