



Meeting Summary

**NAS Fort Worth JRB Regional Coordination Committee
October 15, 2018
1:30 p.m.**

**Sansom Park Council Chambers
5705 Azle Avenue
Sansom Park, TX 76114**

The Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base (NAS Fort Worth JRB) Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) convened at 1:30 pm on October 15, 2018. The meeting was hosted by the City of Sansom Park at the Sansom Park Council Chambers

Voting Members in Attendance

Councilmember Dennis Shingleton, Chair, City
of Fort Worth
Randy Skinner, Treasurer, Tarrant County
Jack Adkison, City of River Oaks
Councilmember Larry Marshall, City of
Benbrook
Councilmember Paul Moore, City of White
Settlement
Sterling Naron, City of Westworth Village
Paul Paine, City of Fort Worth

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance

Carli Baylor, NCTCOG
Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG

Non-Voting Members in Attendance

Dan Kessler, NCTCOG
Captain Jonathan Townsend, NAS Fort Worth
JRB

Others Present

Dan Chisholm, City of River Oaks
Kyle Cornett, City of Fort Worth
Phil Dupler, Trinity Metro
Laura Evans, City of Fort Worth
Greg Fox, Northwest Tarrant Chamber of
Commerce
Jim Hinderaker, City of Benbrook
Andy Hockenbroch, YMCA Camp Carter
Jocelyn Murphy, City of Fort Worth
James Myrick, City of River Oaks
Dan Novak, City of Westworth Village
Kyle Reeves, City of White Settlement
Ed Spurlin, NAS Fort Worth JRB
Kristen Vandergriff, Office of Congresswoman
Kay Granger



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Item 1. Pledge of Allegiance, Welcome and Introduction:

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

Item 2. Approval of the July, 16, 2018, Meeting Summary (Action):

The motion to approve minutes was requested by Jack Adkison. The minutes for July 16, 2018, passed unanimously.

Item 3. Report on Defense Spending in Texas for 2016:

Dan Kessler presented the fiscal year 2016 contract spending report from the Department of Defense (DOD). Dan said the report is published annually and helps reinforce the importance of the relationship between NAS Fort Worth JRB and defense contractors.

The DOD spent \$13.89 billion in North Texas in 2016, and Tarrant County ranked first in contract spending in Texas and by State. The State of Texas ranked third in 2016 for overall total defense spending at \$33.3 billion.

Councilmember Dennis Shingleton said a very large percentage of soldiers claim Texas as their home of record, which tends to put the State in a favorable light for the DOD. Councilmember Shingleton said he doesn't think the Legislature has any idea about the impact of these claims. Dan Kessler said it might be a good idea to have staff put together numbers from the spending report and send them out to members of the Legislature.

Item 4. Update on Sustaining Military Readiness Conference:

Dan Kessler presented information on the Sustaining Military Readiness Conference, which took place in August 2018 in St. Louis, Missouri. The conference was led by the Honorable Lucian Niemeyer, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment. Dan said the



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first day of the gathering was led by the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) and focused on feedback from teams who've worked on a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS). He said NAS Fort Worth JRB was the only participant in the JLUS focus groups that had conducted more than one JLUS. All of the participants shared a remarkable number of common experiences and seemed to be challenged with keeping both the military and communities involved in their projects. He also said partnerships require communication, and it's critical for communities to understand the military's mission in order to assist with needs. Joint military missions are in the near future, but joint military bases don't seem to generate a positive image.

Captain Jonathan Townsend said community support for NAS Fort Worth JRB is unmatched. Captain Townsend said the existence of installations within communities and the relationship between them are more important than ever before because potential security and safety threats can exist anywhere in today's world. He also said funding issues do not exist on the base in Fort Worth and there is really no power struggle.

Dan Kessler said the military is currently facing significant training constraints. He said the time required to get to training sites is both extensive and expensive. Various types of training are also needed, including cyber and spectrum warfare and long-range precision fire.

Dan said it will be important moving forward for NAS Fort Worth JRB and the Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) to review core objectives, have a better understanding of available technical tools, to stay focused on maintaining and improving land-use compatibility, to maximize the benefits obtained through a potential implementation grant and to appreciate all of the communities competing for what NAS Fort Worth JRB already has.

