



Meeting Summary

NAS Fort Worth JRB Regional Coordination Committee

March 18, 2019

1:30 p.m.

White Settlement Convention Center

8905 Clifford St.

White Settlement, TX 76108

The Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base (NAS Fort Worth JRB) Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) convened at 1:30 p.m. on March 18, 2019. The meeting was hosted by the City of White Settlement at the White Settlement Convention Center.

Voting Members in Attendance

Councilmember Dennis Shingleton, Chair, City of Fort Worth

Debbie Whitley, Vice Chair, City of Lake Worth
Councilmember Joe Ashton, Secretary, City of River Oaks

Jack Adkison, City of River Oaks

Stacey Almond, City of Lake Worth

Mayor Mike Coleman, City of Westworth Village

Jeff James, City of White Settlement

Councilmember Paul Moore, City of White Settlement

Sterling Naron, City of Westworth Village

Paul Paine, City of Fort Worth

Councilmember Ron Sauma, City of Benbrook

Doug Howard, City of Benbrook

Joy Howell, Citizen

James Myrick, City of River Oaks

Dan Novak, City of Westworth Village

Roger Peimann, Fort Worth Air Traffic Control

Jeremy Roman, 301 FW/Carswell Air Force Base

Missy Roth, ELWNA

Nes Stevens, Safety Solutions

Rich Tharp, City of White Settlement

Jeff Thomas, YMCA

Kristin Vandergriff, Office of Congresswoman Kay Granger

Patricia Ward, Tarrant County

Keith Williams, 136 AW Vice Commander

Non-Voting Members in Attendance

Dan Kessler, NCTCOG

Tina Nikolic, Tarrant Regional Water District

Captain Jonathan Townsend, NAS Fort Worth JRB

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance

Nicholas Allen

Carli Baylor

Ernest Huffman

Amanda Wilson

Others Present

Marianne Armstrong, Neighborhood Association of South Lake Worth

Melva Campbell, City of Westworth Village

Randy Cason, 301 FW/Carswell Air Force Base

Dan Chisholm, City of River Oaks

Norm Craven, Lakeside

Jim Diggs, Ridgmar

Marcus Foote, City of Lake Worth

Greg Fox, Northwest Tarrant Chamber of Commerce (Retired)

Scott Hall, Texas Department of Transportation



Meeting Summary Outline

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge, Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of February 7, 2019 Meeting Summary (Action)
3. RCC Officer Election (Action)
4. Update on USS Abraham Lincoln Experience
5. Update on UAS Safety and Integration Task Force
6. Legislative Update
7. Joint Land Use Study Implementation Grant Update
8. NAS Fort Worth JRB Update
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 - Transportation Project Implementation Update
 - Media Alerts
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Item 1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge, Welcome and Introductions:

Councilmember Dennis Shingleton called the Committee to order at 1:30 p.m.

Item 2. Approval of February 7, 2019, Meeting Summary (Action):

The motion to approve minutes was requested by Councilmember Joe Ashton. Paul Paine seconded the motion. The meeting summary for February 7, 2019, passed unanimously.

Item 3. RCC Officer Election (Action):

Sterling Naron said he reached out to all current RCC officers, and everyone expressed interest in serving a second term. Jack Adkison motioned to elect RCC officers, and Mayor Mike Coleman seconded the motion. The motion to elect Councilmember Dennis Shingleton as chair, Debbie Whitley as vice chair, Randy Skinner as treasurer and Councilmember Joe Ashton as secretary, passed unanimously.

Item 4. Update on USS Abraham Lincoln Experience:

Mayor Mike Coleman and Sterling Naron were invited on board the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier, and Mayor Coleman presented photos of their experience. He said they were encouraged to talk to the sailors and had the opportunity to meet all of the officers.

The USS Abraham Lincoln was commissioned on November 11, 1984, in Newport News, Virginia. The ship supported air operations over Kuwait and Iraq in Operation Desert Storm and carries approximately 60 aircrafts and about 5,000 sailors and flyers. The Commanding Officer is Captain Putnam H. Browne.

Item 5. Update on UAS Safety and Integration Task Force:



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Ernest Huffman presented information on the UAS Safety and Integration Task Force.

