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NAS JRB Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee October 19, 2020 1:30 p.m.

Remote Access via Zoom Meeting

The Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth (NAS JRB Fort Worth) Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) convened at 1:30 p.m. on October 19, 2020. The meeting was hosted by COG through Zoom meeting. Due to the nature of the virtual meeting technology, a full list of attendees will not be provided. Roll was called for Voting Members and that information is reflected here.

Voting Members in Attendance

Councilmember Dennis Shingleton, Chair, City of Fort Worth
Debbie Whitley, Vice Chair, City of Lake Worth
Randy Skinner, Treasurer, Tarrant County
Jack Adkison, City of River Oaks
Mike Coleman, City of Westworth Village
Carolyn Gilmore, City of Sansom Park
Jeff James, City of White Settlement
Councilmember Laura Mackey, City of Benbrook
Councilmember Larry Marshall, City of Benbrook
Councilmember Paul Moore, City of White Settlement
Paul Paine, City of Fort Worth
Angie Winkle, City of Sansom Park

Meeting Summary Outline

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Item 1. Welcome and Roll Call:

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

Item 2. Approval of July 20, 2020, Meeting Summary (Action):

The motion to approve the meeting summary was made by Paul Paine. Mike Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3. F-35A Beddown Update:

Colonel Joshua Padgett gave an overall 301st Fighter Wing mission briefing on behalf of Colonel Allen Duckworth. He presented on the F-35 IOC (Initial Operational Capability) for the 301st Fighter Wing and touched on its mission, vision, and fiscal year 2020 priorities due to new members of the committee being in attendance. Colonel Padgett said the total economic impact of the 301st for fiscal year 2018 was more than \$170 million. NAS JRB Fort Worth, as a whole, contributed \$3.7 billion to the Texas economy in 2019.

The F-35 aircraft will be the sixth to be flown out of the 301st since the F-16C in 1991. NAS JRB Fort Worth currently has 26 of the F-16C aircraft, with combat mission being the focus, and employs over 2,000 personnel staff. Colonel Allen Duckworth became Commander of the base in early April 2020 followed up by Vice Commander Colonel Corey Amundson. The base includes a 195 active member 301 Fighter Wing medical squadron, a mission support group, a maintenance group, an operations group, a 24th fighter squadron, and a 44th fighter group (geographically separated unit in Florida). There have been 11 combat operations in the past 16 years with combat air patrols over Kuwait, Southern and Northern Iraq, and Korea and combat operations over Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria and in 2019 Romania. Colonel Padgett wrapped up his presentation with noting the base is still the preferred location of the F-35. A record of decision (ROD) will not be made until November or as late as January 2021.

Item 4. Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program:

Dan Kessler gave a brief update on the Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program and a submission to the DOD Office of Economic Adjustment of a proposal for a North Texas Defense Manufacturing Consortium. The program was funded by Congress (\$10 million grant) in 2019 and a short deadline was given to submit a grant application. Interested parties were given six weeks to respond with an August deadline date. Six communities across the US were selected with most being statewide initiatives. North Texas was not selected; however, the proposal received lots of positive feedback from the OEA.

Dan said the defense manufacturing community (Lockheed, Bell, Raytheon, L3) were very supportive of our efforts and OEA encouraged the committee to repackage our grant application and submit it for their grant opportunity named The Resiliency Program in the fall. Dan said we will work together with our consortium partners to repackage and resubmit another grant application to the DOD OEA before the end of 2020.



Item 5. 87th Texas Legislature Strategy Discussion:

Amanda Wilson provided a brief overview to the RCC of the 87th Texas Legislative Position. The RCC took action on the legislative position back in July. Materials and position information can be found on the RCC website. Amanda gave dates of interest to the committee providing a breakdown of the legislative process. A new Speaker will preside over the House when it convenes in January 2021. At this time, it is unknown how the Legislature will conduct meetings, host visitors to the Capitol, etc.

In the interim, the focus has been on the bill adding military installation to a list of critical infrastructure. The bill stated that UAS could not fly over or impede military operations for a military installation. This bill did not pass. Amanda said we have a draft of a bill working with the Texas Commanders Council whose chairman is now the commander of Joint Base San Antonio.

Item 6. Joint Land Use Study Implementation Grant Update:

Amanda Wilson presented an update on the JLUS Implementation Grant. She recapped that this grant is a follow up to the Joining Forces study that was completed in 2018. Amanda gave an overview of the grant to all present, notably, new RCC members who are not yet familiar with it. She outlined the Grant Scope of Work of the JLUS, and the current Grant Tasks that are being worked on which includes: Coordination with other Texas agencies working on JLUS projects or implementation; Upgrades to the RCC Development Review Tool; Project theme, logo, design style and updates to websites; and the Sound attenuation incentive program. Amanda said a November regional forum will be postponed until in-person meetings can be held. However, she offered to brief any new member and/or offer copies of the grant to those who are interested.

Kyle Roy presented an additional Grant Task related to public involvement. He said we are creating a Welcome Packet to be given to new residents/homeowners living next to NAS JRB Fort Worth. The packet will give insight of what to expect living near the base while highlighting the importance of the base. Kyle is seeking input from RCC members regarding the packet, feedback on the proposed contents, and ways on how to distribute the packet. He said all suggestions are welcome through email or chat box. Suggestions of online website submission and reaching out to realtors and the board of realtors were mentioned. General Kevin Pottinger said that concerning perimeter security partnerships, DEAG could be available to help with funding support of this project under the JLUS. Amanda Wilson said the committee will explore that option as the project progresses.

Item 7. Development Review Project Update:

Kyle Roy gave an update of a submission – Project 126 – to the online development review tool from the City of Fort Worth. It was a request to rezone 5 acres of land in Fort Worth (6801 Hatch Road north of NAS JRB Fort Worth) from agriculture use to single family use. Comments from the City of Lake Worth and NAS JRB Fort Worth were received. It was recommended the developer should coordinate with the city staff on base to resolve the issue of noise impacts.



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Item 8. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update

Captain Mark McLean was not able to be present at the meeting. The NAS JRB Fort Worth update item was bypassed until the next scheduled meeting. In its place, Councilman Shingleton informed the committee that the City of Fort Worth will pass a resolution approving \$1.2 million in funding for RCC participation in the DEAG grant at the NAS JRB Fort Worth.

Councilman Shingleton also announced that election of new RCC officers for 2021 is now due to take place. He requested that current RCC officers serve as a nominating committee for new officers. The nominating committee will meet and present a new slate of officer nominees by the January 2021 meeting. He asked if anyone is interested in participating as a nominating committee member to please contact him directly.

Item 9. Administrative Updates:

- **Scheduling Update:** The next RCC meeting will take place Monday, January 25, 2021 via Zoom.
- **West Tarrant Alliance Group Scheduling Update:** The next meeting scheduled for November 5, 2020 has been cancelled.
- **Transportation Project Implementation Update:** Mike Coleman said two segments of the Westworth Village Bike Trail are complete with a third segment at 80 percent completion (Roaring Springs to the Jet Express Car Wash). Lighting has been installed. All three trails will connect via a pedestrian bike crossing at Roaring Springs. Project construction on track to be completed by the end of 2020.
- **Media Alerts:** Included in the packets.
- **Correspondence:** Included in the packets.
- **Attendance Reports:** Included in the packets.

Item 10. Public Comments:

There were no public comments made. Only a committee member inquiry regarding if their name was mentioned during roll call. There was a yes confirmation of their presence at the meeting.