



Meeting Summary

**NAS JRB Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee
January 23, 2023
1:30 p.m.**

**Lake Worth Multi-Purpose Facility
7005 Charbonneau Road
Lake Worth, TX 76135**

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 23, 2023. The meeting was hosted by the City of Lake Worth.

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
Councilmember 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
Ron Douglas, City of Sansom Park
Councilmember Brian Libbey, City of Westworth
Village
Councilmember Laura Mackey, City of
Benbrook
Councilmember Paul Moore, City of White
Settlement
Randy Skinner, Tarrant County
Gary Stuard, City of Lake Worth
Angie Winkle, City of Sansom Park

Non-Voting Members in Attendance

Chad Edwards, Trinity Metro
Ricardo Gonzalez, Texas Department of
Transportation (TxDOT)
Tina Nikolic, Tarrant Regional Water District
Charlie Cripliver, Texas House District 12
Dan Kessler, NCTCOG
Lenny Lasher, Castleberry ISD
Captain Mark McLean, NAS JRB Fort Worth
Audra Mead, White Settlement Area
Chamber of Commerce
JoAnna Parker, White Settlement Area
Chamber of Commerce
Maritta Sumner, Governor's Committee to
Support the Military

Don Weatherby, Fort Worth Air Power Council
Jaclyn West, Lake Worth ISD

Others Present

Ben Harrison, NAS JRB Fort Worth
Doug Howard, City of Benbrook
Mayor L. Kelly Jones, City of Westworth Village
Stephen Murray, City of Fort Worth
James Myrick, City of River Oaks
Jayashree Narayana, Livable Plans and Codes
Mike Naughton, Fort Worth ISD
Amelia Owre, NAS JRB Fort Worth
CWS Doug Phillips, Texas Army National Guard
Kevin Pottinger, Texas Military Preparedness
Commission
Gordon Smith, City of River Oaks
Ed Spurlin

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance

Jackie Castillo
Paul Paine
Kyle Roy
Amanda Wilson

Meeting Summary Outline

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of October 17, 2022 Meeting Summary (Action)
4. 2023-2024 Officer Election (Action)
5. Challenge Coin Presentation: Jack Adkison and Ed Spurlin
6. Report on Civic Leaders Tours
7. Annual Review of Non-Voting Members (Action)
8. Sansom Park SH 199 Corridor Plan
9. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update
10. Development Review Tool Projects
11. JLUS Update
12. Administrative Updates
 - Scheduling Update
 - Transportation Project Implementation Update
 - Media Alerts
 - Correspondence
 - Attendance Report
13. Public Comments

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 17, 2022 Meeting Summary (Action)

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

Item 4. 2023-2024 Officer Election (Action)

The Chair reviewed the nominating committee's recommendation to approve a second term for each of the current officers. The Chair is Mike Coleman, City of Westworth Village; Vice Chair is Larry Marshall, City of Benbrook; Secretary is Dan Chisholm, City of River Oaks; Treasurer is Jeff James, City of White Settlement. There were no comments or changes. The motion to accept the nominations was made by Councilmember Crain. Randy Skinner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 5. Challenge Coin Presentation: Jack Adkison and Ed Spurlin

Dan Kessler provided background on the creation and purpose of the RCC challenge coins. 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 legislators, local elected officials, outgoing RCC members and key base personnel for their support of NAS JRB Fort Worth and our surrounding defense communities. The Chair presented Challenge Coins

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to Mr. Jack Adkison, who has been involved with the RCC since its inception in 2008 and served as a council member and mayor in River Oaks for 25 years, and Mr. Ed Spurlin, who recently retired from his role as the base's longtime Community Planning Liaison Officer. Mr. Spurlin is also a 26-year veteran of the US Navy. Both individuals were given awards and a standing round of applause in honor of their efforts to support NAS JRB Fort Worth and the defense community in Tarrant County.

Item 6. Report on Civic Leaders Tours

Westworth Village Mayor L. Kelly Jones provided a photographic presentation of his tour of the USS Gerald R. Ford, a Navy aircraft carrier. He shared photographs of his embarkment on the ship, the view from the observation and flight deck, and the work of the thousands of service men and women on the ship. He discussed his personal connection with President Gerald Ford and the powerful experience of seeing the discipline and focus of the ship's crew.