The Task Force was created in October 2018 and its purpose is to help safely integrate UAS technology into the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

Ernest said there are four working groups: Education and Public Awareness, Legislation, Training and Integration. He said each group will be tasked with identifying issues, providing recommendations and reporting all findings to the Task Force.

The Education and Public Awareness Working Group has 28 members and upcoming initiatives include outreach events and “Know Before You Fly” workshops. The Legislation Working Group has 21 members and upcoming initiatives include providing comments for both pending UAS legislation and the Notice for Rule Changes from the government and holding information sessions for policy makers. The Training Working Group has 26 members and upcoming initiatives include creating and endorsing both a pilot credentialing standard and baseline training curriculum as well as surveying regional stakeholders for employee demand. The Integration Working Group has 26 members and upcoming initiatives include finding tech solutions for weather avoidance and detection, coordinating with municipalities, designating viable test sites and researching tech solutions for remote ID.

Ernest said the next Task Force meeting will be Monday, March 25, and will include presentations from Lone Star UAS Center of Excellence & Innovation, UAS Werx, SqwaQ and NCTCOG staff.

Colonel Keith Williams operates cargo planes out of NAS Fort Worth JRB and said there is a company proposing UAS activities that interferes with C-130 aircrafts in the City of Mineral Wells. Colonel Williams said there is a long history of using drop zones to conduct air drop qualifications and proficiency training. Dan Kessler said most people are not familiar with UAS regulations. Captain Jonathan Townsend said the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is looking into controlling the situation, but coordination is a challenge.

Item 6. Legislative Update:

Nick Allen provided a legislative update. Nick said there are several bills of interest related to land use and wind turbines. He said House Bills 3168 and 4180 remove tax incentives for property owners who install wind turbines within 25 nautical miles of a military aviation facility. House Bill 4368 requires county commissioners to collaborate with military aviation facilities to designate unincorporated locations for wind turbines, and HB 4554 allows the Parks and Wildlife Commission to determine where wind turbines should not be installed in West Texas.

Nick said there have been several bills introduced in both the House of Representatives and the Senate related to unmanned aircraft. He said the bills cover several topics, including 911 mapping, disaster preparation, flight over schools and military installations, among others.

Item 7. Joint Land Use Study Implementation Grant Update:

Amanda Wilson presented an update on the JLUS implementation grant. Amanda said the Department of Defense’s Office of Economic Adjustment said NCTCOG will need to demonstrate in its application the added value the implementation items bring to the DOD. She said typical JLUS implementation grants have been for about \$200,000 to be utilized over an 18- to 24-month



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period. Amanda said grant implementation ideas for NAS Fort Worth JRB include active parcel compatibility maintenance initiative, homeowner relations, the RCC, zoning and building codes,

military operations monitoring and environmental protection. She also said regional grant ideas include UAS education and outreach, a regional forum and a statewide JLUS partnership.

Councilmember Ron Sauma asked what other JLUS studies have been conducted. Amanda said some of the studies have utilized implementation grant funding and some entities are most likely still working on their initiatives. She said NCTCOG staff have discussed JLUS studies with San Antonio, and it's important for practitioners of all the studies to coordinate on their initiatives.

Item 8. NAS Fort Worth JRB Update:

Captain Jonathan Townsend provided an update on NAS Fort Worth JRB. Captain Townsend said a public hearing on the F-35 environmental study is still to be determined. He said the base is hosting a special forces joint exercise over the next two weeks. He also said if people are operating drones the way they're supposed to, they will not fly them over the base.

A citizen who attended the meeting asked if it would be possible to post something in her neighborhood about UAS regulations and if regulations are on the state or federal level. Captain Townsend said it's a work in progress.

Item 9. Administrative Updates:

- **Scheduling Update:** The next RCC meeting will take place Monday, July 15 in Tarrant County.
- **West Tarrant Alliance Group Scheduling Update:** The next meeting is Thursday, May 2 in Saginaw.
- **Transportation Project Implementation Update:** Dan Kessler said there are currently several public meetings taking place, including those for the Westworth Village Bike Trail Project
- **Media Alerts:** Included in the packets.
- **Correspondence:** No correspondence to share at this time.
- **Attendance Reports:** Included in the packets.

Item 10. Public Comments:

No public comments were made during the meeting.