



Meeting Summary

**NAS JRB Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee
January 24, 2022
1:30 p.m.**

**Westworth Village City Hall Community Room
311 Burton Hill Rd.
Westworth Village, 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 January 24, 2022. The meeting was hosted by the City of Westworth Village at the City Hall Community Room.

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
Councilmember Leonard Firestone, City of Fort
Worth
Councilmember Brian Libbey, City of Westworth
Village
Alice Moore, Tarrant County
Councilmember Paul Moore, City of White
Settlement
Randy Skinner, Tarrant County
Councilmember Gary Stuard, City of Lake
Worth

Preparedness Commission
Gregg Russell, 301st Fighter Winger
Ed Spurlin, NAS JRB Fort Worth
Maritta Sumner, Fort Worth Air Power Council

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance

Nicholas Allen
Jaclym Castillo
Paul Paine
Kyle Roy
Amanda Wilson

Non-Voting Members in Attendance

Dan Kessler, NCTCOG
Captain Mark McLean, NAS JRB Fort Worth

Others Present

Brandy Barrett, City of Westworth Village
Mayor Walter Bowen, City of Lake Worth
Colonel Matt Brown, Marine Aircraft Group-41
Jennifer Carpenter, Texas Department of
Transportation
Holly Martin, YMCA Camp Carter
James Myrick, City of River Oaks
Dan Novak
Roger Peimann, Fort Worth Air Power Council
General Kevin Pottinger, Texas Military

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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 members in attendance and audience members introduced themselves. The Chair invited members to participate in a legislative subcommittee. He also announced the appointment of a technical subcommittee to focus on efforts related to the Joint Land Use Study Implementation grant. The committee members are Jim Hinderaker (Benbrook), Stephen Murray (Fort Worth), Stacey Almond (Lake Worth), Marvin Gregory (River Oaks), Angie Winkle (Sansom Park), Brandy Barrett (Westworth Village), Jeff James (White Settlement), Randy Skinner (Tarrant County), and Ed Spurlin (NAS JRB Fort Worth).

Item 3. Approval of October 18, 2021 Meeting Summary (Action)

The motion to approve amended minutes was requested by Chair Mike Coleman. Councilmember Gary Stuard made the motion. Secretary Dan Chisholm seconded the motion. The meeting summary for October 18, 2021, passed unanimously.

Item 4. NAS JRB Fort Worth Tenant Commands Series: Marine Aircraft Group-41

Colonel Matt Brown is the Commanding Officer for the Marine Aircraft Group-41, which is headquartered at NAS JRB Fort Worth. MAG-41 is the largest Marine Aircraft Group in the US Marine Corps with 12 subordinate commands in six states at 15 different locations. There are 1,100 marines and sailors based in Fort Worth. The Marine Fighter Attack Squadron "Cowboys" are currently active and deployed in the Pacific theater. The Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron "Rangers" fly KC-130Js and have been deployed to every continent except Antarctica.

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in the past year. Personnel based at NAS JRB Fort Worth are a mix of active duty marines, active reserve marines, and traditional reserve marines.

Colonel Brown then shared two videos and provided information about recent deployments:

- This video addressed the “Cowboys” deployment to Iwakuni, Japan, as part of the Unit Deployment Program, where they will assist in maintaining peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific area of operations:
<https://www.facebook.com/marforres/videos/227413132782532/>
- This video provided an overview of the “Rangers” deployment to the Horn of Africa, which included evacuation efforts in Afghanistan:
<https://www.facebook.com/MarineAircraftGroup41/videos/256409876397209/>

Captain Mark McLean asked Colonel Brown to discuss the difference between the ages of the aircraft in the “Cowboys” squadron and its maintenance crew. Colonel Brown explained that most of the aircraft are about 40 years-old, but the average age of the maintenance crew is 18-24 years-old. Ed Spurlin asked if the Cowboys would be receiving newer planes in the future. Colonel Brown said the “Cowboys” would receive six newer F-18 models when they returned from their current deployment. He also expected the squadron would receive F-35s within the next 10 years. Mr. Spurlin also asked about the aircraft in the Rangers squadron. Colonel Brown said the squadron was expected to grow from eight to 15 C-130Js in the next four to six years.

In response to a question from Councilmember Stuard, Colonel Brown said he was not sure which model or models of the F-35 would be based at NAS JRB Fort Worth. Captain McLean then asked Colonel Brown to explain about the Marine/Navy break; Colonel Brown said carrier aviation is built around aircraft carrier landing patterns, which often occur at lower altitudes, requiring pilots to break left. Dan Kessler then asked Colonel Brown to discuss the pros and cons of being based at NAS JRB Fort Worth. Colonel Brown said the central location provided logistical flexibility and reduced risk, since aircraft could receive maintenance if crossing the US. The location in Texas also aides recruitment efforts and allows the military to leverage the strong defense industry presence in Dallas-Fort Worth.