Mayor Jones then took questions from the audience and invited base personnel in attendance to provide additional explanation about the ship's operations. Capt. McLean explained the significance of the different colored shirts worn by the crew on the flight deck. The colors indicate their specific roles to anyone on the observation deck. Mayor Jones explained how the system and the workers gave him an appreciation for the military's organizational structure and capabilities. The Chair then asked him what his favorite part of the ship was. Mayor Jones answered that he most enjoyed the view from the flight deck and a room that displayed memorabilia from President Ford. Ms. Tina Nikolic jokingly asked if the mayor had used his iPhone to take the pictures. Mayor Jones said he used a Nikon D850 to take the photos but lamented that his camera had jammed in the memorabilia room.

Councilmember Michael Crain then spoke about his recent experience of a tour of a different aircraft carrier and said he was impressed by the many young people working on the ship. He also shared an anecdote about the types of entertainment on the ship and stated he would support funding for new aircraft on the carrier. Mr. Spurlin then announced that the C-40 model would soon be replaced by the V-280, a new aircraft from Bell. Ms. Stacey Almond was also present on the tour and joined Councilmember Crain in expressing gratitude for the opportunity, while agreeing with his impressions of the experience.

Finally, Capt. McLean said he would like to invite teachers, superintendents, and athletic directors of the communities surrounding the base to take civic leader tours in the future. He noted how important it is for school officials to understand the opportunities the US Navy and Department of Defense (DOD) can offer to recent graduates.

Item 7. Annual Review of Non-Voting Members (Action)

The Chair introduced the annual review of non-voting members, reminding the committee that although voting entities are the cities and the county surrounding the base, there are many non-voting entities in the community as well. He said the RCC's new bylaws require a yearly review of the non-voting member roster.

Dan Kessler said the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, which funds many of the planning initiatives around the base, has emphasized the importance of identifying "force multipliers" in communities, and he said the RCC has this opportunity. He said the RCC's mission will require the support of community organizations as the area's population continues to grow.

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Amanda Wilson then explained the process for updating the non-voting member roster. She said meeting attendance for many non-voting members tapered off during the pandemic, so staff had confirmed that all members wished to remain involved. Staff and the officers had also reached out to potential new members to formally invite them to join the RCC. She then presented the proposed roster, which included the addition of the Governor's Committee to Support the Military, which had reached out to the RCC to request membership after the draft roster was provided for review.

A motion to approve the addition of the Governor's Committee to Support the Military to the roster of proposed non-voting members was made by Councilmember Michael Crain. Dan Chisholm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the addition of 11 new non-voting members and to remove Northwest Tarrant County Chamber of Commerce was made by Mr. Jack Adkison. Councilmember Michael Crain seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 8. Sansom Park SH 199 Corridor Plan

Ms. Angie Winkle introduced Ms. Jayashree Narayana, a principal planner at Livable Plans and Codes. Angie mentioned that after the State Highway (SH) 199 plan was released, the City of Sansom Park asked Ms. Narayana to design an economic development plan for the corridor.

Dan Kessler commended Sansom Park for leveraging SH 199 to make improvements to their city. He said TxDOT believes the project will let by 2026. He emphasized the connection between transportation projects and economic development.

Ms. Narayana explained that SH 199, especially through Sansom Park, is an aging corridor. She said aging corridors like SH 199 are often focused on automobile traffic, which makes them dangerous to pedestrians, which then results in obsolete older commercial development that negatively affects surrounding neighborhoods.

Ms. Narayana said the goal for the SH 199 plan is to connect the public and private infrastructure to create a walkable corridor, which requires the quality of the private and public facilities to match.

She said SH 199 in Sansom Park is a fairly well-defined corridor with the following issues: automobile-related commercial uses that do not meet existing zoning standards; smaller lots and buildings with limited block depths; limited locations for redevelopment; and existing commercial zoning on the corridor with a limited market for redevelopment due to low rents. To address these challenges, the plan recommends allowing multifamily and "missing middle" residential uses by right, reducing parking, reducing front setbacks, additional review for automobile-related services, and enhancements to pedestrian facilities. She concluded with three key takeaways from the plan: 1) focus on a "lean code" approach for redevelopment of the commercial corridor, 2) plan for the corridor within a city-wide framework, 3) and use a phased implementation to meet the capacity needs of the city.