Item 5. Update on Governor's Committee to Support the Military:

Paul Paine provided an update on the Governor's new committee for military support. Paul said there will be 22 members on the committee, and they will coordinate with the Texas Military Preparedness Commission as well as the Texas Military Values Task Force. He said the committee will focus on helping active duty military members and their families and make recommendations on how to best maintain and enhance military value at existing installations in Texas as well as how to make Texas a more attractive destination for additional military missions. The committee will also collaborate with local governments and chambers of commerce to explore surrounding civilian infrastructure and identify competing and complementary needs between private development, right of private land owners and military necessities.

Paul said a third of the army transitioning to civilian life are living in Texas. He said the State wants to assist with this and a letter will be sent to Governor Abbott with specific recommendations to be considered during the upcoming legislative session in January 2019.

Councilmember Larry Marshall said Texas has had a huge influx of physicians from other states, and the Texas Medical Board allows people to apply for their medical license from other states well in advance of relocation. Councilmember Marshall said we may be able to work together with these types of agencies to improve the transition process for military members.



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Item 6. Joint Land Use Study Implementation Grant Update:

Amanda Wilson presented information related to a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) implementation grant. Amanda said NCTCOG completed a Regional JLUS earlier in the year and sent out a final report on the project that included over 150 strategies for both the region and each individual installation included in the study. She said NCTCOG plans on applying for an implementation grant offered by the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA). Amanda said the team wants to make sure all of the recommendations and strategies included in the final report are still relevant and prioritized correctly before moving forward with the grant application.

Amanda presented a work scope for the grant, which included recommended tasks to be implemented in years one, two and three. Randy Skinner asked when the prioritization of all the strategies would be completed. Amanda said the recommended strategies showcased in the presentation have been categorized as either a high or medium priority. She said it's important to be realistic and think about how much money is being requested and what can be accomplished within the grant's three-year timeframe. Paul Paine said the Regional JLUS is very cutting edge, and a lot of people in the region haven't even addressed the results of the study and what they mean for both the military and surrounding communities.

Item 7. NAS Fort Worth JRB Update:

Captain Jonathan Townsend provided an update on NAS Fort Worth JRB activities. Captain Townsend said the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Program (DEAAG) awarded \$2 million to the Army. Captain Townsend said the base is working closely with Westworth Village to create a bicycle and pedestrian path from Pumphrey Drive to Air Field Falls. NAS Fort Worth JRB also recently signed an \$11 million contract to update the airfield's lighting infrastructure. There is wind farm migration into the Brownwood Military Operating Area (MOA), and there is an on-going conversation regarding what to do about the height of the flag pole at Gander Outdoors, Inc. They are also going to build a new pharmacy on the base. The Navy Ball was held on October 13, and the Sky Ball XVI was held on October 27.

Ed Spurlin said he received a phone call from a land owner in the MOA southwest of the base asking if the military was concerned about wind farm migration. Ed said there's not a lot the Department of Defense (DOD) can do within the State of Texas regarding renewable energy policies and procedures, but he would stay in communication with the caller and keep him abreast of any news related to the topic.

Councilmember Larry Marshall asked if there would be security measures for those entering and exiting the base from the new bicycle and pedestrian trail. Captain Townsend said the process would be the same as it's always been, and patrons would need to show identification to gain access onto the base.

Item 8. Administrative Updates:

a. Request for Officer Nomination Subcommittee Volunteers:

Amanda Wilson said Sterling Naron, Jeff James and Stacy Almond have been asked to serve on the Officer Nomination Subcommittee.

b. Scheduling Update:



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The Next RCC meeting will be held on January 28, 2019 in Westworth Village. Amanda Wilson said there is lots of work being conducted in the region related to unmanned aircrafts. She said NCTCOG has formed a safety task force for this particular initiative and if anyone is interested in being involved to let her know.

c. West Tarrant Alliance Group Scheduling Update:

The next West Tarrant Alliance meeting will be November 1, 2018 in Westworth Village.

d. Transportation Project Implementation Update:

Dan Kessler said the design portion of Meandering Road is more than 60 percent completed. Dan said a productive meeting was held with Freese and Nichols, Inc. and TxDOT for the SH 199 project. He also said the Las Vegas Trail design has reached a critical point and all of the partners involved are on the same page. Sterling Naron said he would like to sit down with Dan Kessler and Ed Spurlin to discuss SH 183.

e. Media Alerts:

f. Correspondence:

Councilman Dennis Shingleton said the RCC has been invited to tour the Lockheed Martin plant after the first of the year.

g. Attendance Reports:

Item 9. Public Comments:

No public comments were made during the meeting.