Item 5. Mission Statement and Consideration of Bylaws Update: Second Reading (Action)

Amanda Wilson presented a final draft of the updated bylaws and a mission statement and outlined the major changes, including a requirement that voting entities pass a new resolution supporting the mission statement; an annual requirement to review the membership of nonvoting entities; removal of the option to appoint alternate members; removal of the immediate past chair from the executive committee (in keeping with the current practice); a revision of the section on elections to outline procedures for filling officer vacancies and appointing an officer nominating committee; a revision to the meeting section to clarify that meetings will be quarterly; and removal of the requirement for meetings to comply with the Open Meetings Act, which would give the committee greater flexibility to conduct business in the future while maintaining standards of openness and transparency.

The Chair requested a motion to adopt the updated bylaws and mission statement. Councilmember Michael Crain made the motion. Councilmember Leonard Firestone seconded the motion. The item was approved unanimously.

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Item 6. Las Vegas Trail Update

Dan Kessler introduced the presenter, Jennifer Carpenter of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Mr. Kessler said the Las Vegas Trail project had run into several challenges and was transferred to Ms. Carpenter due to her skill in handling high-priority projects. He said one of the primary challenges is that the project limits fall in both Fort Worth and White Settlement, but he said the Regional Transportation Council had already committed funding.

Ms. Carpenter then provided an overview of the North Las Vegas Trail project from Quebec Drive to Interstate Highway 820; the project includes two side streets, Heron Drive and Shoreview Drive. The total project is less than a half-mile long. The project is currently in the preliminary engineering phase to determine the lane configuration to widen the road from two to four lanes with turn lanes, sidewalks, intersection improvements and stormwater channel improvements. This phase will include an approved schematic, public involvement, environmental clearance, and a determination of right of way needs. Ms. Carpenter explained the final project will have two lanes in both directions, a center turn lane, shared use path and result in the realignment of Heron Drive and widening of Shoreview Drive. Right of way needs are still being determined. She said she is preparing for a public meeting in May 2022, with environmental clearance expected in November 2022 and a construction start date in fall 2023, although she said she thought this was an aggressive schedule.

The Chair confirmed that traffic counts had already been completed and asked whether the traffic was primarily from the Lockheed Martin plant. Jeff James, White Settlement city manager, estimated that 95% of the traffic was due to Lockheed Martin and said the Army National Guard's drill weekends contributed significant weekend traffic. Mr. Kessler explained that the project also leverages TxDOT's investment in IH 820 and thanked TxDOT for their support.

Item 7. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update

Captain McLean provided updates on several items. Westworth Village will open an aviation-themed park that connects to trails and will have an OH-58 on display; he is hoping to find a fixed-wing aircraft for the park before its opening in April. Also, Westworth Village added four welcome signs that declare the city home to NAS JRB Fort Worth, and he further thanked the city for repaving a portion of Roaring Springs. The annual Holidays and Heroes event was moved from the base to Fort Worth Meachum this year due to federal policies, but 134 military families were still able to participate.

Concerning COVID-19, the base went several months in the fall without new cases, thanks in part to a 98% vaccination rate. Although the new omicron variant has hit the base hard, the high vaccination rate and booster shots have protected the base from any significant operational impacts.

Captain McLean thanked Mr. Spurlin for his work on the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant application, which was approved by the Texas Military Department for \$1.9 million in state funding (in addition to \$1.2 million being provided by the City of Fort Worth and an estimated \$3 million in federal funding). The project will combine fleet and family support services, college offices, and Navy/Marine Corps relief offices in a single renovated building. Project completion is expected in fall 2023. Captain McLean further thanked the Fort Worth city council for its support for the application.

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The base recently held a training day for first responders. At the training, Lake Worth staff provided a briefing similar to the one they presented to the RCC in October. They also discussed counter-UAS efforts, active shooter scenarios, and mutual aid agreements and were also able to share training practices.

The base's gas station is shut down and undergoing inspection but is expected to return to full service in six to eight weeks. For the SH 183 widening project, the base completed a six-week traffic count at its front gate, and there are an estimated 11,000 cars per day. Captain McLean is also trying to open the base's galley to more base visitors and personnel, since younger servicemembers have shown a preference for meal options off the base; there is some concern the galley's funding could be removed in the future. The base is also looking for funding for erosion control between the housing on Nimitz Drive and the golf course. The creek is eating away at yards, so the base will need access to the easement to address the situation. Upcoming events include the Fort Worth Chamber's meeting on March 31 and a celebration of the base's 80th anniversary in May.

Colonel Brown expressed his gratitude for the community's support for the Toys for Tots holiday drive; this year's drive provided toys to 250,000 children. Captain McLean said the base hosted a 10-mile run in November; there were 500 attendees, and the base will host the event again this year.

Item 8. Defense Community Infrastructure Program Project

Dan Kessler presented an overview of the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP), a federal funding program by the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation. He remarked that the program's requirements were somewhat tricky because it requires a 30% local match and construction-readiness. There is a possible flood control project on the Fort Worth-White Settlement city line; the tributary of Farmers Branch Creek floods residential areas of White Settlement and the Texas Army National Guard armory. White Settlement has local funding that can be leveraged, but there is a potential eligibility issue because the facility is currently on land leased by the City of Fort Worth to the Department of Defense. The project needs \$1 million in federal funding to be built.

Item 9. Development Review Tool Projects

Kyle Roy presented nine projects submitted to the Development Review Tool since October:

- Fort Worth: Rezoning of a planned development with light industrial use in the 70 dB noise contour and Accident Potential Zone (APZ) I. The project was determined to be consistent with JLUS recommendations, but the city and developer were encouraged to look carefully at the floor to area ratio and coordinate with the Federal Aviation Administration.
- Lake Worth: Rezoning to revive previous use for gas station outside the noise contours and APZs. The project was found to be consistent with the JLUS recommendations.
- Lake Worth: Replat of two lots into one lot in the 70 dB noise contour. The developer was encouraged to use sound attenuation measures.
- Lake Worth: Replat of two residential lots into one lot in the 75 dB noise contour on the edge of the APZ I. This project was not fully compatible with JLUS recommendations, but it does reduce density to improve the parcel's compatibility. Sound attenuation measures were also encouraged.

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- Lake Worth: Replat of two residential lots into one lot in the 75 dB noise contour. This project was not fully compatible but does improve the compatibility of the parcel because it decreases density. Sound attenuation measures were also encouraged.
- Lake Worth: Zoning change from commercial to highway corridor in the 65 dB noise contour. The project was found to be consistent with the JLUS recommendations.
- Fort Worth: Zoning change to planned development for a hotel located near several other hotels within the 70 dB noise contour. Sound attenuation measures were encouraged.
- Benbrook: Zoning change from industrial to planned development with several uses, including warehouses, in the 65 dB noise contour. The project was found to be consistent with the JLUS recommendations.
- Lake Worth: Replat to combine two residential lots into one lot in the 75 dB noise contour. This project was not fully compatible but is a step towards compatibility since it decreases density. Sound attenuation measures were encouraged.

Dan Kessler reminded members that residential development in the 70 and 75 dB noise contours is problematic and said NCTCOG staff are coordinating with cities to improve the project review process and ensure residents and developers are informed about their proximity to the base.

Item 10. JLUS Updates

Amanda Wilson provided updates on work on the JLUS Implementation Grant. She said NCTCOG staff had requested a one-year extension of the grant through February 2023 due to delays caused by COVID-19. The next virtual quarterly meeting of the Texas Compatible Use Forum will be next week, and RCC members are invited to participate. The forum is primarily for planning practitioners, but there may be some discussion of legislative priorities, such as real estate disclosure and UAS issues. The RCC Technical Subcommittee has been appointed to collaborate on a number of items, including solutions related to planning, zoning, and building code best practices; RCC Development Review Tool updates; and a “welcome packet” for residents and businesses. Upcoming discussions will address a possible noise mitigation program, real estate disclosure efforts, and recommendations from the Planning Livable Military Communities study. The Department of Defense project manager visited NAS JRB Fort Worth and Fort Wolters in December and was able to learn more about the relationship between NAS JRB Fort Worth and the Texas Military Department installations.

Item 11. Administrative Updates

- **Scheduling Update:** The next RCC meeting will take place Monday, April 18, 2022, at NAS JRB Fort Worth.
- **Legislative Subcommittee:** A sign-up sheet was available at the meeting, and an invitation will be sent by email.
- **Transportation Project Implementation Update:** Dan Kessler provided updates on several projects. Meandering Road is expected to let in August 2023. There will be a public hearing in River Oaks in February, which will be an opportunity for the community to express its support for the project. Staff will send more information about the hearing. On SH 199, Lake Worth and NCTCOG staff met to discuss solutions to the city’s needs while addressing traffic in the corridor. Staff are working with TxDOT to refocus efforts on this project. On SH 183, HNTB (engineering consultant) is ready to hold public meetings in early spring. Design options for the Bomber Spur interchange, including the

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bicycle/pedestrian trail at IH 30, are being discussed. Mr. Kessler said it was important to preserve access to the base and Lockheed

Martin. This project is tied into the SH 183 project. The study for the SH 199/IH 820 interchange revealed a need to widen IH 820, possibly to IH 30, so TxDOT is studying the entire corridor now. Finally, TxDOT has undertaken a feasibility study for widening several sections of IH 20 across the state. Dr. Larry Marshall asked staff to be careful about building tall ramps on the SH 183 project, because it can be detrimental to local businesses. The Chair asked for an update on arterial roads in West Tarrant County, especially in light of the gas drilling that has occurred in the area; Randy Skinner said he hoped the county would be able to return to this work after the bond election.

- **Media Alerts:** Included in the packets.
- **Correspondence:** Included in the packets.
- **Attendance Reports:** Included in the packets.

Dan Kessler introduced former committee member Paul Paine as a new member of NCTCOG staff, working as a Senior Program Manager on Department of Defense initiatives, including the agile curriculum project, which will be a collaboration with several defense firms, including Lockheed Martin, Bell, and Raytheon as well as local colleges and universities. The initiative will prepare students to work for defense manufacturers.

Item 12. Public Comments:

No public comments were made during the meeting.