

**Port of Portland
Citizen Noise Advisory Committee
April 8, 2010
Meeting Summary**

CNAC Members in Attendance (Alpha Order by First Name)

Anne Holbert	Clark County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Beverly Bruender	At-Large (City of Portland)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Francis Doo	Fairview/Troutdale/Wood Village	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Joe Smith	Multnomah County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Karen Meyer	At Large (Maywood Park)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kelly Sweeney	City of Portland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Koto Kishida	City of Portland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maryhelen Kincaid	City of Portland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Matthew Jensen	At-large (City of Vancouver)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mike Yee	City of Vancouver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Paul Speer	At-large (City of Vancouver)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steve Kerman	Washington County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vicki Thompson	City of Gresham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CNAC Technical Advisory Group Member in Attendance

Lt. Col. Rick Morris Oregon Air National Guard

Noise Management Staff in Attendance

Jason Schwartz Noise Manager
Jerry Gerspach Noise Analyst
Gregory Maxwell Noise Analyst
Debbie Bishop Administrative Coordinator

Other Port Staff and Guests

Steve Johnson Aviation Media Relations Manager

WELCOME AND REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2010 MEETING SUMMARY – MARYHELEN KINCAID

CNAC Chair, Maryhelen Kincaid, began the meeting at 6:05 pm. Maryhelen asked for comments about the March 2010 meeting summary. There being none, a motion was made to accept the meeting summary as written. The motion was seconded and passed.

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS, AIRPORT NOISE REPORT, OTHER NEWS – MARYHELEN KINCAID AND KELLY SWEENEY

Kelly informed the committee he has attended 22 neighborhood meetings so far this year. The “general” outreach and NREX outreach calendars were provided and Kelly invited members to sign up to attend meetings. CNAC member Beverly Bruender asked if there had been any unusual complaints or comments from area neighbors recently. Kelly stated there has not.

Maryhelen requested members notify Kelly prior to attending community meetings. Kelly indicated he will continue to notify CNAC when he plans to attend a community meeting so members may join him as they wish. Noise Manager, Jason Schwartz indicated Noise Staff will do the same.

Maryhelen spoke about the current issue of Portside (a Port of Portland publication) which features a story about CNAC and their involvement in the community. Steve Johnson, Media Relations manager, authored the article which recognizes and applauds the work of CNAC. The article will be available on the Port’s public website.

2009 NOISE MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT – GREGG MAXWELL

The 2009 Noise Management Annual Report was distributed to members. A copy of the Report can be obtained by calling the Noise Department at 503.460.4100. It will also be available on the Port’s website.

NREX OUTREACH UPDATE – KELLY SWEENEY

Kelly had already addressed outreach efforts during the Neighborhood Report segment of the meeting. His report covered the calendar for neighborhood meetings and his encouraging other members to attend community events to support CNAC outreach efforts.

CONTINUOUS DESCENT OVERHEAD APPROACH (CDAOH) – JASON SCHWARTZ

In response to a request from the Oregon Air National Guard last September, CNAC, the Port and FAA approved a six month trial period for the continuous descent overhead approach to determine noise effects on the community. The test flights began on October 1st. During the test period, most of the overheads included two aircraft – which equal one CDAOH. A total of 8 CDAOHs were flown involving a total of 15 aircraft during the six month time frame and one (1) complaint was received.

Beverly Bruender asked what the noise levels in Vancouver are during the CDAOH flights with a north turn. Noise Manager Jason Schwartz said he will get the correct answer for her as soon as possible. Maryhelen requested a short article be written for the Cully and Concordia Neighborhood Association newsletters by the Port outlining the number of CDAs flown for a given month and the associated noise levels of those flights.

Beverly also asked if ORANG is flying within the pattern boundaries they proposed at the start of the CDAOH project. Jason displayed an aerial photo which showed ground track of a CDAOH flown by Lt. Col. Morris. The aerial showed the flight was indeed within the proposed pattern boundary.

