

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting

Former Naval Station Roosevelt Roads
Ceiba, Puerto Rico

April 12, 2007





Tonight's Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

- Action Items and News

Roles and responsibilities: RAB members & Community Co-Chair

- Nominations and election of Community Co-Chair

Review of sample charters for other installations

- Develop RAB Mission Statement

Mark Davidson, Navy Co-Chair

Susana Struve, Facilitator

RAB community members

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RAB members

Break (7:20 – 7:35 pm)

Covenant Deferral Request (CDR)

- RAB/public questions

Planning next meeting and closing

David Criswell, Navy Deputy Base Closure Manager

Susana Struve, Facilitator



Action Items from last meeting

RAB members:

Prepare for discussion/development of Roosevelt Roads RAB charter by reviewing sample charters provided during February 2007 meeting.

Elect RAB Community Co-Chair

Provide comments on the Covenant Deferral Request

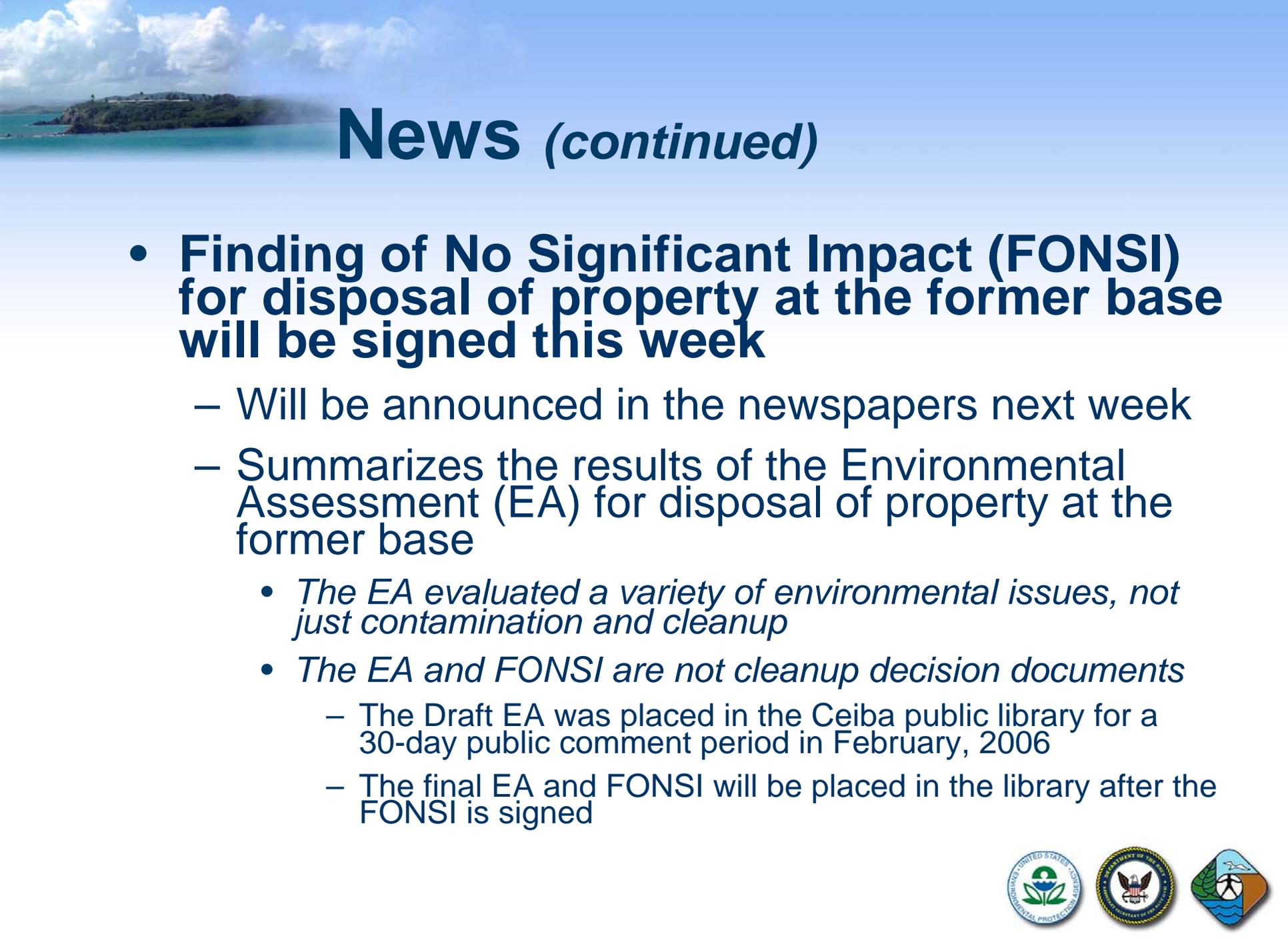




News

- **The Navy intends to sign the Finding of Suitability for Transfer (FOST) of the Los Machos Beach Parcel 3**
 - Will be announced in the newspapers next week
 - *The FOST will be placed in the Ceiba public library*
 - Will allow the transfer of the parcel to the municipality of Ceiba for recreational uses
 - The Los Machos Beach Parcel 3 is one of the clean parcels





News (continued)

- **Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for disposal of property at the former base will be signed this week**
 - Will be announced in the newspapers next week
 - Summarizes the results of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for disposal of property at the former base
 - *The EA evaluated a variety of environmental issues, not just contamination and cleanup*
 - *The EA and FONSI are not cleanup decision documents*
 - The Draft EA was placed in the Ceiba public library for a 30-day public comment period in February, 2006
 - The final EA and FONSI will be placed in the library after the FONSI is signed



Roles of RAB members

A brief review from the RAB meeting in February

Susana Struve

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Role of RAB Community Members

- **Attend RAB meetings**
 - Participate openly and constructively
 - Regular attendance is critical for a successful RAB
