

**Port of Portland  
Citizen Noise Advisory Committee  
September 10, 2009  
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dave Benfield	Clackamas County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dick Goldie	Fairview/Troutdale/Wood Village	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gary Thornton	City of Vancouver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Joe Smith	Multnomah County	<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"/>
Mike Yee	City of Vancouver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Paul Speer	City of Vancouver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Steve Kerman	Washington County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vicki Thompson	City of Gresham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**CNAC Technical Advisory Group in Attendance**

Lt. Col. Jeff Hwang	Oregon Air National Guard
Major Rick Morris	Oregon Air National Guard

**Noise Management Staff**

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

**Other Port Staff and Guests**

Steve Schreiber	Director of Aviation
Chris Corich	Manager, Long Range Planning and Noise
Steve Johnson	Aviation Media Relations Manager
Chris White	Community Affairs Manager

1 **Welcome and Review and Approval of Last Month’s Meeting Summary – Maryhelen Kincaid**

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3 Correction to last meeting’s minutes; Dave Benfield was mistakenly reported as being absent.

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5 A motion was made to accept the August meeting summary with noted correction; motion was  
6 seconded and passed.

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8 **Continuous Descent Overhead Approach (CDAOH): Final Discussion and CNAC**  
9 **Recommendation – Maryhelen Kincaid and Paul Speer**

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11 To make it easier to record public comments members of the public making comments were  
12 asked to sit in the designated chair for speakers.

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14 Members of the public provided testimony in support of and opposition to the CDAOH. Those  
15 testifying included: Erwin Bergman, Dania Hone, Jim Sullivan, Tony Fuentes, Hershel Soles,  
16 Logan Gilles, Patricia Mull, Bill Moen, Allison Stoll, and Kathy Fuerstenau as well as various  
17 CNAC members. Steve Kerman, CNAC vice-chair read his proposed resolution in support of the  
18 continued use of the CDAOH; which follows:

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20 *Whereas, the Continuous Descent Approach (CDA) is a normal military arrival procedure used*  
21 *throughout the world and in which all military pilots are trained; and*

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23 *Whereas, the Oregon Air National Guard (ORANG) pilots must practice and be tested on this*  
24 *procedure; and*

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26 *Whereas, Decreased flying hour budgets and the inability to perform the procedure at Portland*  
27 *International Airport (PDX) seriously impacts ORANG’s ability to maintain pilot proficiency; and*

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29 *Whereas, ORANG has demonstrated continual cooperation and concern for the noise impact on*  
30 *the community by creating a modified Continuous Descent Overhead Approach (CDAOH) and*  
31 *participating in a test period of over one year during which they, members of the Port of*  
32 *Portland Noise Department and the Citizens Noise Advisory Committee (CNAC) have*  
33 *participated in meetings and other gatherings of members of the public impacted by this*  
34 *approach paying particular attention to the Cully neighborhood and the Central Northeast*  
35 *Neighbors Coalition; and*

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37 *Whereas Noise data gathered during these testes have been analyzed, disseminated and*  
38 *discussed at many public meetings; and*

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40 *Whereas no additional flights are required to perform the Continuous Descent Overhead*  
41 *Approach (CDAOH); and*

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43 *Whereas, the CDAOH is a recognized safe procedure and is flown higher, faster and quieter than*  
44 *a straight-in approach which is flown lower, slower and louder thereby reducing the overall*  
45 *aircraft noise in the Portland metropolitan region; Therefore, be it*

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47 *Resolved, that CNAC recommends the Port of Portland approve the use of the Continuous*  
48 *Descent Overhead Approach (CDAOH) by the Oregon Air National Guard (ORANG) under the*  
49 *following operational conditions:*

- 50 • *Only using Runway 28L*
- 51 • *Only between 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday*
- 52 • *Only during weather conditions greater than 5,000 ft ceiling and five miles visibility*
- 53 • *Only using a two jet maximum formation.*

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55 *And CNAC receive a 6-month report of the number of CDAOH operations and number of*  
56 *complaints attributed to those operations for interested constituents.*

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58 *September 10, 2009*

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60 A motion was made to accept the resolution as read. The motion was seconded. Following  
61 discussion on the motion and proposed resolution, Koto Kishida made a motion to amend Steve  
62 Kerman's resolution by adding a request to limit the number of flights to 50 per month. Motion  
63 failed for lack of a second. Koto Kishida made another motion that her 1<sup>st</sup> motion to amend  
64 Steve's resolution be put on the CNAC agenda to be revisited a year from now to review the  
65 CDAs for the past year. This motion was seconded by Joe Smith. 3 voted in favor, nine were  
66 opposed. Motion failed.

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68 The motion was repeated to vote on Steve's proposed resolution. The motion was seconded. A  
69 roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 10 in favor, 2 opposed.

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71 **Thank You to CNAC Member Gary Thornton – Maryhelen Kincaid**

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73 Gary Thornton resigned from CNAC effective September 2009. CNAC chair Maryhelen Kincaid  
74 thanked him for his years of service on the Committee and presented him with a goodbye gift  
75 from the entire Committee. Steve Schreiber, Director of Aviation, gave his thanks to Gary for  
76 his years of service on the committee and wished him well in the future.

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78 **Public Comment Period**

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80 Kathy Fuerstenau stated she was confused about the resolution and the fact that there would  
81 be no monthly limit on the number of CDAOH operations.

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83 Gretchen Drilling who lives on the eastern end of the airport stated she is relieved there will be  
84 no definite numbers of flights per month. She believes it important the pilots have as much  
85 training as needed and if they don't have it, they may as well not even train. She is relieved

86 that the procedure was voted into place and ORANG will be trusted to conduct the necessary  
87 number of flights as needed.

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89 Bob Granger stated he had made a presentation to city council. He said he has been confused  
90 about the degree to which CNAC has been involved in this process and the role of CNAC.

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92 **2009 Part 150 Update – Jason Schwartz and Chris Blair**

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94 Due to the length of the discussions on the CDA OH approach, this topic was not discussed and  
95 will be planned for a future meeting.

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97 **CNAC Policies and Procedures Subcommittees – Maryhelen Kincaid**

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99 This discussion was tabled until the October meeting due to lack of time.

100 A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:15. Motion was seconded and passed.  
101 Meeting adjourned.

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103 **Note:** the October meeting will be held at the Gresham City Hall.

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105 *Meeting summaries and information about CNAC and the Noise Management Department is*  
106 *available on the Port of Portland website at [www.portofportland.com](http://www.portofportland.com). Copies of materials*  
107 *referenced during the meeting or in meeting summaries may be obtained by contacting the*  
108 *Noise Management Department at (503)460-4068 or (800) 547-8411 ext 4068 or by email:*  
109 *[PDXNoise@portofportland.com](mailto:PDXNoise@portofportland.com).*