

**Jefferson Barracks Community Council
General Membership Meeting
November 5, 2010
Jefferson Barracks Joint Forces Reserve Center**

**Welcome and introductions by Art Schuermann
Welcome to new Center by Col. Mickan**

Minutes from last meeting approved

Treasurer's Report:

- \$2,586.19
- 95 dues paying members

Col. Newman:

- Because of the BRAC report, they have only been able to spend about \$15 - \$20,000 per year on buildings at Jefferson Barracks. Now that the TAG and others worked out a way to comply with BRAC while maintaining the forces at JB, they have \$2,000,000 per year to spend on buildings, etc. Therefore we will be seeing work on buildings and infrastructure at JB in the coming months.
- In 2-3 years, the Air Guard forces at Lambert will be at JB
- The Navy and Marines are also looking at JB
- JB is equipped with superior technology and capacity for high tech missions.
- The Colonel and TAG are looking at how JB can become a Metropolitan Emergency Response center for MO to help support the community, and provide command and control for municipalities, governments, utilities and citizens in case of a widespread disaster.
- The new building is earthquake-proof: 14 ft. into bedrock on the west side and 24 ft. into bedrock on the east side. Other parts are accordion-like to move with the shaking.
- They are also looking to building a landing zone for helicopters
- TAG wants wrought iron fence and new gate

Col. Mickan

- Provided a cheat sheet of facts about the new building
- Ribbon cutting is tomorrow at 1:00 pm
- Reviewed units at JB
- It is also a drilling weekend at JB so it will be crowded

News from Art:

Elections:

- Elections for the Board of Director were held. Current Board members Carole Baras, Barbara Hehmeyer and Beth Letscher were re-elected; Sue Schoemehl was elected to fill the post vacated by Dave Courtway.

- Board of Directors will elect Officers at the next Board meeting and they will be in place in January.

Other Business:

Lemay Community Center:

- Beth Letscher reported that it is moving forward and a search is being conducted for an architect.

Lemay/JB Branding:

- Art announced that there had been an interesting meeting regarding the effort to make the JB entities more visible along Telegraph

St. Louis County Parks:

- Parks is working on replacing slate roofs on the Powder Magazine and Ordnance buildings.
- The project will cost \$250,000 (courtesy of Parks and the Friends of JB)
- The project should be completed by the end of the year

New Business/Around the Room:

Website:

- The Board would like to look into creating a Community Council website with funds in our treasury
- The website would allow organizations to post events and information
- A vote was taken to approve the Board to investigate further

JB Master Plan

- Beth Letscher will be giving a presentation on the Master Plan at the next Lemay Chamber Lunch

JB Heritage Foundation:

- Bill Florich reported that he is working on getting the entire area to National Landmark status
- On Veteran's Day, there will be 6 WWII airplanes flying in the parade downtown and they will also fly by JB

Friends of JB/Glenda:

- The signs that John Lorenz worked on for a year are installed and wonderful. There is a map on the table.
- The JB train show is their holiday exhibit. It will be free but they will accept donations.

Telephone Museum:

- Harold Delaney
- Have been working 5-6 years on building putting on a new roof, replacing bad structures, all new windows, and new porches. The building was built in 1896 and

they are working on the interior too. They are preparing an application to the Port Authority for funding.

- Hope to open in Spring of 2011

Dale Baumann:

- Can somebody wash the airplane at the gate? Art will check into it.
- Why aren't there static displays of military equipment at JB? Art says that it is hard to get the stuff.

Girlfriends Project/Julie:

- Working with the Family Readiness Group TAG to ask retirees to get involved with the units because of high suicide rates of Guard members coming back into civilian life without the support of a base.

Rep. Patricia Yaeger:

- Thank you on behalf of Rep. Sue Schoemehl who couldn't be here today

Julie Leicht:

- Thank you on behalf of the County Executive

Donna Schumann:

- Working with the Missouri Botanical Garden and MODOT to get bids for project at Telegraph & I-255
- Hopefully planting will be done in the Spring
- November 20th – dinner and auction with a salute to the military theme

Lemay Housing Partnership/Mark Bohnert:

- LHP is available to perform home repair and weatherization in the area

JB Chapel Association/Al Katzenberger:

- A lot happening at the National Cemetery; new columbarium is being built for cremated remains and a new internment shelter.
- Grading is happening on the property given by the VA Hospital
- On the chapel, there is new siding and it will be painted
- Just restored the 35th Memorial fountain, it now works.

Esley Hamilton:

- Regarding the National Register, this was a big step. Thanks to Bill, we have historic records of every single building in the district now.

NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY JANUARY 14, 2010 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE JEFFERSON BARRACKS JOINT FORCES RESERVE CENTER.