- **Provide suggestions and community input**
 - Will be used by the agencies in making decisions on investigations and cleanup
- **Each member provides advice as an individual**
 - The RAB usually does not vote on issues or make recommendations as a group



Role of RAB Community Members (continued)

- **Promote community awareness**
 - Actively share information with other community members
- **Review and comment on draft final or final documents**
 - Read reports between the meetings and come prepared to discuss them
- **Identify projects for technical assistance (TAPP) funding**
 - A technical adviser may be hired, if necessary, for full community understanding and participation



Officers of the RAB

- **The RAB is typically led by two Co-Chairs**
 - One is elected to represent the Community members and the second represents the Navy
 - Mark Davidson is the Navy Co-Chair
- **EQB member and EPA member**
 - They will serve as a resource to RAB members, listen to their views, help to facilitate resolutions and ensure standards and regulations are met
- **LRA member at closing bases**
 - Comments on cleanup issues related to planned land use



Role of Community Co-Chair

- **Community Co-Chair is selected by community members. He/She:**
 - Coordinates with the Navy Co-Chair and other RAB members to plan the meetings
 - Ensures that community issues and concerns are expressed to the Navy
 - Helps to get information out to the general public
 - Reports meeting proceedings back to the community



Role of Navy Co-Chair

- **Navy Co-Chair is appointed. He/She:**
 - Coordinates with the Community Co-Chair to plan the meetings
 - Ensures that community concerns are met
 - Provides relevant policies and documents to the RAB
 - Ensures that administrative support is provided for RAB meetings (meeting notices, minutes)
 - Reports meeting proceedings to Navy



Nominations and Election of Community Co-Chair

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Suggested Process

- **Nominations**

- Nominations are made in open meeting
- Any community RAB member can nominate another community member (or himself / herself)

- **Voting**

- Either by show of hands or in writing (secret ballot)
- Either in open meeting, or RAB members can ask all non-members to leave during the vote
- Only RAB community members present at the meeting may vote for Co-Chair



