

## **Meeting Summary, JLUS Technical Committee Meeting**

Plaquemines Parish Volunteer Fire Department, 104 New Orleans Street, Belle Chasse, LA  
May 12, 2010, 6:00-8:00 PM

Attendees: Ken Dugas, Mike Metcalf, Stan Mathes (PPG); CDR Buck Dodick, Bruce Keller (NAS/JRB New Orleans); Mike Stack (DOTD District 02); Terri Wilkinson (JP); Allen Hero (Hero Lands); Bonnie Buras (Plaquemines Parish Resident); Steve Gourgues, Joel Gilliam (GCR); Ed Elam (BKI)

The meeting started with a request for a motion to approve of the minutes from the Committee meeting of April 21, 2010 by committee chair Mike Metcalf. The motion to accept was made by Allen Hero (Hero Lands) with a second by Ken Dugas (PPG). No opposition to the motion; minutes approved.

At the start of the meeting, Steve Gourgues (GCR) provided the following handouts for use during the discussion: Meeting Agenda; Meeting Summary from April 21, 2010; Military Influence Area Panels (8 ½ x 11 panels covering all areas) with accompanying Suggested Land Use Compatibility Matrix which was completed by GCR to show the results of the Land Use Compatibility Assessment (as directed at the close of the last meeting).

Project Website – GCR announced that the project website is running ([www.JLUSNewOrleans.com](http://www.JLUSNewOrleans.com)) and available for viewing by the public and project committee members. It will be where members of the committees (Policy and Technical) can download meeting packets and information in advance of meeting dates. Updates will be made to the website to reflect actions taken at each committee meeting. Members of the committee were also offered an opportunity to supply more photos of the Parish, Base, etc. which can be added to the site. These can be sent to Steve at GCR.

Policy Committee Report/Update –The April 26, 2010 meeting of the Policy Committee achieved those items of business identified and passed along by the Technical Committee. All motions approved by Technical Committee and passed along to the Policy Committee for approval were passed. Thanks again to the Technical Committee for their hard work and recommendations.

Review of Military Influence Area Maps/Land Use Compatibility Matrices (MIA) –The discussion during this section of the agenda started with a review of the Suggested Land Use Categories (SLUC) matrix recommendations at the sub-district level. Application of the land use matrix allows for identification of problem areas where land use policies or practices might need to change. In areas where changes are not possible, the group will be asked for a recommendation on how best to mitigate existing/future noise and APZ issues.

Final recommendations on these maps and matrices were not asked for at this meeting. The information presented will help start a general discussion of the application of the JLUS land use compatibility recommendations to the project area. As part of the review which starts at this meeting, members of the Technical Committee were asked to look through the maps and

identify any inconsistencies which may now exist with the built environment (i.e. new residences, new commercial structures, approved subdivisions, etc.) which may have an impact on recommendations.

A summary of general questions/observations:

- Noise Contour Update for North-South Runway - It was noted by the Base that the current noise hot spot on the Runway 14-32 reflects an engine testing area not currently used by the Base. It has been replaced as a result of hush house construction. This would impact the noise contour shown on the map within areas 15 D, E, F as well as 15 C and possibly areas 14 A and B.  
The exact changes in the noise contour for this area could be determined as part of a follow-up noise review which GCR, if approved by the sponsor. This review will re-examine the limits of the noise contours given the changes in the uses along the eastern edge/end of the North-South runway (closure of the engine testing area identified in the original noise study).
- Ongoing Oversight of the JLUS (once final) – there were questions about how the JLUS will be updated/amended once it is accepted by the Parish governments. Changes in land uses are expected to continue and some information on how to make amendments, what actions would trigger review and which group would remain in place to oversee the plan would be helpful. It was discussed that the process of making amendments is fairly standard in planning practices and that there are several local examples which could be followed in order to identify a standard review and amendment process.
- Identification of incompatible land uses – There may be some areas, once the committee has completed its review, that the recommendations are felt to be consistent. For example, areas 6B and C have recommendations for residential development which don't follow the JLUS Land Use Compatibility Matrix. In others where changes will be required, it may be better to put these aside and suggest final recommendations for those areas where the group can reach consensus with the analysis. The group was asked to review all areas, identify questions and changes to what is shown and bring these to the next meeting.
- Building Code Issues – It was discussed that research is required into the statewide building codes and how soundproofing/sound mitigation would be addressed within its provisions.

At the next meeting, the group has been asked to be ready to discuss the maps, items identified as part of this discussion and move toward adoption of land use compatibility recommendations.

Meeting adjourned, with no objection.

The next Technical Committee meeting was tentatively set for May 26, 2010, 6:00 pm at the Belle Chasse VFD. The meeting reminder will be sent to all committee members in advance.