



**Grissom Air Reserve Base Joint Land Use Study
Joint Policy Committee and Technical Working Group
Meeting Summary
June 6, 2017, 9:30 a.m.**

Policy Committee Members Present:

Colonel Larry Shaw, Commander, 434th Air Reserve Wing, Grissom Air Reserve Base
Josh Francis, Commissioner, Miami County Commission
Steven Ray, Executive Director, North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council
Jim Sailors, Commissioner, Cass County Commission
Doug Schwartz (attending on behalf of Dean Despinoy, Chairman), Grissom Regional Defense Alliance
Jim Tidd, Executive Director, Miami County Economic Development Authority
Jim Yates, Board Chairman, Miami County Economic Development Authority

Technical Working Group Members Present:

Tammy Gamble, Zoning Administrator/Building Commissioner, Miami County Planning Department
Vern Keller, Building Commissioner, Town of Bunker Hill
Arin Shaver, Executive Director/Subdivision Administrator, Cass County Planning Department
Jim Tidd, Executive Director, Miami County Economic Development Authority
Mark Waite, Chief Engineer, 434th Air Reserve Wing, Grissom Air Reserve Base

Additional Stakeholders Present:

Bill Gornto, Building Commissioner, Miami County Building Department
David Hughes, Base Civil Engineer, Grissom Air Reserve Base
Colonel Scott Russell, Commander, 434th Mission Support Group, Grissom Air Reserve Base
Colonel Chris Witter, Commander, 434th Security Forces, Grissom Air Reserve Base

Consultant Team Members Present:

Tyson Smith, White & Smith, LLC Planning and Law Group
Phil Huber, Marstel-Day
Doug Allen, Marstel-Day
Vagn Hansen, Benchmark Planning
Brooke Thomas, American Structurepoint, Inc.
Kelly Cousino, White & Smith, LLC Planning and Law Group

Colonel Shaw called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Mr. Smith reviewed the meeting agenda. He introduced the four consulting firms and their representatives comprising the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Project Team, and noted each firm's role in the project.

Mr. Smith reviewed the roles of the Policy Committee and Technical Working Group. Committee and Working Group members, along with other stakeholders in attendance, introduced themselves.

Mr. Smith noted the Project Team will conduct meetings with various stakeholders over three days this week. He stated there will be three public meetings, including one scheduled for tomorrow evening, and anticipates five meetings with the Policy Committee and Technical Working Group throughout the year-long study process. These meetings will likely be joint meetings like the one today.

Mr. Smith provided an overview of the purpose of a JLUS as described by the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), which provided funding for the Grissom Air Reserve Base JLUS and many others across the country. Mr. Smith showed a map of the 130 Joint Land Use Studies conducted from 1985 through 2016.

Mr. Smith reviewed the initial compatibility areas to be studied, which include noise, accident potential, security associated with nearby development, renewable energy, potential for increased development, and height of off-base structures. He noted the stakeholder interviews may reveal additional areas of study.

Mr. Smith provided a summary of the JLUS process, which includes an evaluation of existing conditions, a land use compatibility assessment, and provision of implementation options.

Ms. Thomas provided a brief overview of American Structurepoint and its role in the project. She noted the firm has completed over eighty projects in the four-county JLUS Study Area.

Mr. Smith reviewed the three phases of the planning process, including the JLUS, development of implementation tools, and adoption of those tools. He noted the JLUS recommendations will include timeframes for implementation (i.e., short-, mid-, and long-term), estimated cost, and responsible organization.

Mr. Hansen reviewed maps of the JLUS Study Area, and noted the area will be refined as the Team gains a better understanding of the local context and potential compatibility issues. He provided an overview of the land use compatibility analysis and showed examples from a previous JLUS at Marine Corps Air Station – Beaufort (South Carolina). The analysis will be

performed for the unique impacts associated with Grissom Air Reserve Base and will assess both current and future operational impacts, along with current and future compatibility concerns. Mr. Hansen explained that land use compatibility is assessed based on Air Force Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) Guidance.

Mr. Smith reviewed a list of stakeholders with whom the Project Team will meet this week. He also noted the Team will hold a public kick-off meeting on Wednesday, June 9, and reviewed the meeting agenda.

Mr. Allen reviewed the components of the JLUS public awareness campaign, which includes an outreach and awareness component and a public input component. The outreach and awareness component includes a project website (www.grissom-jlus.org), Facebook page (@GrissomARBJLUS), informational brochures (which will be posted on the website), and an interactive “story map” accessible through the website. The public input component includes a survey, live polling at the public meeting, and public questions and comments (accepted throughout the study process). Mr. Allen noted the survey may be filled out online or may be mailed to the Project Team, and responses will be accepted until August 18.

Mr. Smith completed the presentation by noting the Team will return in the fourth quarter of 2017 to present the results of the public survey, stakeholder and public input received to date, and the initial land use compatibility assessment.

Colonel Shaw emphasized the importance of the public meeting scheduled for Wednesday, and noted the community’s interest in the JLUS.

Colonel Russell asked whether Grissom Air Reserve Base members should or will be at the public meeting. Mr. Smith said it could be beneficial in case questions come up, but is not necessary if there are more pressing matters since they had attended this meeting.

Mr. Smith noted the project schedule printed on the back of the agenda. He stated the Project Team plans to return towards the end of the year, likely in November, to provide its initial findings.

Mr. Tidd noted Mr. Ray’s role in the JLUS project is to administer the OEA grant and to be the main point of contact for any grant-related aspects of the project.

Mr. Hughes asked about a potential wind farm project in the area. Mr. Smith noted it is something to be considered in the JLUS.

Mr. Tidd noted that he would contact representatives from Howard and Wabash Counties since they are not present today. He thanked everyone for their participation and looks forward to their input during the planning process.

Colonel Shaw thanked everyone for his or her attendance, and adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.