Councilmember Dr. Larry Marshall asked whether property owners would have to give up additional frontage depth, and Ms. Narayana explained that this property is in the existing right of way. Mr. Ricardo Gonzalez confirmed this and said one challenge in this corridor is encroachment

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on the right of way by the property owners. Mr. Don Weatherby asked if the corridor had an opportunity zone designation, but Ms. Narayana said it did not. Dan Kessler encouraged the cities surrounding the base to use the momentum from SH 199 and other transportation plans to pursue redevelopment opportunities.

Item 9. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update

Capt. McLean provided updates on several items. He first introduced Ms. Amelia Owre as Mr. Spurlin's replacement as the NAS JRB Fort Worth Community Planning Liaison Officer (CPLO). Capt. McLean also said the base successfully hosted a race and thanked the White Settlement Police Department for its traffic management. He said the next race would be held on Nov. 12, 2023.

Capt. McLean said the base's full runway has reopened after partially closed for repairs and upgrades this fall. Capt. McLean also noted the recent F-35 Bravo incident where the pilot had to eject during landing; he said Lockheed Martin is conducting an investigation. He was pleased to report there were no injuries, and said the base and Lockheed Martin had worked together to reopen the base within 24 hours. Capt. McLean also said two F0 tornados had only caused minor damage to a few building and no injuries. Capt. McLean announced that the base is expecting bids in the first week of February for the \$5.5 million renovation project being funded by the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG); the planned family services center should open in summer 2024.

Additionally, a Roll Call event will take place on Apr. 28. Roll Call is a veteran's organization, and they will be holding a fellowship event in a hangar on base. The event will feature an interview with a World War II veteran of Omaha Beach. Capt. McLane also announced that the base will apply for Star Base, a program that brings fifth-graders to a classroom on the base for STEM lessons once a week for five weeks. He said the program is meant to encourage students to pursue STEM careers by integrating aviation into their existing science curriculum. The program would be administered by a nonprofit organization.

Finally, Capt. McLane announced that the Blue Angels will conduct an airshow at the base on Apr. 13-14, 2024. He said he expects this will be the first in an arrangement that sees the Blue Angels return to NAS JRB Fort Worth for an airshow every other year. Capt. McLane said he will need help from the surrounding cities to manage parking and transportation for the event, which he expects will bring 200,000-250,000 visits to the base each day. The Chair asked if Lockheed Martin would be able to provide assistance. Capt. McLean said he would involve them but advised an event of this magnitude would require additional measures. Dan Kessler said Trinity Metro and NCTCOG could also provide assistance. Ms. Winkle advised Capt. McLean to reach out to local police chiefs, and Councilmember Crain said he could help the base obtain parking permissions at Ridgmar Mall. To emphasize the importance of city and base partnership, Dan Kessler shared an anecdote about the collaboration between the base and White Settlement after the 100-year flood on Aug. 22

Item 10. Development Review Tool Projects

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

- Lake Worth: Project 161— The project is a replat combining two existing residential lots with an existing structure into one residential lot. The properties are located on Delaware

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Trail between Apache Trail and Osage Trail. The property falls within the 70 dB Noise Contour and lies partially within Accident Potential Zone (APZ) I. A letter was provided to the city stating the proposed action does not fully comply with the Joint Land Use Study's (JLUS) compatible use recommendations but is a positive step toward compatibility since the JLUS recommendation is to decrease density within APZ I. Since the project is located in the 70 dB Noise Contour, the developer should coordinate with city staff and the base to ensure recommended sound attenuation measures are taken if a new structure is added in the future.

