



Citizen Noise Advisory Committee  
 Advocacy for the Public - Advisory to the Port  
 Portland International Airport (PDX)  
 c/o Noise Management Department  
 Port of Portland, PO Box 3529, Portland, Oregon 97208

## Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2015

CNAC Members in Attendance (alpha order by first name)		
Beverly Bruender	At-Large (City of Portland)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Braze	Washington County	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brad Robison	Clackamas County	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brian Freeman	City of Gresham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Craig Walker	Clark County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Joe Smith	Multnomah County	<input type="checkbox"/>
Karen Meyer	At-Large (City of Maywood Park)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kelly Sweeney	City of Portland, CNAC Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laura Young	City of Portland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mark Clark	Fairview/Troutdale/Wood Village, CNAC Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ron Schmidt	City of Portland	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Merchant	City of Vancouver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mike Yee	City of Vancouver	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tina Penman	At Large (Port of Portland)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff Members in Attendance		
Phil Stenstrom	Port of Portland Noise Program Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jerry Gerspach	Port of Portland Noise Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Technical Members and Guests in Attendance		
Lt. Col. Dave Christensen	Oregon Air National Guard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Members of the Public in Attendance		

### Introductions & Previous Meeting Notes

Craig Walker served as Acting Chair and opened the meeting. CNAC Members Mark Clark and Joe Smith were absent due to their attendance at a concurrent Port meeting at Troutdale Airport. Other members previously advised their conflicts for tonight’s meeting and all members were accounted for. The CNAC membership is at 13 total so a quorum was not present. The guest speaker was rescheduled to September.

Craig introduced Lt. Col. Dave Christensen from ORANG who was attending CNAC while Tony Bierenkoven is traveling for duty.

Phil Stenstrom advised that Beverly Bruender had decided to resign from CNAC due to her increasing challenges in getting to the meetings. CNAC will sign a card for Beverly at the next meeting. Action: Phil is proceeding with advertising for replacement members.

Phil noted the teleconference option requested at the February planning meeting was established and live for tonight's meeting. No attendees were heard on the phone. Mike Merchant arrived late and reported that he'd tried to call in prior to arriving. He only heard a series of beeps and could not successfully connect. Action: Phil will troubleshoot the teleconference issues with Jerry before the next meeting.

### **Public Comment and Questions**

No members of the public were present. Jerry Gerspach noted that he heard a spoken promotion of tonight's CNAC meeting on the radio. It was good publicity but also suggested that citizens could "come to get their aviation noise problems solved". The group discussed how this message could be misinterpreted or misleading. Action: Phil will look into how the station determined their message, although the Port has little message control after sending out the press release.

### **Approve Charter Changes**

Approval of the charter changes was deferred to the lack of a quorum.

### **ORANG Update**

Lt. Col. Christensen advised that the unit is training out of town until March 20<sup>th</sup>. Operations will return to normal levels after that. Night flying is scheduled for the end of March until April 1, April 20-23 and May 11-14 with takeoffs about 8pm due to sunset times. The typical 6-ship formations in mornings and afternoons change to some 8-ship mornings and 4-ship afternoons due to training needs.

The group discussed afterburner takeoffs and the noise tradeoff between gaining speed and altitude close-in to the airport versus lower-power departures that generate more noise farther away. Pilots may use afterburner when carrying excess fuel to increase safety margins.

There was discussion of the Functional Check Flights (FCF) that are vertical maneuvers performed after maintenance periods. Vertical climbs are also used for alerts and occasionally for ceremonial flights if approved in advance.

Discussion of sonic booms. Supersonic flight is prohibited over land in the US. One military training area in Nevada does allow limited supersonic speeds at high altitudes. ORANG typically goes offshore to military training areas, although they are prohibited from supersonic flight towards the coastline because the sonic wave travels onshore similar to any wave energy. The group noted that "sonic booms" aren't a single event but a continuous wave energy that travels ahead of the aircraft the entire time it's exceeding the speed of sound.

### **Bi-monthly Complaint Report**

Jerry Gerspach presented the complaint summary for the Jan-Feb period. A total of 504 complaints were received with trends similar to previous periods. Higher average temperatures this winter likely have more people outdoors but complaints have not increased as a result.

Both PDX parallel runways have experienced a series of closures for lighting maintenance and this will continue through April. The Noise staff is sending Noise Alerts for those closures.

### **CNAC Chair Update**

Craig Walker, Acting Chair, had no updates for the group.

### **Noise Manager Update**

Phil Stenstrom asked the group to review and provide input on the draft “2014 Year in Review” document that summarizes Noise Program activities in the community. Phil noted comments and will update the document, then post it on the Port’s public website when finalized.

Tina Penman verified that the Outreach Subcommittee’s subsite was working but wasn’t certain about the next activity for the group. Action: Phil will provide the NextGen messages to the group for their review, then discuss presentations for the “high-profile” city groups that CNAC wanted to schedule.

Phil passed out Joe Smith’s draft letter to the Port Commission requesting support for a statewide aviation-noise real-estate disclosure law. Due to the small group size and Joe’s absence, it was decided to defer this discussion until May.

Phil passed out a copy of Brad Robison’s CNAC card and the group discussed whether business-style cards are a helpful tool during community discussions. The consensus was that fridge magnets worked well. Anyone desiring cards can ask Phil or Brad.

Phil reported that the Noise Symposium was a good event; the CNAC and HARE members reported learning a lot. Bob and Brad will brief the group on their observations in July.

Phil showed the documents relevant to tonight’s meeting in the ePort site Documents Library and noted he stores documents there prior to every meeting, rather than sending them weekly with the ANR. CNAC members who want to find current articles and news about aviation noise can browse any CNAC Meeting Date. Videos can’t be stored in the Documents Library – those are posted on the front page as Announcements. He thanked all CNAC members forwarding articles and videos.

Meeting adjourned: 7:45pm.

Meeting Notes by P. Stenstrom.