

**Port of Portland  
 Portland International Airport (PDX)  
 Citizen Noise Advisory Committee  
 September 9, 2008  
 Meeting Summary**

**CNAC Members in Attendance (Alpha Order by First Name)**

Anne Holbert	Clark County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Beverly Bruender	Portland At-large	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dave Benfield	Clackamas County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dick Goldie	Fairview/Troutdale/Wood Village	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Erwin Bergman	City of Portland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gary Kunz	Portland At-Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gary Thornton	City of Vancouver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Joe Smith	Multnomah County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maryhelen Kincaid	City of Portland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mike Yee	City of Vancouver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Paul Speer	City of Vancouver	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steve Kerman	Washington County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vicki Thompson	City of Gresham	<input type="checkbox"/>

**TAG Members in Attendance (Alpha Order by First Name)**

Jeffery Hwang	ORANG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Port Staff in Attendance (Alpha Order by First Name)**

Ava Frank	Noise Management Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chris Blair	Noise Management Department	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Corich	Long Range Planning and Noise Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Debbie Bishop	Long Range Planning and Noise Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Erica Muse	Noise Management Department	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gregg Maxwell	Noise Management Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jason Schwartz	Noise Management Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jerry Gerspach	Noise Management Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shannon Huggins	Noise Management and Community Affairs Departments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Speakers**

Art Spillman	Aviation Facilities Department – Port of Portland
Fletcher Hunt	Aviation Facilities Department – Port of Portland

1 **MEETING START TIME: 6:00 PM**

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3 **START OF MEETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARYHELEN KINCAID**

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5 Maryhelen introduced and welcomed our new CNAC member, Anne Holbert, who will be  
6 representing Clark County. Anne spoke briefly about her interest in serving on CNAC.  
7 Committee members and staff introduced themselves to Anne and for the benefit of the  
8 attending public.

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10 **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MAY AND JUNE MEETING SUMMARY – MARYHELEN KINCAID**

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12 A motion was made and seconded to accept the summaries for May and June as  
13 written. Motion passed.

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15 **NORTH RUNWAY EXTENSION PROJECT (NREX) UPDATE – FLETCHER HUNT/ART SPILLMAN**

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17 Fletcher Hunt and Art Spillman gave a joint presentation on the north runway project that  
18 included the following information:

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20 § Project History & Justification  
21 § Runway Closure Impacts  
22 § Environmental Assessment – Status  
23 § Key Milestones  
24 § Construction Phasing  
25 § NREX – Scope  
26 § Runway Operations During Construction  
27 § Public Outreach and Messaging

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29 **UPDATE: ORANG CONTINUOUS DECENT APPROACH (CDA) TESTING – JASON**  
30 **SCHWARTZ/GREGG MAXWELL/LT. COL. JEFFREY HWANG (ORANG)**

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32 Jason Schwartz gave an update on the CDA testing. He reminded the committee *how*  
33 the flights were flown, as well as *why* ORANG is requesting permission to fly these flight  
34 patterns. ORANG is requesting the permission of the FAA to fly the CDA for a period of  
35 one year as a test to give the FAA an opportunity to determine how the CDA flights  
36 might affect operations and noise. CNAC members were contacted and voted that the  
37 test flights only last for a period of six months. As of this date, the procedure has not yet  
38 received approval for implementation on a permanent basis.

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40 Lt Col Jeffery Hwang from ORANG gave a brief update to the procedure testing from the  
41 viewpoint of the Oregon Air National Guard.

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43 Gregg Maxwell continued the CDA discussion by presenting information taken from the  
44 following titled Power Point slides:

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46 § Timeline – From Concept to Testing  
47 § Operational Measures  
48 § Collaboration & Outreach  
49 § Procedure Development  
50 § Overview of Portland F-15 Constant Decent Approach  
51 § Test Results

52 Erwin Bergman gave several comments on the topic of Continuous Decent Approach.  
53 He stated he attended the September meeting of the Cully Neighborhood Association  
54 where the Continuous Decent Approach was discussed. The result of the discussion at  
55 the neighborhood meeting was that the Cully Neighborhood Association strongly objects  
56 to the Continuous Decent Approach flight pattern as proposed by the Oregon Air  
57 National Guard and the Port of Portland.

