

**Port of Portland
Citizen Noise Advisory Committee (CNAC)
June 2009
Meeting Summary**

CNAC Members in Attendance (Alpha Order by First Name)

Anne Holbert	Clark County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Beverly Bruender	City of Portland (At-Large)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dave Benfield	Clackamas County	<input 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 (At-Large)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Steve Kerman	Washington County	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vicki Thompson	City of Gresham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

Jason Schwartz	Noise Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chris Blair	Noise Planner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jerry Gerspach	Noise Analyst	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gregory Maxwell	Noise Analyst	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Debbie Bishop	Administrative Coordinator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other Port Staff and Visitors

Dennis Sandstrom Port of Portland Community Affairs Department

1 **MEETING BEGAN AT 6:00 PM**

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3 **REVIEW OF THE MARCH MEETING SUMMARY & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARYHELEN KINCAID**

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5 Corrections to May meeting summary are as follows:

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7 Lines 94-95 – Koto Kishida was uncertain her comments were reflected accurately. A review of
8 the meeting audio recording revealed her correct wording and the record has been updated
9 accordingly. Corrections can be seen in the final version of the meeting summary available on
10 the Port of Portland web site.

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12 Line 53 – Maryhelen stated there was a duplication of words and requested removal of the 2nd
13 use of the phrase “to be sent.” This correction has been made and can be seen in the final
14 version of the meeting summary posted on the Portland web site.

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16 A motion was made to accept the May meeting summary with corrections. The motion was
17 seconded and approved.

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19 **PRESENTATION: BASICS OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL – GREGG MAXWELL**

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21 Gregg gave a presentation on the basics of air traffic control focusing on arrivals and departures
22 at PDX. The presentation included a simulation of both east and west flow operations. *Actual*
23 *departures and arrivals can be viewed using the PDX WebTrak program available on the Port of*
24 *Portland website at: http://www.portofportland.com/Noise_Mgmt_Home.aspx.*

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26 *A copy of Gregg’s presentation can be obtained by contacting the Noise Management*
27 *Department.*

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29 **Public Comment**

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31 *None, as there were no members of the public in attendance.*

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33 **PRESENTATION: INTRODUCTION TO PDX WEBTRAK SYSTEM – CHRIS BLAIR**

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35 Chris Blair gave a demonstration on the PDX WebTrak system. *The application is available via*
36 *the Port of Portland website: http://www.portofportland.com/Noise_Mgmt_Home.aspx.*
37 *Questions or comments related to use of the PDX WebTrak system may be directed to the*
38 *Noise Management Department at 503.460.4100 or 800.547.8411 ext 4100.*

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40 **DISCUSSION: CDA OVERHEAD APPROACH (CDAOH) TASK FORCE – PAUL SPEER**

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42 Paul explained the intent for this discussion was to review the proposed CDAOH “Fly-Day” plan
43 and to finalize the date, time, and outreach efforts.

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45 Following discussion, it was decided the 1st choice for a Fly Day would be August 1, based on a
46 planned 1 pm departure of the F15s. (The aircraft usually return within 1-1 ½ hours). The
47 committee’s 2nd choice is August 2nd based on a departure time of either 9 am or 3 pm. Jason
48 will coordinate with ORANG representatives to confirm these dates and times and report back to
49 the committee. Once these details are finalized, invitations will be distributed.

