

**Location / time:**

Stafford County Government Center, 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance:**

- Cord Sterling, Co-Chair                      Stafford County                      Present
- Maureen Caddigan, Co-Chair    Prince William County                      Present
- Mark Dudenhefer                      Stafford County                      Absent
- John Jenkins                      Prince William County                      Present
- Frank Principi                      Prince William County                      Absent
- Bob Woodson                      Stafford County                      Present
- Col. Charles Dallachie                      Marine Corps Base Quantico (Liaison)                      Present

**Staff:**

- Pat Thomas, PWC Potomac Communities Planner / CIP Coordinator                      Present
- Tim Baroody, Deputy County Administrator, Stafford County                      Present
- David Moss, PWC BRAC Coordinator, Fort Belvoir                      Present
- Catherine Spoehr, QGMC BRAC Assistant                      Present
- Tom Rumora, QGMC BRAC Coordinator                      Present
- John Rosewarne, MCBQ BRAC Coordinator (Liaison)                      Present
- Cyrena Eitler, OEA Project Manager                      Present

**Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation:**

Mr. Sterling opened the meeting at 7 pm by, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**Minutes:**

Members present approved the minutes of the 2 Feb meeting held in Prince William County.

**Staff report:**

Tom Rumora highlighted several topics, including:

- ADC conference attended by Mr. Rumora and Mr. Woodson from 8-11 Feb, San Antonio TX, and upcoming conference in Boston MA from 2-5 Aug which both planned to attend.
- Ongoing collaboration with the Quantico-Belvoir Regional Business Alliance, particularly in marketing the region to incoming federal agency employees.

- Progress on plans for QGMC website and maps to be used for transportation projects, jurisdictional / organizational / service boundaries, and an overview of community features to help incoming agency employees.
- Ongoing efforts to coordinate with HR directors from BRAC'd agencies.
- Expiration of current OEA grant on 30 Jun 2009, and anticipated renewal for subsequent 12 month period at relatively comparable level, as enabled by local "match" through time allocation of Stafford County staff.
- Selection of Catherine Spoehr to serve as BRAC Assistant.

### **BRAC Action Plan adoption:**

Tom Rumora reviewed the final document which resulted from several months of research, stakeholder input, and discussion at prior QGMC meetings. He noted that the document is consistent with the special purpose of the Committee, OEA grant, and staff, and intended for a limited spectrum of issues related to short-term BRAC 2005 impacts.

Once adopted, the QGMC BRAC Action Plan will empower QGMC staff to minimize negative impacts and optimize positive impacts of BRAC 2005 on the local community, while balancing local (EIS) concerns, the needs of incoming agencies, County Comprehensive Plans, and MCBQ missions. Key elements of the BRAC Action Plan include:

#### Transportation goals

- Secure funding for highest-priority BRAC-related projects.
- Merge BRAC-related plans of MCBQ and both counties.
- Ensure accessibility of lodging / dining / entertainment to BRAC users.

#### Workforce goals

- Help incoming agencies fill workforce positions at the BRAC site.
- Promote employment opportunities for local residents at BRAC site.

#### Small business goal

- Promote BRAC-related small business opportunities.

#### Lodging goals

- Align per diem rates with BRAC growth level-of-service expectations.
- Ensure that location, capacity, and character of services match BRAC growth.
- Promote new / improved facilities and services if needed for BRAC growth.

#### Communication goals

- Create a website for workforce, lodging, transportation and other data.
- Create and maintain a GIS program among MCBQ, county, and other agencies

Mr. Rumora concluded that as BRAC 2005, the Marine Corps “Grow the Force” initiative, national / state / local economic conditions, and other factors influence the Marine Corps Base Quantico region over the next 3 years, the Quantico Growth Management Committee will have a unique opportunity and a challenge to manage the cumulative and interrelated impacts of growth for optimal community / military benefit. By incorporating and representing diverse interests -- public, private, and military -- QGMC can exercise a pivotal role from the center of an immense growth corridor containing many Defense related employers and military installations.

Brief discussions ensued regarding:

- Whether a specific list of transportation projects had been voted upon or approved by QGMC
- Timing, funding, and nature of Fuller Heights temporary improvements
- Cross-connection of county / chamber / military / QGMC and BRAC’d agency websites

The Committee adopted the BRAC Action Plan by unanimous formal vote of members present.

#### **Updates:**

##### 1) Advocacy update

Dana Fenton and Tim Baroody reported that they are monitoring a variety of sources for potential funding of infrastructure projects related to Quantico BRAC issues. They noted that some bases were receiving funds due to massive construction activities. One avenue of exploration involves a newly announced grant program in the U. S. Dept. of Commerce, Economic Development Administration which seemingly refers to “BRAC” and “growth” communities. Further effort will be exerted to determine technical eligibility for this grant, which requires rapid application and implementation in lieu of plans and studies.

##### 2) Incoming agency issues

Gary Hardgrove and Marcia Tremaine reported that all 5 incoming agencies were coordinating their efforts to ensure safe, smooth, and timely relocation to the new BRAC facility at MCBQ. HR directors are hoping to determine which employees are relocating, commuting, retiring, or shifting to other federal jobs as soon as possible to that plans can be made to “backfill” the vacancies as they arise, preferably prior to relocation of the entire agency to Quantico. Current discussions with the Alliance indicate the potential for a series of seminars / fairs / tours designed to acquaint the employees with the community and various issues identified as priority factors for decision making. “Kiosks” (containing computer terminals and related data) used at other military / federal locations may be incorporated into the marketing / recruitment process.

### 3) TDM / ECP / EUL studies

Chuck Rushing, MCBQ Facilities Director, explained that the results of the Transportation Demand Management study (possibly including vanpools, shuttle busses, and gate improvements, among other measures) would likely be appropriate for coordination with QGMC in a collaborative effort to reduce on-Base traffic. He described the Encroachment Control Plan and noted that while security issues may delay publication / distribution for another 1-2 months, dialogues are already underway with 3 counties regarding noise / encroachment / conservation issues. The Enhanced-Use Leasing study was described as an evaluation of options and resources, including a sequence of 5 phases, which the Base Commander may wish to explore further, not necessarily through public discussion.

### 4) BRAC facility / road construction

John Rosewarne summarized progress on the BRAC facility and road improvements. He noted that roadway plans and details have been submitted to VDoT and FHwA for anticipated approval.

### 5) Quantico-Belvoir Regional Business Alliance

Dr. Sam Hill of Northern Virginia Community College and Mr. Miles Friedman provided an extensive overview of the mission -- business opportunity, workforce readiness, and military support -- as well as membership, and past / present / future activities of the Alliance, which has grown to 40 members in one year. They expressed plans to collaborate on matters of mutual interest, including HR efforts to inform BRAC'd employees about local issues. Alliance activities include a website / clearinghouse, Defense related college courses, contractor coaching, prime-sub matching, and various community events which support the military missions and facilities.

### 6) Maps

David Moss, Prince William County BRAC Coordinator for Fort Belvoir, summarized ongoing activities being coordinate between Prince William and Stafford counties, which have thus far resulted in a detailed transportation project map and two work-in-progress maps depicting community facilities and various boundaries. The purpose of the map is to facilitate discussions, advocacy, and coordination of regional issues related to BRAC.

### **Next meetings**

Mon 1 Jun 2009 at Prince William McCoart Administration Complex

Mon 27 Jul 2009 at Stafford Government Center (rescheduled from 3 Aug)

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.