

**Howard County-Fort George G. Meade Fort Meade Growth/BRAC Task Force
(HC-BRAC-TF)**

Task Force Memorandum 2007-13

Subject: Task Force Update

Date: 18 June 2007

Originator: Kent Menser, Task Force Chairman

Purpose: The purpose of this memorandum is to provide our Task Force Members and our Fort Meade Growth constituency with the most current information available on this important action. Please call Kent Menser at 410-313-6521 if you have any questions.

Committees	Co-Chair from TF	Staff Co-Chair
<i>Work Force Housing</i>	Tom Ballentine	Stacey Spann
<i>Public Safety</i>	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
<i>Education</i>	Bob Price	Roger Plunkett
<i>Transportation</i>	Ron Meliker	Carl Balser
<i>Infrastructure</i>	Wayne Wilhelm	Bob Beringer
<i>Health and Human Services</i>	Vidia Dhanraj	Lois Mikkila
<i>Workforce Development</i>	Francine Trout	Patty Keeton
Lessons Learned Committee	Mark Cissell	Don Darnell/Dwight Hollenbach
Plans and Analysis Team	Anwer Hassan	Jean Friedberg
Executive Committee	Sam Seymour	

1. Key Points:

- a. Task Force Members: You have the opportunity to make a significant contribution to the people of Howard County, this place where you live and/or work. We need your expertise and commitment and we need you to ask the tough questions!
- b. Task Force Meeting on 13 June 2007: As most of you know, we held our 13 June Task Force Meeting at the Golf Club House on Fort Meade. A special thanks to Colonel McCreedy and his staff for their support of this action.
 - I. Meeting Objectives:
 - Sustain a close and effective relationship with the Fort George G. Meade Community
 - Understand the relationship between the County Executive's vision and Task Force Mission
 - Understand that Fort Meade growth is ultimately about regional impacts and opportunities
 - II. Objectives Met: We met our objectives because of the great presentations given by Ken Ulman, Howard County Executive, Colonel Ken McCreedy, Fort Meade Garrison commander and Jean Friedberg our own Task Force Planner. Additionally, we briefed Sam Seymour's Task Force strategic planning concept to the over 140 Task

Force members and other attendees. I have attached the subject power point presentations to this message. They are large! If you do not get them, send me a message and I will break them down into smaller bites and try again.

- b. Public Safety Committee: We met last week with the leadership of our Police and Fire Departments to discuss the organization and focus of our new Public Safety Committee. We are aligned! We all want to maintain the superb level of services that we currently have in Howard County and make sure that we act on the opportunities that Fort Meade Growth will bring, and be fully prepared for any impacts that this growth will generate. We will be appointing Committee Co-Chairs in the near future. If you currently do not belong to the Task Force and have an interest in being on this committee, send me a message.
- c. Task Force Co-Chair Meeting: On 20 June, Jean Friedberg and I will be meeting with all Committee Co-Chairs. At that meeting we will be discussing and then agreeing to specific objectives and supporting formats for our 12 December 2007 presentation to our County Executive. More to follow on this!
- d. Resource Partners: This is a new category of membership in the Task Force. If you are an individual or organization that desires to contribute experience and knowledge to the Task Force, but cannot consistently make scheduled meetings, then this is a good program for you. All we need is for you to identify your area of expertise and give us a point of contact. You will then become part of our “living library,” and when we need information on your particular functional area, we will give you a call. Send me an email at: kmenser@howardcountymd.gov if you want to contribute.
- e. Decision Making: Among the topics you will hear me discuss on a regular basis are; fact based information, actionable information and decision formats. Take a look at our strategic planning slides at the end of subject Power Point briefing to get some insight on where we are going with this subject.
- c. No Contact: If you are a member of the Task Force and have not yet been contacted by your committee chairperson, call me at 410-313-6521.

2. What are those numbers again?

- a. During Phase II, we are going to take the mass of data on Fort Meade Growth that is out there and do our best to convert that data into actionable information for our customers. That said, let us review again the information we are currently using for growth assumptions:

Planning Projections of Fort Meade Growth during the next 5-7 years

- BRAC: 5,695 (MD BRAC Report)
- NSA: 4,000 + (Best estimate)
- Enhanced Use Leasing: 10,000 (FGGM BRAC/EUL EIS)
- Other growth on Fort Meade: 2,000 + (Best estimate)
- Total jobs new to Fort Meade: 22,000

- b. We are currently working on the follow-on numbers related to direct, indirect induced jobs and households.

3. Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) Grant:

- a. Howard County, Anne Arundel County and the City of Laurel did receive the grant that we had submitted several months ago. We are currently working with Anne Arundel County on the transportation piece of this grant and we met last week with our OEA Program Manager on the Community Services portion.
- b. Additionally, we have the resources available to hire a BRAC assistant. Check out the Howard County Website for information on the position.

Administration:

1. **New Support System:** Thanks to the support of the Howard County Information Technology team, we will soon have a website that will allow us to store/attach documents for future review and facilitate individual and group communications within the Task Force. More to follow on this.
2. **Joining the Task Force:** Any person living or working in Howard County is eligible to join one of our committees. Call me or send me an email and we will work to match your capability with our need. Initially, we may put you on standby status before we assign you to a specific committee.
3. **Task Force meetings:** Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. Transparency and commitment are two of our core values. Join us at our Task Force meetings.
4. **Committee Meetings:**
 - a. These are THE most important meetings. Set your meeting schedules out as many days as makes sense, so that you can maximize attendance.
 - b. If you have questions on committee actions aligning with Task Force Strategies, call or email Jean Friedberg.
 - c. The Task Force Chairman will give access to a phone conferencing system for those Committee Chairs who want to use it.

Task Force Chairman Observations/recommendations:

1. If you are a Task Force member and find that you are having difficulty in making committee meetings, take a close look at your situation and consider the different ways that you can make a contribution to this effort. We need your knowledge and expertise and we need you to meet your many different obligations in as an effective manner as possible and still have fun!
2. Thanks to our Task Force Co-Chairs. Your leadership is critical to our success!

Next Steps:

1. TF Members please attend all your committee meetings
2. Call me if you have any questions or need assistance.