- Lake Worth: Project 162—The project is a property that has never been platted but has an existing structure on it. The property is located on Charbonneau Road between Marina Drive and Shawnee Trail. The property falls within the 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 JLUS compatible use recommendations. Since the project is located in the 70 dB Noise Contour, US Department of Defense guidelines encourage the developer to coordinate with city staff and the base to incorporate sound attenuation measures resulting in a Noise Level Reduction of 25 dB for any residential structures. In addition, single detached residential units are permitted within the APZ II, but the recommended density is 1-2 domicile units per acre.
- Fort Worth: Project 164—The project is a proposed zoning change from neighborhood commercial to high density multifamily for a property with a motel. The property is vacant and located south of the Interstate Highway (IH) 30 frontage road between Las Vegas Trail and Laredo Drive. The property falls within the 65 dB Noise Contour and is not located within the APZ. A letter was provided to the city stating the proposed action is consistent with the JLUS compatible use recommendations. Since the project is located in the 65 dB Noise Contour, US Department of Defense guidelines encourage the developer to coordinate with city staff and the base to incorporate sound attenuation measures resulting in a Noise Level Reduction of 25 dB.
- Lake Worth: Project 165—The project is a requested zoning change from an obsolete classification to commercial for the use of an office and storage yard for a construction business. The property is on the west side of Caddo Trail between Pawnee Trail and Navajo Trail, and there is an existing building on the property. The property falls within the 75 and 80 dB Noise Contours and lies within APZ I. A letter was provided to the city stating the proposed action is consistent with the JLUS compatible use recommendations. Warehousing and storage uses are compatible in the APZ I, but it is recommended that the max floor to area ratio not exceed 1.0. In addition, US Department of Defense guidelines encourage the property owner to coordinate with city staff and the base on any new construction to ensure recommended sound attenuation measures resulting in reductions of 30 dB in the 75 dB Noise Contour and 35 dB in the 80 dB Noise Contour are taken in office areas or any areas where the public is received.

Item 11. JLUS Update

Amanda Wilson provided a brief overview of the Joint Land Use Studies for new members. She then described the land use analysis completed for the 2018 JLUS, which OLDCC appreciated because it demonstrated a positive impact to the military value of the investment in our region's JLUS work and funding. The current implementation grant is updating this data to add the 2016-2020 timeframe to the initial analysis. She explained that work is still preliminary and undergoing a

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review process with the RCC Technical Subcommittee. She then presented maps showing development by decade, 2020 land use, parcels developed and redeveloped by five-year period, land use of newly developed parcels, and compatibility of newly developed parcels. She also presented progress on an effort to review city zoning ordinances, which included reviewing DOD guidance on compatible uses and simplifying the DOD guidance into a single compatibility recommendation in a combined area of noise and safety. Staff also reviewed zoning districts, allowed uses, and compatibility within each city and provided specific recommendations. She said this information will be provided to cities so they can determine whether further action is necessary or feasible.

Capt. McLean and Amanda Wilson then explained how the current Noise Contours will likely change when the DOD initiates a new Air Installation Compatible Use Zones (AICUZ) study after the F-35s arrive in 2024. Capt. McLean said the possible relocation of Chinook helicopters to the base in a few years could also affect the Noise Contours. In general, he said operational changes have the potential to affect the Noise Contours, which should be understood as a fluid representation of noise impacts. The Chair, Councilmember Brian Libbey and Dan Kessler all thanked Amanda for her work on these efforts.

Item 12. Administrative Updates

- **Scheduling Update:** The next RCC meeting will take place Monday, Apr. 17, 2023, in Sansom Park.
- **Transportation Project Implementation Update:** Dan Kessler provided updates on several projects.
 - Las Vegas Trail: Design is 95% complete with letting scheduled for early 2025. There will be a cost estimate review due to an increase in prices.
 - Meandering Road: Design is about 90% complete with a March 2024 letting date.
 - SH 199 and IH 820 Interchange: Staff are working with Lake Worth to reevaluate the design. The Texas Department of Transportation will also conduct a feasibility study for improvements of IH 820 between IH 35W and IH 30.
 - SH 183: The design feasibility study is underway, and the consultant will engage with the public on design options in March 2023.
 - Bomber Spur Bike Trail: The feasibility study is complete, but staff is still researching the land's ownership. HNTB is close to completing a recommended locally preferred alternative for the IH 30 and SH 183 interchange. IH 30 will go over SH 183, making the bicycle/pedestrian trail connection easier
 - Councilmember Dr. Larry Marshall asked for an update on the IH 20 Auxiliary Lane, and Mr. Ricardo Gonzalez stated that although TxDOT is having issues with contractors, the project is moving along. There is no estimated completion date, but TxDOT is working to complete the project as soon as possible.
 - Councilmember Libbey asked for an update on the main gate of NAS JRB Fort Worth. Dan said the project is still in the design stage with the consultant.
- **Media Alerts:** Included in the packets.
- **Correspondence:** Included in the packets.
- **Attendance Reports:** Included in the packets.

Item 13. Public Comments:

No public comments were made during the meeting.