

Meeting Summary

NAS JRB Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee

April 27, 2026

1:30 p.m.

**River Oaks Community Center
5300 Blackstone Dr.
River Oaks, TX 76114**

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 27, 2026. The meeting was hosted by the City of River Oaks.

Voting Members in Attendance

Dr. Larry Marshall, Chair, City of Benbrook
Dan Chisholm, Vice Chair, City of River Oaks
Jeff James, Secretary, City of White Settlement
Jack Adkison, City of River Oaks
Councilmember Michael D. Crain, City of Fort Worth
Councilmember Macy Hill, City of Fort Worth
Brian Libbey, City of Westworth Village
Dillon Maroney, Tarrant County
Mayor Faron Young, City of White Settlement

Non-Voting Members in Attendance

Charlie Crippliver, Airpower Foundation
Capt. Beau Hufstetler, NAS JRB Fort Worth
Dan Kessler, North Central Texas Council of Governments
Kit Marshall, Greater Fort Worth Association of REALTORS
Maritta Sumner, Governor's Committee to Support the Military
W.B. Zimmerman, Fort Worth Aviation Museum

Others Present

Maj. C.J. Baumann, 8th Marine Corps District
Joaquin Castillo, City of Fort Worth
Chief Chris Cook, White Settlement Police Department
Evan Escher, Trinity Metro
Councilmember Brent Forester, City of River Oaks
Phil Fountain, Texas Military Department
Mayor Darren Houk, City of River Oaks
Doug Howard, City of Benbrook
Don Istook, City of River Oaks

Sarah Kelty, Greater Fort Worth Association of REALTORS

James Myrick, City of River Oaks

Larry Patterson, Ridgmar Neighborhood Association

Paris Sanchez, Tarrant Regional Water District

Tommy Thompson, Neighborhood Association on South Lake Worth

Megan Tucei, Texas Military Department

Col. David Tumanjan, 8th Marine Corps District

Councilmember Leigh Ann Turner, City of River Oaks

Leigh Wambsganss

Bethany Warner, City of Fort Worth

Councilmember Geoffrey H. White, City of Lake Worth

Doug Wilhelm, Fort Worth Report

Ron Wooten, East Lake Worth Neighborhood Association

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance

Jasmine Rodriguez

Kyle Roy

Amanda Wilson

Meeting Summary Outline

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of February 9, 2026, Meeting Summary (Action)
4. Meandering Road Groundbreaking
5. Tenant Command Presentation: 8th Marine Corps District
6. Proposed Scope of Work: Next Joint Land Use Implementation Grant
7. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update
8. Staff Reports, Kyle Roy, NCTCOG
 - Reinitiating Defense Community Safety & Security Committee
 - Scheduling Update
 - Media Alerts
 - Correspondence
 - Attendance Report
9. Public Comments

Item 1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge

Chair Larry Marshall 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 February 9, 2026 Meeting Summary (Action)

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

Item 4: Meandering Road Groundbreaking

Dan Kessler provided an update following the morning's Meandering Road groundbreaking ceremony, which he described as a milestone for a project that has been in development for a long time. He noted that the road has not been substantially improved since 1948. The project will improve access to NAS JRB Fort Worth and also generate economic development opportunities near Roberts Cut Off and SH 183 intersection in River Oaks, with potential for town center-type development. He also outlined future phases of the project, including an approximately 800-foot extension of Meandering Road to SH 183, a redesign of the Roberts Cut Off-SH 183 intersection, and a study of additional bridge capacity at the LTjg Barnett crossing. All right of way has been acquired, and the City of Fort Worth, which has led procurement for the project, will manage construction using federal funding flowing through the Regional Transportation Council. Dan thanked the Fort Worth City Council for their support throughout the process and expressed excitement for the ongoing project.

Item 5. Tenant Command Presentation: 8th Marine Corps District

Chair Larry Marshall introduced Col. David Tumanjan, who presented an overview of the 8th Marine Corps District's mission and operations. Col. Tumanjan described his background, explaining that he is an Idaho native with 20 years of service in the U.S. Marine Corps as an artillery officer. The 8th Marine Corps District is composed of about 1,000 Marines across several recruiting stations in Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico and nine subordinate commands, with its headquarters located at NAS JRB Fort Worth. The

mission of the 8th Marine Corps District is to engage with the community and find recruits with mental and physical qualifications and character to serve in the US Marines Corps for four years and beyond. Col. Tumanjan noted that the high school program is where they find the most highly qualified individuals, and that they award 90 scholarships for the Navy ROTC program wherein individuals go to college and continue serving afterwards as a US Marine Corps officer.

There are six Marine Corps recruiting districts, with six recruiting stations in Texas. The headquarters is covered by 91 Marines and civilians, and about 800 Marines are distributed across the rest of the district's operations. The district contains over 100 different small recruiting offices, usually located in strip malls, business complexes, and armed forces recruiting centers. To accomplish their mission, the 8th Marine Corps District conducts extensive community engagement, including partnerships with schools, gyms, and other organizations to build trust with the American public. Col. Tumanjan defined district success as carrying the Marine Corps' message to individuals, transforming young men and women of great character into better versions of themselves who are able to carry on the mission of the Marine Corps, and the number of individuals who graduate from recruit training and successfully become Marines. He remarked that Texas is a great environment for the district because it is a growing centralized location that offers regional opportunities for both recruitment and quality of life.

