



**Military Transformation Task Force
Meeting Minutes**

A Regular Meeting of the Military Transformation Task Force was held in the Municipal Plaza, Room B, 103 South Main, San Antonio, TX 78205 on Friday, September 5, 2014 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

MEMBERS:	Mac McCarthy	Carroll Schubert	Robert Murdock
Joe Krier	BG La Brutta	Col. Chevallier	Frank Sherman
Kevin Wolff	Mike Novak	Mark Frye	
	Bob Brach	Howard Peak	
 STAFF:	 Jesus Garza	 Ryan Cook	
 GUESTS:	 John Thurman	 Richard Terrell	
Felipe Jimenez	Daniel Chavez	Phil Reidinger	
Todd White	Ryan Garcia	Jim Cannizzo	

Citizens: Terri Williams

Call to Order

Chairman Novak called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Chairman Novak provided a brief background of the Military Task Force and spoke of its roles and responsibilities.

Citizens to be heard

Terri Williams spoke of the upcoming Veterans Regional Summit on October 30, 2014, at the Norris Conference Center. She indicated that the Summit would focus on helping Veterans in business and/or seeking to start a business. She mentioned that the ongoing Veterans Business Development Program would continue to be funded by the JP Morgan Chase Foundation.

Chairman Novak suggested that Ms. Williams post the information to the website.

Administrative Business

MTTF/Office of Military Affairs Completed Actions (Mr. Robert Murdock, City of San Antonio)

Robert Murdock spoke of future meeting dates and stated that they would be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2014; Wednesday, January 28, 2015; and Wednesday, April 22, 2015.

Information Items

OMA Fiscal Year 2014 Funding

Mr. Murdock stated that the Office of Military Affairs (OMA) has been Grant Funded by the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), a sub-office for the Department of Defense, for the past eight years. He stated that the OEA would fund the OMA through the remainder of the Fiscal Year; however, the City Manager was recommending to the City Council that OMA be funded by the General Fund, for the first time, beginning in FY 2015. He spoke of funding challenges and stated that staff was constrained by the type of work approved by the OEA. He stated that OMA was funded for one full time staff personnel and would submit a request to OEA for a full-time equivalent to continue work on the Regional Joint Land Use Study (JLUS).

DoD Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

He stated that the U.S. House of Representatives authorized the Department of Defense to conduct a Data Call of the various Services to determine Excess Infrastructure and the Value of Military Installations. He spoke on the significance of the request and stated that this was the first step required for Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). He mentioned that

the House Version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) did not authorize or suggest BRAC. He stated that the Senate would not work on the Authorization Act until after the Election. He indicated that while Congress was in Session a Continuing Resolution (CR) would be produced to allow the Government to continue working at FY 2014 rates, through mid December. He indicated that Senate and House Committees would meet and conference after the Election to take up the Authorization Act and at that time language would be inserted to authorize BRAC in 2017.

ADC (Association of Defense Communities) Summit

Mr. Murdock referenced the Association of Defense Communities (ADC) June Conference and stated that the Association issued a Policy Statement against a future BRAC. He reported that the Policy Statement stated that BRAC Alternatives would be more devastating to a community than the BRAC itself. He mentioned that the Services would be able to utilize alternative methods that would allow Mission Movement and "warm base" Military Installations with minimal manning and minimal upkeep. He spoke of the adverse affects of "warm basing" and stated that it would detrimental to the surrounding communities.

Texas Military Communities Mayor's Forum

Mr. Murdock spoke of the Texas Municipal League Meeting and stated that Mayor Castro met with the Mayors of Killeen and Corpus Christi, and together they agreed to organize a meeting between the 15 Mayors and 15 Military Communities throughout the State. He stated that the meeting would be an attempt to engage the Legislature to provide funding for the Installations and Surrounding Communities to increase their Military Value. He mentioned that numerous States were allocating funds to "BRAC Proof" their Installations. He stated that the Mayors have met three times and would meet again on Monday. He stated that Mayor Castro and Mayor Taylor requested that he represent them at the meetings. He noted that Monday's meeting would be to affirm the language in the Legislative Request. He reported that the Request would be for \$150 million and the amount was based on the \$150 billion Economic Impact of all Texas Installations.

Air Force Installation ad Mission Support Center

Mr. Murdock stated that the Air Force agreed to establish an Installation and Mission Support Center to provide Support Services to all of its Installations. He indicated that the Support Center was the equivalent of the Army's Installation Management Command (IMCOM). He stated that it would consolidate current support and noted that Brigadier General Theresa C. Carter was designated as the Center's Commander. He spoke of the required criteria and stated that Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and San Antonio were currently the two strongest contenders for a location. He stated that the Secretary of the Air Force would review all Base Locations and make a determination.

Texas Military Value Task Force

Mr. Murdock stated that Senate Bill 1200 authorized a Texas BRAC Commission, or Military Value Task Force (MVTF), to visit all 15 Installations and determine their Strengths and Weaknesses. He stated that the MVTF would make recommendations to the Legislature and Governor, based on their findings, of how to promote growth and ensure the viability of those Installations. He spoke of the briefing process and stated that Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) would make their presentation in Ft. Worth on September 22, 2014. He stated the Task Force would gather data and publish a report to the Texas Military Preparedness Commission (TMPC), Legislature, and Governor.