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51 Maryhelen polled members as to how many would be able to attend an August 1st 1 pm event
52 and seven (7) responded in the affirmative.
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54 Because of the dates selected for the CDA Fly Day, Maryhelen brought up the fact that CNAC
55 usually takes their summer break in August. Due to the scheduling of the ORANG CDA “Fly
56 Day” proposed in August, it was suggested the committee take the month of July for our
57 vacation and meet in August for our review the data associated with the CDA overhead
58 approach. A motion was made, seconded, and passed.
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60 CNAC member Joe Smith suggested it may be useful to have questionnaires or comment cards
61 available at the CDA Fly Day event to collect attendee feedback. After discussion it was
62 decided that CNAC and staff members in attendance would collect and document public
63 feedback.
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65 Noise Manager Jason Schwartz reminded the committee of ORANG’s ongoing support of the
66 noise program which includes voluntary limits on evening and weekend training operations. He
67 further explained when they do schedule evening or weekend training; the Noise Management
68 Department is notified so the community may be notified. He also advised that afterburners are
69 only used when “mission critical.” These were described as some of the accommodations
70 ORANG makes in order to reduce the community noise impacts associated with their
71 operations. CNAC Chair, Maryhelen Kincaid mentioned she spoke with a visitor from San
72 Diego at the Young American Day regarding the noise from the F15s and mentioned that
73 Portland ORANG pilots do not normally fly on weekends. The visitor stated that Portland
74 neighbors were fortunate to have the consideration of ORANG as military jets operate 24/7 in
75 San Diego.
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77 CNAC member Gary Thornton stated that he is concerned regarding how loud the noise is
78 going to be and the perception of what it may do to area neighborhoods. The difference is that
79 his neighborhood area may not get the noise today but it will get that “continuous” noise if this
80 approach is approved. Noise manager Jason Schwartz reminded Gary that using the word
81 “continuous” is something we need to be careful using. The CDA flights proposed will only be
82 used 8 am – 5 pm Monday through Friday and the noise duration is relatively short. This is not
83 something that is going to happen every day, 24 hours a day. These flights will not be done on
84 weekends. Gary further stated that during the Young American Day two F15 jets flew over his
85 house and that the noise was quite disturbing. Jason explained that over flights on Young
86 America day flying over Gary’s home would not be the normal flying profile (thrust level,
87 airspeed, etc.), used during the infrequent CDA OH and therefore the noise levels are not
88 comparable. He reminded the committee that during the CDA OH, the engine power is very low
89 and the aircraft is in a circling descent, most of which is over the airport. When flying over West
90 Vancouver/Camas, the aircraft was likely using a higher power setting and not in a “continuous”
91 descent (more likely in level flight), therefore it would be significantly louder.
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93 Discussion regarding ORANG operations and their ongoing support of the Noise Management
94 Program followed. New CNAC member Koto Kishida requested a report quantifying the number
95 of times ORANG flew on weekends in 2009 versus 15 – 20 years ago. If she were able to share
96 this type of data with her neighborhood, then maybe people would be more inclined to show
97 support.
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99 Paul Speer stated that in preparing the list of factors to review (shown on the CDA OH project
100 plan slide) at the August 13th preview meeting and the September CNAC meeting any areas of
101 concern that had been raised to date should be included. Public comment time is also provided

102 as part of all CNAC meetings. Paul also stated that while there are and will likely be different
103 opinions on the CDA OH, that it was CNAC's responsibility to consider all available information
104 and data and using CNAC's agreed upon decision process to reach a conclusion on this topic at
105 the September meeting.

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107 **NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH – MARYHELEN KINCAID**

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109 Maryhelen acknowledged and congratulated Kelly Sweeney who has gone “above and beyond”
110 what was hoped to be accomplished by CNAC regarding neighborhood outreach. Kelly has
111 attended over 20 neighborhood meetings in the Portland/Vancouver area and is to be
112 commended for his dedication and willingness to take on this important task.

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114 Kelly distributed a list of upcoming neighborhood events and if anyone would like to attend,
115 please let Kelly know. Also, Maryhelen requested that CNAC members attending neighborhood
116 or community meetings notify Maryhelen or Jason to ensure the activity is documented.

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118 Kelly thanked Jerry Gerspach from the Noise Department for attending several neighborhood
119 meetings with him. Kelly also pointed out that Jerry could provide any CNAC members
120 attending neighborhood meetings with an overview map that indicates contacts that have been
121 made to the Noise Department.

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123 **END OF MEETING**

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125 There being no further business or discussion, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at
126 8:15 pm. The motion was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned.

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128 Note: the August meeting will be back at the Portland Airport in our usual meeting room.
129 *Meeting summaries and information about CNAC and the Noise Management Department are*
130 *available on the Port of Portland webpage at www.portofportland.com. Copies of materials*
131 *referenced at the meeting or in the meeting summaries may also be obtained by contacting the*
132 *Noise Management Department at (503)460-4068 or (800) 547-8411 ext 4068.*