

Meeting Minutes
NAS/JRB JLUS Meeting #1
January 20, 2010

- Project Timeline – the project timeline shows a project conclusion in October 2010. The notice to proceed and final contract has yet to be received by GCR.
 - Bruce Keller - Stated that it would be helpful to have several recommendations at the end of the project to assist in finding long term solutions.
 - Initial timetable should have most recommendations in draft form by May. This would allow for early implementation by the Parish.
 - Local government is the implementation committee.
- Project Area - The project area or Military Influence Planning District (MIPD) was identified for the project. It is this area where the JLUS will identify a land use strategy to create a pattern of development more compatible with the base and its mission. The area, which includes portions of Jefferson and Plaquemines Parishes, is defined as a polygon around the base that follows: Lapalco Boulevard, LA 23, PP/JP/OP Parish Line, F Edward Hebert Boulevard, Hero Canal, Lafitte-Larose Highway (LA 3154), Destrehan Avenue. This will include most of Belle Chase, portions of Jefferson Parish including the edge of Woodmere, most of Stonebridge and some of Oakdale. The boundary will be extended to cross the River and include portions of Scarsdale and Davant which fall within the noise contour for the base's shorter runway.
 - Possible expansion of the MIPD to include portions of Orleans Parish.
- JLUS Components - The JLUS will look at a master plan for land uses around the base, given the guidelines of the AICUZ.
 - A base master plan will provide information on land uses proposed for the base. This also includes suggestions for more facilities as well as transportation projects which will add another entrance to the base on LA 23 south of the Russell Avenue gate.
 - Naval Facilities Engineering Command out of Jacksonville, FL was present at the meeting as they will work with the results of the JLUS project, which could include more property acquisitions around the base. They worked with the Parish on acquiring the Pivach property along Barriere Road.
 - There are concerns about the potential for the extension of Peters Road and Barriere Road to induce incompatible development around the base. He sees getting the JLUS complete as soon as possible and providing recommendations to the Parish for policy implementation as critical to making sure this does not happen.

- Coordination with the Comp Plan is required. This will allow the JLUS findings/recommendations to be incorporated into the Comp Plan for the Belle Chasse area. The outcome of the JLUS process may be multiple development/growth scenarios for the area. However, the recommendations need to take into account the needs for the military, as well as the community.
- A meeting with large property owners to long term plans for the area around Walker Road/Peters Road extension is required (i.e. Alan Hero). There may be other property owners in the area which need to be consulted but these individuals will likely be met with through the public meeting process.
- Stated that other environmental issues that may need to be addressed would include air quality. The NAS is concerned about possible air quality issues from area refineries, including daily air quality reports and potential spills.
- Are there other noise metrics that may be used to measure noise? OSHA standards?
- Land Use Issues - There appear to be many residential areas in Jefferson Parish and Plaquemines Parish which have been allowed to develop in the runway noise contour areas, which are or may be incompatible in the future with the guidelines of the AICUZ. Subdivisions in the noise contours include Stonebridge in Jefferson Parish and the Springwood Subdivision (off Woodland Highway) in Belle Chasse. According to the Base Commander, residents of Stonebridge are in close contact with the base regarding ongoing issues related to noise and runway use. The commander will be meeting with Stonebridge neighborhood association members in the coming month. He asked for them to be included/represented in the committees formed for this project.
- Project Committees and Meetings - Three committees will help provide guidance to the project: A policy committee comprised of Plaquemines Parish, NAS/JRB personnel, Jefferson Parish will provide review/oversight for the project. A technical committee including these same groups, plus the RPC, local neighborhood associations and groups will also be used to provide input to the project.

The base commander has asked that the mission and outcome for these groups be defined by the project team and communicated to these groups prior to the start of the meeting process. The final list is under development and review – it was asked that suggestions for additions/deletions be provided within the next week.

 - The Parish President, and Council Representatives for Districts 2 and 4 will be on the Policy Committee.
 - A total of 4 public information meetings are shown for the project (as per the timeline). These will occur in Belle Chasse (at the auditorium), possibly on base. These meetings will need to be publicized (newspaper, mailings, etc.)

to the local community. The base is very interested in getting the word out to as many people as possible regarding public meetings.

- The Parish has identified key stakeholders to populate the technical and committee and policy committee. Benny Puckett at the Parish noted that he has notified this group of an upcoming project meeting in February (February 2nd).
- The February 2nd meeting would be project introduction and review of the general scope of the project, along with review of the AICUZ requirements.
- The presentation at the February 2nd meeting should include a draft from of the purpose, need and goals that this JLUS will address.
- The presentation needs to address the process that will be used to create the recommendations.
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