Develop Mission Statement and Operating Procedures for Roosevelt Roads RAB

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RAB Operating Procedures

- **A charter signed by members sets up:**
 - Policies on attendance
 - Procedures for replacing, adding, or removing members
 - Length of service for Community Co-Chair
 - Methods of resolving disputes
 - Process for incorporating public input





RAB Mission

- **Briefly, what do we want to accomplish?**
 - Investigation and cleanup goals
 - Transfer of property for economic recovery
- **Every RAB's job is to exchange information and comments about environmental cleanup**
 - RABs are not formed to advise on re-use decisions



Examples

- **The mission of the RAB is to**
 - promote the environmental restoration and stewardship of the lands formerly administered by the U.S. Navy in [name of community]
 - through collaborative efforts between government agencies that are interested parties such as regulatory agencies, U.S. Navy, and the [name of community] in general.



Examples (continued)

- **The purpose of this RAB is to:**
 - Facilitate communication among the members of the RAB in relation to actions taken by the Navy under the IR Program and BRAC.
 - Provide an opportunity for members to comment on actions and proposed actions taken by the Navy under the IR Program and BRAC.
 - Facilitate and encourage public participation in the cleanup process at [name of base].



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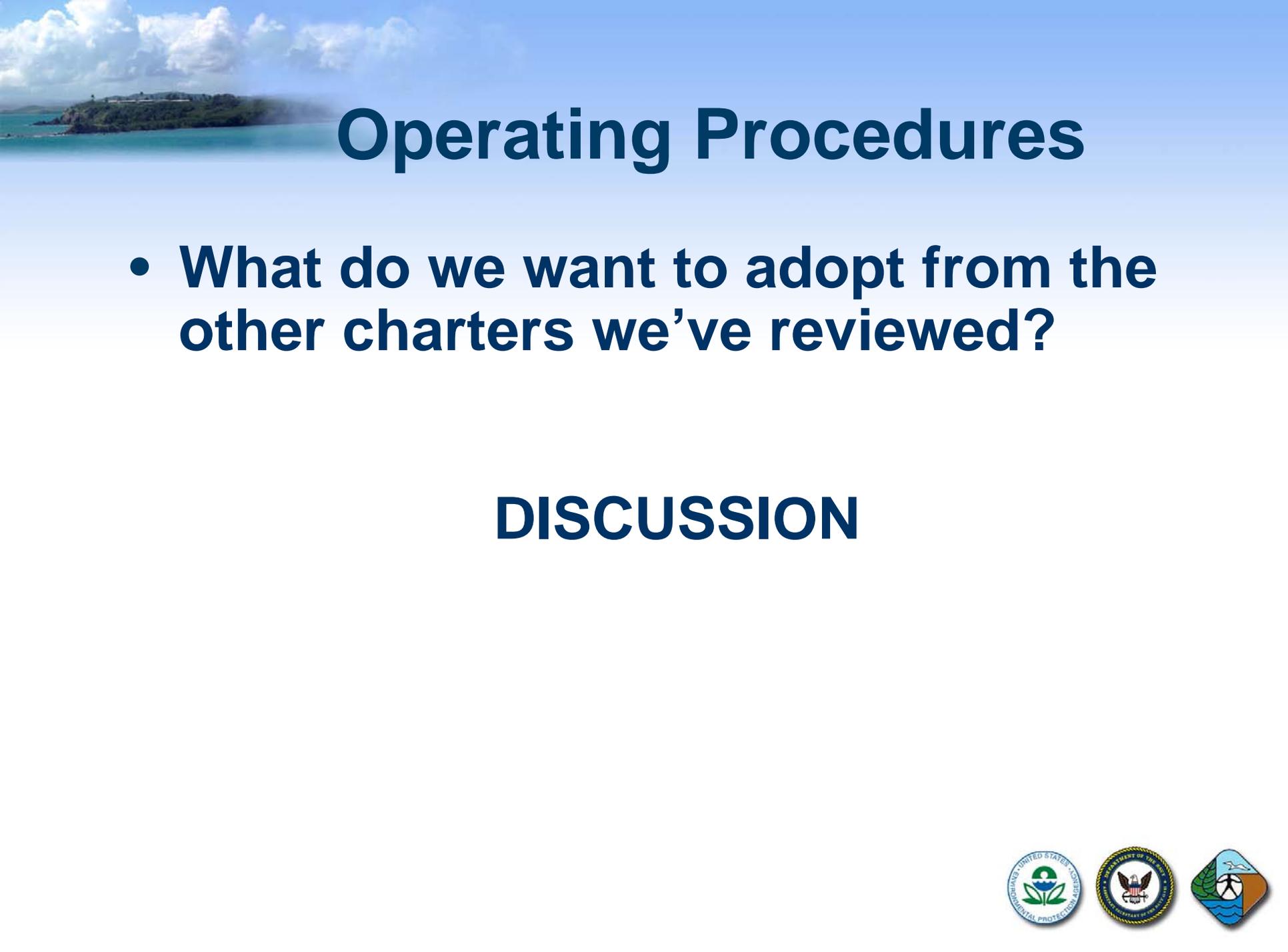
- **The purpose of the RAB is to**
 - promote community awareness and obtain community review and comment on past and proposed environmental restoration actions
 - in order to facilitate the restoration and subsequent reuse of the [name of base].
 - *The RAB will disseminate information and ... serves to advise the Navy and other regulatory agencies.*
 - *These agencies will keep the RAB informed of their deliberations and will provide documents as requested.*



