

Minutes

General Meeting Ft McClellan Restoration Advisory Board September 21, 1998

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Anderson, Ike Brown, Pete Conroy, Barry Cox, Jerry Elser, Ron Hood, James Miller, Jimmy Parks, Fern Thomassy, Charles Turner

BRAC CLEANUP TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Johnson, Ron Levy, Bart Reedy

I. CALL TO ORDER. Mr. Thomassy called the meeting to order at 6:30.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Due to initial shortage of members, the minutes of August 17, 1998 meeting at Quintard Mall were reviewed with no comment; however a member arrived late which then made a quorum and the minutes were approved.

III. MEETING PRESENTATIONS. Mr. Levy introduced Mr. Tim Rice, a DOE staff member who is the Ft McClellan Cultural Resource Manager and the GIS Manager. Mr. Rice made a presentation about the German POW murals that are in the main lounge of Remington Hall, a registered historic building located within the post headquarters historic district. He discussed their importance, explained their history and brought the RAB up to date on their current status. He explained that complete restoration was too costly, however a highly qualified conservator had been contracted to clean the murals as well as filling and inpainting of all losses. The work is expected to begin around the end of October. Mr. Rice then showed a series of slides of the murals and pointed out the areas of most concern. He described each slide in detail, identified their location in the lounge, pointed out the degradation and discussed the potential corrective procedures. A short discussion followed concerning maintenance of adequate heat and air of this and other buildings in the historic district. Mr. Dan Levine, IT Corporation was then introduced. Mr. Levine provided an in-depth demonstration of the capabilities of the geographical information system (GIS) being developed for Ft McClellan. Explaining that this system will encompass all of the information available in several formats, and by clicking on a few commands, the data will be read, interpreted and displayed in many configurations. He then went through a series of maps, buildings, data tables, graphics and showed the RAB the various applications available. The RAB then discussed the future use of this system in reuse access, the update process, and public accessibility. Responding to Mr. Levy's call for comments on the cleanup plan, Mr Anderson asked if the new JPA (Joint Powers Authority) would impact on the current BRAC Cleanup Plan. A discussion followed, and Mr. Chris Johnson pointed out that site investigation is in process and would continue regardless of reuse. He reminded the RAB that the concern would be during remedial action - when cleanup levels are established based on reuse. Mr. Thomassy asked if the BCP would be adjusted as additional investigative

information is received and when could the RAB expect to provide input into the actual cleanup schedule. Mr. Reedy agreed the BCP would be adjusted and estimated it would be spring, 1999 before the RIs are initiated. A short discussion about funding closed out this portion of the meeting.

IV. COMMUNITY RELATIONS. Ms. McKinney called attention to the handout which listed the upcoming speaking engagements and asked if members have any other suggestions, to let her know and she would make the coordination with that group.

V. NEW BUSINESS. There was no new business.

VI. OLD BUSINESS. Mr. Levy announced the next meeting is scheduled for October 19th and the program would be presented by Ms. Jeanne Yacoub, the IT Program Manager. She will explain to the RAB the ongoing SIs and the type of work that is in progress. He also reminded the members of the offer to provide tours of the various sites and see first-hand how the work is being carried out. Mr. Conroy asked that the RAB consider inviting a JPA member to provide an update at the next meeting also. A discussion followed about their busy schedule, start-up problems and whether they could respond this soon after their reorganization. Mr. Conroy and Mr. Turner agreed to extend the invitation.

VII. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was then adjourned.