

**Port of Portland  
 Citizen Noise Advisory Committee (CNAC)  
 March 12, 2009  
 Meeting Summary**

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

Anne Holbert	Clark County	<input 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 checked="" 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"/>
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Noise Management Staff in Attendance (Alpha Order by First Name)**

Chris Blair	Noise Management Department	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gregg Maxwell	Noise Management Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jason Schwartz	Noise Management Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Other Port Staff and Visitors**

Dennis Sandstrom	Port of Portland Community Affairs Department
Mary Maxwell	Port of Portland Aviation Director
Steve Schreiber	Portland of Portland CFO and Director of Operation Services
Steve Johnson	Port of Portland Media Relations
Chris White	Port of Portland Community Affairs

1 **THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 12, 2009 CNAC MEETING**

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3 **THE MEETING BEGAN AT 6:00 PM AND ENDED AT 8:10 PM.**

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5 **THANK YOU TO MARY MAXWELL – MARYHELEN KINCAID**

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7 The Port Director of Aviation, Mary Maxwell, who is retiring at the end of March, was introduced.  
8 CNAC Chair Maryhelen Kincaid presented Ms. Maxwell with a gift and thanked her for her  
9 support of CNAC and service to the community. Ms. Maxwell thanked the committee for their  
10 dedication and hard work and stated she has enjoyed knowing and working with the members.

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12 **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MEETING SUMMARY – MARYHELEN KINCAID**

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14 Maryhelen Kincaid referred to the January meeting summary noting the spelling of Central NE  
15 Neighborhood Coalition member, Bill Barber's name was incorrect. She requested the spelling  
16 be corrected and stated the title of his neighborhood group - "Central NE Neighborhood  
17 Coalition" - was incorrectly referenced. It was recorded as "...Association" and not "...Coalition"  
18 which is the correct title. Both corrections were made and the January summary reposted on  
19 the Port web site.

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21 A motion was made to accept the February meeting summary with the requested edits. The  
22 motion was seconded and approved.

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24 **NREX (NORTH RUNWAY EXTENSION) PROJECT COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM – DENNIS**  
25 **SANDSTROM**

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27 Dennis Sandstrom, Community Affairs Intern for the Port briefed CNAC on the NREX  
28 Communication Plan intended to keep the public informed of the progress and potential impacts  
29 of the north runway extension project and associated runway closures which begin May 1, 2009.

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31 **NOISE ALERTS: EXPANDING COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION OF PLANNED MILITARY OPERATIONS AND**  
32 **SPECIAL EVENTS – JASON SCHWARTZ**

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34 Noise Alerts are published on the Port's website and intended to notify the public of special  
35 conditions or events which may result in changes in airport operations or aircraft noise. Flight  
36 path changes due to weather and construction activities are typical examples of conditions that  
37 are described.

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39 Alerts are also issued when the Oregon Air National Guard (ORANG) is planning evening or  
40 weekend training; providing the community with advance notice of these operations and the fact  
41 that they may notice aircraft noise at times other than when it is normally heard.

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43 Jason told the members that early last month he had received calls from ORANG advising there  
44 would be afterburner departures at PDX in the days following the call. CNAC members were  
45 notified and asked if this would be something they felt should be posted in a noise alert. Based  
46 on CNAC's recommendation, noise alerts were issued describing this planned activity.  
47 Based on CNAC input, Port staff and ORANG are exploring a process whereby ORANG will  
48 (when possible) advise the Noise Department of planned/scheduled afterburner use, so  
49 advance notification can be provided to the community.

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52 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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54 Vancouver resident, Merrily Graham, thanked Jerry Gerspach, Jason Schwartz, Paul Speer and  
55 former CNAC Vice Chair Dave Smith for meeting with her to discuss flight activity over her  
56 home near Esther Short Park. She stated they were very helpful and she appreciated the  
57 analysis done by Jerry.

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59 Ken Forcier from Concordia Neighborhood Association asked about Port sponsored rebates for  
60 installing windows that reduce aircraft noise. He mentioned the electric and gas companies  
61 offer different types of incentives to use their cost savings programs and was wondering if the  
62 Port is open to the same type of program. Jason informed him that there are federally funded  
63 and FAA programs available however there are very strict limitations on these programs. Jason  
64 offered to meet with Mr. Forcier after the meeting to discuss the topic in-depth.

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66 Koto Kishida from Cully Neighborhood spoke of concerns regarding safety issues associated  
67 with the CDA overhead approach. She also asked about upcoming deadlines for a CNAC  
68 recommendation on the testing of the CDA approach.

