

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

Task Force Memorandum 2007-14

Subject: Task Force Update

Date: 6 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	Co-Chair
<i>Work Force Housing</i>	Tom Ballentine	Stacey Spann
<i>Public Safety</i>	Joseph Herr	William McMahon
<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. Fort George G. Meade Regional Growth Management Committee:
 - On 27 July, this newly reconstituted committee met for the first time under the leadership of its coordinator, Bob Leib who the Anne Arundel County BRAC Representative. The committee's mission and primary objective are as follows:
 - **Mission:** Identify and evaluate the impacts and opportunities presented by Fort Meade growth on the region.
 - **Primary Objective:** Ensure that solutions adopted by this managed growth committee protect and enhance the region's quality of life.
 - The committee consists of the following organizations/members:
 - Anne Arundel County
 - Baltimore County
 - Baltimore City
 - Carroll County
 - Howard County
 - City of Laurel
 - Prince Georges County
 - Fort George G. Meade Commander

- Fort George G. Meade Alliance President
 - National Security Agency Representative
 - The meeting was attended by staff-level representatives from all member jurisdictions. Bob Leib and Jean Friedberg gave presentations on the current level of planning in the Fort Meade Region. Additionally, mission, objectives and next steps were discussed.
 - The next meeting will be held at the Anne Arundel Community College Campus at the Arundel Mills Mall at 3:30 PM on 25 July. At that meeting, each of the jurisdictions will give a 5 to 10 minute presentation on their top 5 growth issues. Discussion of common regional issues and priorities will follow. The public is invited to all county and regional BRAC meetings.
- b. Public Safety Committee:
- The Public Safety Committee will be chaired by Chief Joseph Herr, Chief William McMahon and a third chair to be confirmed.
 - We are currently searching for four qualified and/or highly motivated volunteers for this committee. Call me (410-313-6521) if you have any recommendations or would like to volunteer.
 - The first organizational meeting will be in late July or early August, exact date to be determined.
- c. Regionalism:
- Over the past several months I have attended a number of meetings around the State of Maryland and they all have a strong common theme, REGIONALISM! I think most people involved with Fort Meade Growth understand that no individual political entity can maximize its opportunities or prepare for the impacts of growth without working very closely with its geographical and political neighbors.
 - In Howard County, we know that we must work closer with our Fort Meade regional counter-parts if we are going to protect and improve our quality of life. The Fort Meade Regional Growth Management Committee will be the primary vehicle we will use to improve these working relationships. Now is the time for the members of this committee to transition from the concept/cocktail phase to the team/sweaty phase of Fort Meade Based Regionalism.

2. Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) Grant:

- a. The Grant money is now in the pipeline between Anne Arundel County and Howard County, thanks to good work by Bob Leib, his staff and Tim Betts from Howard County.
- b. Thanks to the funding status, I have started the hiring process for a BRAC Assistant. The position advertisement was on the County Website for two weeks and I have received over 60 resumes! I expect to make the final selection by the end of July.

Administration:

1. Howard County BRAC Task Force Key Dates:

- a. 10 July 2007-7:30 AM: Co-Chair Meeting in Gateway Building, Classroom #3
 - b. **11 July 2007: THERE IS NO TASK FORCE MEETING**
 - c. 25 July 2007-3:30 PM: Fort Meade Regional Growth Management Committee Meeting at Anne Arundel CC Campus at Arundel Mills Mall
 - d. **8 August 2007: THERE IS NO TASK FORCE MEETING**
 - e. 10 September 2007: Lieutenant Governor and BRAC Sub-Cabinet visit Howard County from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. Public invited, Task Force members please attend. More to follow!
 - f. 12 September 2007-3:30 PM: Howard County BRAC Task Force Meeting. Block your calendars, but this meeting may be canceled if we can achieve TF objectives on 10 September.
 - g.
- 2. 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. Co-Chairs will get orientation on this system on 10 July.
- 3. 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.
- 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.
2. Thanks to our Task Force Co-Chairs and all of those members who are attending their meetings on a regular basis. Your commitment is critical to our success!