Maryhelen reported she had received a complaint from a Cully resident stating CDAOHs were being flown as far south as Ainsworth Street on March 24th. After checking with the Noise Department, it was determined no CDAOHs were flown that day.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Cully neighborhood resident Kathy Fuerstenau commented on a letter written by Noise Manager Jason Schwartz in October 2009 which stated the Port would explore with the FAA a north turn approach for the CDA flights. She wanted to know if the Port has actually been encouraging the FAA to direct ORANG to fly a north turn approach.

Jason said the north turn approach has been researched and Port support of this procedure was communicated to the FAA. He further reported that CNAC has expressed concerns regarding a north turn and the impacts to Vancouver and recommended public outreach be completed prior to the use of the North Turn and that the Noise Department is working with CNAC on the issue.

Ms. Fuerstenau further inquired whether the Port has made additional requests of the FAA to move the CDAOH to the north runway. Jason explained that the north turn can only be used when the north runway is closed, and that will only be the case during the upcoming North Runway Extension (NREX) construction scheduled from mid-May through mid-October this year. During this period, the FAA may approve the use of the CDAOH with a north turn. Ultimately the decision will be made by the FAA. He added if she (Ms. Fuerstenau) wants to formally recommend CNAC pursue the issue with the FAA, he would be happy to follow up with them.

Joe Smith made a motion that the Noise Department – on behalf of CNAC - makes an official recommendation to the FAA to support use of the north runway when ORANG is flying a continuous descent approach. The motion was seconded. A vote resulted in three CNAC members objecting to the motion and seven in favor.

Lastly, she said the CNAC outreach calendar indicates Kelly would be attending a Cully neighborhood meeting in July. However, the neighborhood association does not meet in June or July so she suggested the calendar be corrected.

NOISE BEYOND 65 DNL WORKING GROUP – MARYHELEN KINCAID

The work group met on March 24th. The discussion focused on identifying strategies addressing impacts outside the DNL 65 contours for PDX. Many of the recommendations overlapped with projects CNAC identified during the 2010 Planning Meeting. Based on this, the committee discussed whether the working group should become a CNAC subcommittee rather than a separate group. After some discussion, it was decided that the Noise Beyond65 DNL Working Group should become a subcommittee to CNAC. Steve Kerman made a motion to have the 65 DNL Work Group meeting added to the standing CNAC agenda. The motion was seconded by Joe Smith and passed.

NOISE MANAGEMENT UPDATES AND REPORT – JASON SCHWARTZ

Jason reported that following the UC Davis Noise Symposium, the FAA conducted a “Research Roadmap” workshop to gather input about the research needs related to aircraft noise impacts. Two areas of impact were the focus; annoyance and sleep disturbance. Jason was invited him to participate in a work group focusing on research needs associated with noise annoyance. He has also been invited to become a member of the 2011 Noise Symposium program committee. This committee is tasked with developing the agenda for the upcoming symposium.

Jason then told the committee that Noise Planner Chris Blair and former Noise intern Erica Muse are providing noise abatement briefings to student pilots students from the Portland Community College flight training course. Jason will ask Chris to give a report at an upcoming CNAC meeting.

A final report from Jason covered early turn complaints from Vancouver area residents. In response to community input, Jason requested Jerry Gerspach to develop a system that helps monitor aircraft making early turns over downtown Vancouver. The new system is an enhancement over the one previously used and has helped identify a number of “early turns” which were reported to the FAA. The results of this monitoring and reporting have been very promising and the number of early turns has been down since the program began 2 months ago. Based on the success of this project, the monitoring has been expanded to include arrivals from the south (over Portland) as well as arrivals from the east.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING – MARYHELEN KINCAID

There being no further comments or questions, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Meeting summaries and information regarding the Part CNAC and the Noise Management Department are available on the Port of Portland webpage at www.portofportland.com. Copies of materials referenced at the meeting or in the meeting summaries may also be obtained by contacting the Noise Management Department at (503)460-4068 or (800) 547-8411 ext 4068.