

20 September, 2019

Fort Knox Compatible Use Plan (CUP) Combined Meeting of Executive and Technical Advisory Committees.

Colvin Community Center, 230 Freedoms Way, Radcliff, KY 40160

Minutes

Meeting convened at 11:30am with Mr. Mike Burress, Executive Director Lincoln Trail ADD presenting opening remarks and welcome to audience. He introduced MG John R. Evans, Jr., Commanding General, Fort Knox.

MG Evans addressed the Committees with a presentation on “Fort Knox and the Compatible Use Plan.” The presentation included background on Fort Knox’s mission, with a focus on its overall training load; range use and types; economic and employment statistics, energy program and major units based on post. He then addressed the short- and long-term future capabilities and plans for Fort Knox; highlighting investments in infrastructure; new technology ranges to include the Digital Air-Ground Integration Range (DAGIR) and various unique aspects of Fort Knox. He concluded with the importance of the CUP for maintaining Fort Knox’s missions.

Question from the audience, Mr. Hugh Archer, KY Natural Lands Trust regarding status and contact for the ACUB program. MG Evans directed him to Mr. Dan Musel, Chief Environmentalist with Fort Knox Garrison Command for more information.

Mr. Burress thanked MG for his presentation and the group broke for lunch.

12:25pm meeting reconvened by Mr. Burress. The attendees were invited to introduce themselves around the room. Mr. Burress explained the background behind this CUP process, Fort Knox requested an update to the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) from 2008. The Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) advised them to obtain a sponsor, which in turn Fort Knox requested Lincoln Trail ADD to serve as. Lincoln Trail ADD applied to OEA to perform the CUP for Fort Knox beginning 1 August, 2019.

Mr. Burress then introduced the LTADD staff in attendance. Mr. Mike Robinson, GIS Specialist, Lincoln Trail ADD presented to the Committees the background of the CUP program including the former Fort Knox JLUS from 1994 & 2008 update. He then explained the focus areas as the 1,5- & 10-mile buffers around Fort Knox. He highlighted the economic engine that Fort Knox serves as for the region. He explained the success of the Hardin County 313 Buffer Corridor in discouraging development along the southern boundary of the post, thus serving to protect Fort Knox’s mission from physical encroachment. The CUP process including, public meetings, website and OEA deliverables

were explained. The various stakeholders that were representing the political, environmental, developmental, utilities and others were noted as well as the importance of the involvement of the general public in the CUP process.

Mr. Mike Skaggs, Radcliff-Elizabethtown MPO Transportation Planner presented the membership, role and responsibilities for the Executive and Technical Advisory Committees.

Mr. Robinson presented the CUP Public Participation Plan to the Committees for their review. He explained the background, purpose and schedule for the public involvement detailed in the Plan. Upon no questions or concerns raised, Mr. Robinson discussed the next steps in the process and showed a time line of the CUP process going forward. The first two Public Meeting dates and locations were provided.

Initial Meeting, West:

Nov. 7, 2019, 5:00 – 7:00 pm ET  
Colvin Community Center  
230 Freedoms Way  
Radcliff, KY 40160

Initial Meeting, East:

Nov. 13, 2019, 5:00 – 7:00 pm ET  
Shepherdsville City Hall  
634 Conestoga Pkwy  
Shepherdsville, KY 40165

Statement from the audience, Mr. Hugh Archer, KY Natural Lands Trust mentioned that the LTADD might want to contact the Salt River Conservancy in order to involve them in the process.

Mr. Burress wrapped up the meeting by thanking the attendees, and Col. CJ King, Jr., Garrison Commander, Mr. Emmet Holley, Deputy Garrison Commander, Mr. Ryan Brus, Fort Knox Public Affairs Officer and the other members of Col. King's staff for their assistance with preparing the meeting. He also extended special thanks to WesBanco of Elizabethtown and Ms. Marilyn Ford, President for sponsoring the meal and Mark's Feed Store for preparing it.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm.