

JLUS Implementation Committee Meeting

April 19, 2018

Meeting Notes

Attending: Bob Ross, Deborah Jones, Captain Whitescarver, Adam Wright, Jonathan Reiner, Patrice Granatosky, Abby Piersall, Mayor Ron McDaniel, Amanda Kennedy, Jim Butler

1. Status of OEA Grant Application

Amanda and Jim reported that an application for funding for implementation had been submitted to the OEA. OEA provided a positive response, saying that the application had been submitted “ahead of the rush,” and that the benefit of the project to the base was “solidly argued.” OEA asked that the project included funding to support attendance by a team member at one of two conferences this summer. Jon Reiner volunteered to attend the American Defense Communities conference in June and to participate in the feedback sessions being conducted by a firm on behalf of OEA. Amanda and Jim will revise the application to reflect Jon’s attendance and will re-submit the application.

2. Report on Implementation Activities

Amanda distributed an abbreviated version of the Recommended Strategies list prepared for keeping track of implementation progress and for use as a reference in meetings.

Transportation: Adam Wright reported on activities related to improving public transportation to the base. DOD runs a program that provides up to \$260/mo towards transit costs. Adam will find out more about how the Norfolk (VA) Base has arranged for public transportation to travel on-base. MWR (Morale, Welfare, and Recreation) also provides an informal bike-share program. Deb Jones offered to share the Town of Groton’s bike plan with Jon, Captain Whitescarver, and Adam. Enterprise currently runs a van service for EB employees. There was also concern over whether EB’s ramp-up of construction activities would increase river traffic. The committee agreed to invite Electric Boat to be part of the conversation about transportation concerns and developing solutions.

3. Role of Committee

The group discussed what the composition of the committee should be and how often it should meet. It was discussed whether additional representatives should be invited to participate, such as representatives of Electric Boat, the CT Port Authority, or Thames River Heritage Park.

Attendees agreed to preserve the existing standing committee but invite others as needed. Susan Adams will be invited to the next meeting for a discussion of parking and traffic issues that will

be impacted by EB's hiring ramp-up. Since many members of this group are part of other organizations, the team explored the potential of piggy-backing an existing meeting schedule (such as SEAT does, meeting right after monthly SCCOG meetings. Since many JLUS committee members will be attending the July 11th TRHP meeting at Fort Trumbull in New London, the next JLUS meeting was scheduled for right after that meeting at 9:30.

4. Election of Committee Chair

The committee nominated and elected Bob Ross as Committee Chair, Jim Butler as Vice-Chair, and Amanda Kennedy as Secretary.

5. Other

Housing: Adam Wright reported that he had shared the results of the SECHA/SCCOG Regional Housing Study with base personnel. Housing is a concern because the SUBASE will host additional personnel for pre-commissions the new submarines and for training submariners. Meanwhile, there is a perception that the Base is currently over-supplied with public and private housing. The Navy has commissioned a Base housing study that is in progress. Committee members discussed the need to quantify future need for housing by Navy personnel, by EB workers, and by the region as a whole. Along with pressure on housing will be additional traffic and demand for parking. Committee members discussed potentially submitting for a 2010 OEA implementation grant to focus on planning for housing, traffic, and parking.

Dredging: Jim Butler reported that SCCOG had signed on as a sponsor to an amicus curiae regarding New York State's lawsuit to block dredging.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45

Next meeting:

Wednesday, July 11th, 9:30 PM at Fort Trumbull State Park Conference Center, New London