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70 **NOISE MANAGEMENT, FLY QUIET AND CDA UPDATE – JASON SCHWARTZ**

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72 Jason provided data regarding the number of complaints received since the Continuous  
73 Descent Approach (CDA) Overhead Approach test began last October. Typically aviation noise  
74 complaints related to military operations are less than 5 - 10% of the total complaints annually.  
75 However since the beginning of the Overhead Approach testing – military complaints have risen  
76 by approximately 35%. At the April 9 CNAC meeting, the Noise Team plans to have final data  
77 regarding the number of CDA Overheads flown, complaint and additional noise data.

78 To date, very few of the complaints attributed to military operations can be directly correlated  
79 with the overhead approach. Generally, callers are reporting they *heard* military operations  
80 which they believed were the CDA overhead approaches when in actuality, after investigating  
81 the complaint, the event was determined to be a routine military departure. In some cases, the  
82 callers indicated “they were told to call whenever they heard the fighter jets.”

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84 Jason also pointed out that the ORANG has been cooperative in educating visiting military  
85 flights about the noise abatement procedures at PDX. This practice was initiated by ORANG in  
86 support of the Port’s noise management program’s efforts to reduce community noise impacts.

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88 A final presentation about the CDA overhead approach test will be made at the May meeting.  
89 CNAC will discuss and possibly make a final recommendation regarding the future use of the  
90 CDA overhead approach.

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92 This information is available in a Power Point presentation: “CDA Overhead Briefing – March  
93 12, 2009. Copies of the presentation are available by calling 503.460.4543.

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95 **NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS, AIRPORT NOISE REPORT, NEXT MEETING’S AGENDA – MARYHELEN  
96 KINCAID**

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98 Maryhelen opened the discussion on neighborhood reports.

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100 Jason presented the CNAC Prioritization Matrix which outlines and prioritizes CNAC projects  
101 and programs for 2009. He indicated this would be discussed at the April meeting. Additionally,

102 he presented a template for CNAC letterhead created by CNAC member Steve Kerman and  
103 CNAC logo created by Noise Analyst Gregg Maxwell with input from the committee.  
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105 Jason reported to the committee that the Noise Department is working on a short questionnaire  
106 that will be sent to callers and community residents who have contact with the Noise  
107 Management Department. The purpose of the questionnaire is to gather feedback regarding  
108 the service provided and to explore ways to improve customer service when working with the  
109 community.  
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111 Jason told the committee we are going to add a permanent agenda item to the CNAC agenda  
112 for each subcommittee or taskforce to report on their monthly activities.  
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114 Gary Thornton reported that the Fly Quiet committee had their initial meeting the week prior [to  
115 the CNAC meeting].  
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117 Vicki Thompson reported the Communications and Outreach Task Force met as a group. They  
118 came up with an initial list of areas to focus CNAC outreach efforts. Vicki handed out a list of  
119 brainstorming topics and asked for CNAC feedback. The details of their work will be presented  
120 at a future meeting. She solicited ideas from the committee regarding community outreach  
121 activities.  
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123 Kelly Sweeney reported he visited two neighborhood meetings in the past month; (1) the Central  
124 Northeast Neighborhood (CNN) Coalition Board meeting and, (2) the Beaumont Wilshire  
125 Neighborhood Association general session. At CNN he gave an overview of his background  
126 and reasons for volunteering for CNAC. He also discussed his participation on the Public  
127 Involvement subcommittee for the Airport Futures (Master Plan) project at PDX. He took a few  
128 questions at this meeting - mostly about ORANG's CDA approaches.  
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130 At the Beaumont Wilshire meeting he introduced himself as a CNAC representative with the  
131 desire to represent Beaumont Wilshire neighborhood which is where he lives.  
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133 At this time, Maryhelen asked the committee members for suggested agenda topics for the next  
134 meeting. Vicki Thompson suggested CNAC invite someone from ORANG to a CNAC meeting  
135 who can explain what their broader mission is in the region. This would help inform CNAC  
136 members of their purpose. Jason indicated he will discuss the suggestion with ORANG and  
137 schedule a presentation for an upcoming meeting.  
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139 There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was  
140 seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.  
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142 *Meeting summaries and information about CNAC and the Noise Management Department are*  
143 *available on the Port of Portland webpage at [www.portofportland.com](http://www.portofportland.com). Copies of materials*  
144 *referenced at the meeting or in the meeting summaries may also be obtained by contacting the*  
145 *Noise Management Department at (503)460-4543 or (800) 547-8411 ext 4543.*