Carroll Schubert asked of MVTF Staffing. Mr. Murdock replied that the TMPC Commissioners were asked to provide nominees to the MVTF. He noted that by law the MVTF was limited to seven individuals; however, only five were being selected. Mr. Schubert asked if the MVTF had a funding allocation from the TMPC. Mr. Murdock replied that funding was not allocated by the Legislature.

Community – Military Partnership update

Felipe Jimenez presented information on the JBSA Community Partnership Initiative Public-Public; Public-Private (P4) Partnerships. Mr. Jimenez spoke of the 502d Air Base Wing (ABW) & JBSA Installation Support Funding and stated that it had significantly decreased. He spoke of the various partnerships with JBSA and stated that as Initiatives developed more partnerships would be sought. He indicated that the Commander's intent was to institute a cross-functional Task Force and formal processes that leveraged existing assets and resources in JBSA and the San Antonio Community. He stated that this would create synergies to achieve operational efficiencies and effectiveness. He mentioned that the ultimate goal was to reduce the 502d ABW's installation support operating costs while generating robust partnerships to preserve JBSA's critical Military Missions and to support the Economic Vitality of the San Antonio Region. He spoke of mitigation

measurements and stated that an Energy Plan was established by partnering with CPS Energy and SAWS to gain efficiencies with their utilities. He stated that various partnership Initiatives were being considered in an effort to generate revenue; one of which was to open the Golf Courses to members of the community. He stated that on August 5 the 502d ABW signed a Charter with community partners to establish a more efficient means of using available resources. He stated that the 502d had committed to establish a business office with the objective of working with community partners and to provide one civilian position. It was requested that partners provide one additional individual.

Chairman Novak thanked Mr. Jimenez for the presentation. He inquired about the funding cuts made to the Ft. Sam Houston School District. Mr. Jimenez replied that he had only met with Randolph but would look into it. John Williams stated that in the event the school district closed, the surrounding schools would need to take in the students. Discussion ensued regarding the role of the school districts.

Update from MTF Committee Chairs, Joint Base San Antonio, and Other MTF Organizational Representatives

Infrastructure and Transportation Committee (Chair: Carroll Schubert)

Mr. Schubert spoke in favor of the Partnership Initiatives the 502d ABW was pursuing. He stated that the MTF need to advocate for Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Funding alongside the Installations and Local Officials.

Chairman Novak thanked Mr. Schubert for the presentation. He spoke of the East Side and stated that a better opportunity had never presented itself before. He referenced a SAGE Board Meeting and stated that he had an in depth look at the Economic Challenges of the community.

Chairman Krier excused himself from the meeting.

Real Property and Neighborhoods (Co-Chairs: Howard Peak)

Howard Peak spoke of the Hike and Bike Trails being built on the East and West Sides of the City. He provided an update of their development and indicated that he experienced a slight pushback from Ft. Sam. He stated that he would discuss further with Mr. Murdock at a follow up meeting.

Communication and Legislative Affairs (Co-Chairs: Mark Frye and Jesse Hereford)

Mark Frye spoke of the MVTF Hearing and indicated that it provided the opportunity to prepare for the September Hearing in Ft. Worth. He stated that the Army was preparing for a drawdown; however, in order for the drawdown to occur they would need to be in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. He mentioned that the Congressional Delegation wrote a letter in Support of bringing the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center to San Antonio. He spoke of SA to DC Initiatives and stated that an Issue Paper was created and presented to the Delegation. He indicated that he did not anticipate them doing much with it. He noted that the Military Veteran and Community Council now consisted of the following: San Antonio Chamber of the San Antonio Area Foundation; San Antonio Coalition for Veterans and Families; Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG); Getting There, City of San Antonio (COSA); Bexar County; Texas Veterans Commission; JBSA; and possibly the Veterans Assistance (VA). He stated that the H.R. 1770 was imminent and mentioned that participation of accredited colleges and universities in the Transition Assistance Program had been demonstrated locally. He spoke of the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center and stated that it was searching for a location for the Head Quarters. He stated that it would contain 350 individuals from all of the Air Force's Major Commands.

Mission Readiness & Sustainability Committee (Co-Chairs: Eric Stephens and John Williams)

John Williams provided an update for the JBSA Lackland JLUS and stated that the next steps were to complete the Light Pollution Mitigation Analysis.

Mr. Williams provided an update for the JBSA Randolph JLUS and stated that the next steps the following: 1) Compatibility Assessments; 2) Draft and Final Reports; 3) AC Final Draft Preliminary Strategies/Implementation Plan; and 4) Committee Workshops.

Review and Approval of Minutes from March 7, 2014

The March 7, 2014 minutes were unanimously approved.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan J. Cook, Office of the City Clerk

Please visit the Military Transformation Task Force website: www.sanantonio.gov/oma

Audio recording is available at the Office of Military Affairs

Attachments:

1. Military Transformation Task Force PowerPoint Presentation