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59 ***The below paragraph is a copied verbatim from the September 9, 2008 Cully***  
60 ***Association of Neighbors Meeting summary and added to the September 9, 2008***  
61 ***CNAC meeting summary clarification of the record. The paragraph addresses the***  
62 ***topic of the ORANG CDA which is strongly objected to by Erwin Bergman and the***  
63 ***Cully Neighborhood Association.***

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65 “**Livability** – Erwin Bergman advised that an overhead approach/break  
66 flight pattern is being proposed to enable the military to train F-15 pilots.  
67 Flights would occur three times daily from 9 am – 5 pm in groups usually  
68 around 4-6 planes. Currently F-15 flights are made over industrial use  
69 land areas. The change of flight pattern would greatly heighten the noise  
70 impact on residents of Cully and other northeast Portland neighborhoods.  
71 Therefore by unanimous vote the Cully Association of Neighbors voted as  
72 follows. “CAN strongly objects to proposed changed flight patterns—  
73 designated “overhead approach/break”—because of increased noise and  
74 public safety risk. We are very disappointed that this issue was not  
75 publically raised by the PDX airport with the neighborhood.” Erwin will  
76 present our motion to the Citizen Noise Advisory Committee at their  
77 Thursday monthly meeting.”

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79 ***The above paragraph is an exact duplication from the Cully Neighborhood***  
80 ***Association Meeting summary of September 9, 2008. This paragraph will***  
81 ***be added to the October, 2008 CNAC meeting summary as well for***  
82 ***consistency in the record.***

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84 Both Port staff and CNAC chair, Maryhelen Kincaid, again emphasized that the Oregon  
85 Air National Guard has NOT received approval for implementation of the Continuous  
86 Decent Approach. They (ORANG) have only been granted a six (6) month trial period  
87 for flying this approach for testing purposes to determine operational and noise impacts.  
88 It should be noted the six (6) month test period *has not yet begun*, and that the  
89 procedure won't be used once air traffic flow changes in response to the wind direction –  
90 typically at the end of September or sometime in October.

#### 91 92 **JURISDICTIONAL REPORTING – MARYHELEN KINCAID**

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94 Member jurisdictional reports were distributed to the committee and Maryhelen asked  
95 members to review their individual reports and edit as necessary. She then encouraged  
96 members to send the reports to their reporting jurisdictions to keep them apprised of the  
97 actions of the committee, and as a courtesy, to provide the Port of Portland with a copy.

#### 98 99 **NOISE OFFICE UPDATES – JASON SCHWARTZ**

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101 A brief presentation about Area Navigation (RNAV) was given by Gregg Maxwell which  
102 included information on the following:

- 103 § Differences between RNAV and VOR based departures
- 104 § Comparing RNAV departures to the River 6 Departure
- 105 § Expected Location of RNAV Departure Aircraft

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107 Additional information from Jason included a report on the Esther Short flight diversion  
108 on August 28. In line with the CNAC policy, Mayors Pollard (Vancouver) requested and  
109 Potter (Portland) approved the symphonic concert flight diversions. There was only one  
110 complaint regarding resultant aircraft noise.

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#### 112 **NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS – ALL**

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114 Airport Futures representatives attended the North Portland Chairs Group meeting and  
115 gave a presentation to update the Association on the status of the project.

116 Representatives from Airport Futures will also be at the October CNAC meeting giving  
117 an update on the public involvement portion of the master plan.

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#### 119 **COMMITTEE OPEN DISCUSSION – ALL**

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121 § Maryhelen reported that the August 22<sup>nd</sup> copy of the Airport Noise Report  
122 contains an article written by Noise Manager Jason Schwartz and encouraged  
123 committee members to read the article if they had not yet had an opportunity to  
124 do so.

125 § The next CNAC meeting is in Gresham at the City Hall Council Chambers.

126 § The dates of the upcoming Airport Futures open houses will be identified at the  
127 October CNAC meeting.

128 § Erwin Bergman announced his resignation from the committee effective October  
129 2008.

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131 There being no further discussion, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion  
132 was seconded and meeting adjourned.

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134 *Meeting summaries and information about CNAC and the Noise Management*  
135 *Department are available on the Port of Portland webpage at [www.portofportland.com](http://www.portofportland.com).*

136 *Copies of materials referenced at the meeting or in the meeting summaries may be*  
137 *obtained by contacting the Noise Management Department at (503)460-4073 or*

138 *(800) 547-8411 ext 4073.*