

Camp Butner Joint Land Use Study

Policy Committee Meeting

May 29, 2008
9:00 a.m.
South Granville Water & Sewer Office
209 W. C Street
Butner, NC

In Attendance

Voting Members

Edgar Smoak, Town of Butner
Hubert Gooch, Granville County

Kathryn Spann, Durham Soil & Water
Conservation District
Shelby Powell, Kerr-Tar COG

Non-Voting Members

Dean Askew, NC State University
John Shaw, NC National Guard

Others Present

Tom Lane, Town of Butner
Richard Veazey, Restoration Advisory Board Co-
Chair

Technical Staff

Geraldine Dumas, Kerr-Tar COG
Jonathan Cooper, Kerr-Tar COG
Kathleen Snyder, Durham City/County Planning

Garland Walker, Butner Citizen
Jean Walker, Butner Citizen
Jerry Young, The Carlyle Group, Inc
William West, Daily Dispatch
Tommy Marrow, Town of Butner

MEETING SUMMARY

Welcome and Introductions – Chairman Edgar Smoak welcomed attendees to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Public Comment Period – There were no public comments offered.

Meeting Summary from February 1, 2008 and March 7, 2008 Meetings – Meeting summaries had been emailed to committee members and were available at today's meeting. Motion was made by H. Gooch and Second offered by J. Shaw to accept the meeting summaries as presented. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion / Decision Items – The Committee discussed details regarding the following items:

Upcoming Workshop – Shelby Powell reported that the Working Groups were seeking input from the Policy Committee regarding details about the initial public workshop. The committee agreed to hold the workshop at a school in Butner if there was one available. Tommy Marrow will check on the school availability. The workshop will be held on June 23 as a first choice and June 24 as a second choice. The workshop will begin at 6:30 in order to give residents a chance to get off from work and get to the meeting location. Light refreshments will be served. The group agreed to follow a schedule proposed by COG staff that includes 60 minutes of presentations, 30 minutes of public comment time, and 30 minutes of unstructured open house

time. Presentations will be given by Edgar Smoak, who will welcome the public and introduce the panel and the project; Mayor Tom Lane, who will speak on behalf of the local governments involved in the study; John Shaw or CSM Del Foster, who will speak regarding the Camp Butner economic impact on the community, the goals of the JLUS, and other military interests; and Richard Veazey, who will briefly review the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) activities and how they fit into the JLUS project. Maps will be on display that show the current and future land uses, parcels within the study area, road names, environmental features, natural heritage areas, zoning, managed lands, and other available data. Staff will create copies of an 11x17 color map of the study area for the public to keep. Other handouts will include a summary of Camp Butner's economic impact, a brochure outlining the project, the Frequently Asked Questions document, the Policy Committee meeting schedule, and comment forms. Other displays may include land conservation efforts underway through Durham County and/or the Tar River Land Conservancy. The COG staff will work with the speakers and the Working Groups to fully develop the agenda for the public meeting, and will send out notification to the JLUS Policy Committee when the date and location have been confirmed. Kathryn Spann asked if signs advertising the meeting would be posted on property. Shelby Powell advised that property owners within the study area would be notified via direct mail by the counties, and there was not money budgeted to create additional signage. She advised that COG staff would make flyers to hang in governmental offices and other areas around town advertising the workshop. John Shaw noted that the NC National Guard had received word that their application to be upgraded to the next level of base had been approved by the federal government, essentially taking Camp Butner from "junior varsity" level to "varsity" level, which will take effect in October. This will result in a larger staff and budget for Camp Butner to use in performing their mission.

Property Owner Notification – The Policy Committee reviewed the draft property owner notification letter prepared by COG staff. Changes were suggested to give the letter a more local feel, and the Committee directed Staff to prepare a letterhead that comprised the Durham County, Granville County and COG logos to put the letter on. After workshop details are finalized, the property owner letters will be mailed.

Application Update – The JLUS funding application has been approved by the Office of Economic Adjustment, and is awaiting final sign-off by the Director of OEA. This should happen sometime this week, and then the project will be officially funded.

Website Update – Shelby Powell reported that the website was up and running, and the committee should review it when they have an opportunity. Agendas and meeting summaries from this point forward will be included on the site. All maps from today's meeting will be added to the website soon.

Additional Meeting: January 2009 – Shelby Powell advised that after reviewing the project schedule, she recommended the Policy Committee schedule an additional meeting in January 2009 to review the draft report before the report is presented at a scheduled public workshop in late January or early February. The committee agreed to add a meeting on January 22, 2009.

Next Steps – Edgar Smoak noted that the next steps for the process would be for the staff to continue data collection, hold the initial public workshop and hold the next Policy Committee meeting on August 28, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the South Granville Water and Sewer Authority Building.

Adjournment – There being no further business to address, Edgar Smoak adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.