Examples (continued)

- **The mission of the RAB is to**
 - Promote the environmental restoration of the [name of base], making it safe for residents, workers and the surrounding ecosystems.
 - The RAB will achieve its mission by:
 - *Serving in an advisory and watchdog role to the Navy, the EPA and the state*
 - *Functioning as a conduit for the exchange of information and ideas between these government agencies and the local community.*





Operating Procedures

- **What do we want to adopt from the other charters we've reviewed?**

DISCUSSION





Covenant Deferral Request (CDR)

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Public comment period

- **Began March 25 and ends April 24**
 - Public notices in *San Juan Star* and *El Vocero*
 - Please submit your comments in writing for the record
- **Where to find the Covenant Deferral Request**
 - Ceiba Public Library
 - EPA and EQB offices in Santurce
 - Navy websites
 - Distributed to RAB members in early March



Covenant Deferral Request (CDR)

A brief review from last month's meeting

- **Requires approval of Governor of Puerto Rico**
 - After 30-day public comment period
- **Addresses CERCLA hazardous substances only**
 - Asbestos and lead-based paints addressed by Navy in separate environmental documents
- **Documents the environmental conditions of the property**



Covenant Deferral Request (CDR)

A brief review from last month's meeting

- **Describes the proposed land use**
- **Outlines risks to human health and environment**
- **Describes land use controls (interim and permanent)**
- **Provides schedule for completion of remedial actions**



Questions? Comments?



Closing: Action Items

| New Action Item | Person (s) Responsible |
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Closing: RAB applications

- **RAB members**
 - 19 people have applied and been accepted so far
 - 3 women, 16 men
 - 1 Naguabo, 3 Fajardo, and 10 Ceiba residents; 5 non-local Puerto Rican residents with local ties and/or relevant background
 - 4 business owners, 4 retirees, 3 current or former employees at the base
- **We have enough members now**
 - We have a lot of business to cover and it will be hard for new members to catch up
- **Membership will be officially closed on April 20, 2007**
 - One more week to turn in applications
 - May be opened again later if membership drops off



Closing: next RAB meeting

- **RAB meetings every month for awhile**
 - Next meeting at the end of May
 - At Club Cívico La Seyba, if available
 - Please remember to call ahead, or send an alternate, if you cannot attend
- **Agenda suggestions for next time?**
- **Thank you for participating!**



More Information on CDR: Web Pages

- http://www.bracpmo.navy.mil/bracbases/pr/roosevelt_roads/viewdocs.aspx?doc_cat=public_notices

and

- <http://nsrr-ir.org/rab.asp>



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