In response to a question about whether recruitment is more difficult nowadays, Col. Tumanjan confirmed that it is more challenging today than in years past due to the rise in individuals with felony arrests and substance abuse issues. Addressing a question about how the shift toward technical warfare has changed the Marine Corps' recruitment profile, Col. Tumanjan affirmed that the Marine Corps has adjusted the balance between physical and mental requirements due to the changes in modern warfare and said that high school engagement programs are important for recruiting high-quality individuals who later gain opportunities to expand their technical skills.

Item 6. Proposed Scope of Work: Next Joint Land Use Implementation Grant

Amanda Wilson presented a proposed scope of work for the next Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) implementation grant. Amanda explained that a JLUS is usually funded through the Department of Defense (DoD) Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC). The Joining Forces study completed in 2018 examined compatible development around NAS JRB Fort Worth and Texas Military Department facilities in North Texas. This study resulted in 150 strategies for individual installations and the North Texas region. Amanda noted that 24 high-priority individual tasks related to study recommendations were completed in 2024, and that the DoD has encouraged NCTCOG to apply for another implementation grant paired with a Military Installation Readiness (MIR) study to continue to make progress. The OLDCC guidance states that the project must bring added value to DoD, there must not be other available resources to conduct the project, and it must connect to the original JLUS recommendations.

The proposed scope had previously been shared with the RCC's technical subcommittee, and Amanda said staff were presenting it to the full RCC for feedback. Amanda outlined the six major task areas included in the proposed scope. The areas were coordination between the military and community, community-installation security partnerships, local planning and encroachment protection, sound attenuation measures, infrastructure improvements, and public information. The MIR study would identify readiness issues inside the fence line and from the surrounding community, recommend remedies, prioritize projects, and identify potential funding sources. Amanda noted that an important part of these MIR studies are tabletop exercises conducted with the base, first responders, and public works to identify any gaps in incident response. In closing, Amanda invited feedback from RCC members and said the scope would be taken back to the technical subcommittee before the grant application is finalized.

Item 7: NAS JRB Fort Worth Update

Capt. Beau Hufstetler provided an update on recent activities and priorities at NAS JRB Fort Worth. He opened by reflecting on the base's mission of training and deploying reservists, noting that a number of reservists have recently been activated and deployed overseas, in some cases within 72 hours. Capt. Hufstetler mentioned that policy changes related to vaccines and firearms on base are coming but highlighted that it takes time for changes to take effect. Capt. Hufstetler said the base is making progress on a long-standing need for a new electrical switching station, with an Oncor site visit and a land grant being considered. Quality of life initiatives are underway including repainting barracks interiors, new flooring, kitchen improvements, and shower repairs. Flight line security improvements are advancing through the DEAAG grant, with \$1.1 million in state funding to add new gate systems and authentication requirements. Fuel farm operations, which were recently transferred to the base commander's authority, are also the subject of several ongoing projects. He also noted that hangar 1050 is slated for a major overhaul and that the base's bowling alley is being renovated. He also encouraged RCC members to share community service opportunities with the base.

Capt. Hufstetler announced several upcoming events, including the Navy 10-miler on May 9, which will offer a five-mile option, a 10-mile option, and a combined 15-mile "after burner" option, with static aircraft displays along the route. The base's fireworks display is planned for late June. He also shared that planning is underway for an airshow anticipated for April 24-25, 2027, with an estimated 80,000-100,000 attendees expected based on the 2024 airshow. Capt. Hufstetler announced that the change of command ceremony will occur on Sept. 25 and introduced his successor, Capt. Dustin Engel.

A member of the Ridgmar Neighborhood Association raised concerns about a proposed high-rise development at Ridgmar Mall and its potential impact on the base due to its location in the Accident Potential Zone. Dan Kessler assured the member that Fort Worth staff are tracking all proposals and that the city's overlay ordinance remains in place. Councilmember Macy Hill added that the Fort Worth City Council is engaged on the matter and encouraged the member not to rely on unverified information circulating online. Capt. Hufstetler confirmed that he has met with developers twice and that building heights, traffic, and airspace penetration from construction cranes are all concerns he would continue to raise.

Item 8. Staff Reports

- **Reinitiating Defense Community Safety & Security Committee:** Dan Kessler reported that the Defense Community Safety and Security Committee will be reinitiated for the 2027 airshow planning effort.
- **Scheduling Update:** The next RCC meeting will take place Monday, July 20, 2026, at the Pecan Grove Convention Center in White Settlement at 1:30 pm.
- **Media Alerts:** Included in the packets.
- **Correspondence:** Included in the packets.
- **Attendance Report:** Included in the packets.

Item 9. Public Comments

W.B. Zimmerman, Fort Worth Aviation Museum, reported that the museum sustained significant hail damage during a recent storm. A GoFundMe and a Facebook page have been established to assist with recovery efforts, and Mr. Zimmerman asked members to help disseminate the information. He noted that the museum had already been pursuing a \$45 million upgrade and said the storm damage might complicate those efforts. He invited RCC members to visit the museum and contact him to discuss future opportunities.