# Port of Portland Citizen Noise Advisory Committee April 14, 2011 Meeting Summary

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

Anne Holbert
Beverly Bruender
Dave Smith
Joe Smith
Karen Meyer
Kelly Sweeney
Laura Young
Maryhelen Kincaid
Matthew Jensen
Mike Yee
Steve Kerman
Tony Holt
Vicki Thompson

Clark County At-Large (City of Portland) City of Vancouver Multnomah County At-Large (City of Maywood Park) City of Portland City of Portland City of Portland At-Large (City of Vancouver) City of Vancouver Washington County Clackamas County City of Gresham 

## Noise Management Staff in Attendance

Jason Schwartz Gregg Maxwell Debbie Bishop Noise Manager Noise Analyst Administrative Coordinator

## WELCOME - MARYHELEN KINCAID AND REVIEW OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING SUMMARY

Members and introduced themselves. Maryhelen asked the committee if there were any proposed edits to the March CNAC meeting summary. One edit: Vicki Thompson had made the motion to accept the February meeting summary. Motion was seconded by Mike Yee. All voted in favor to accept the meeting summary with corrections.

Maryhelen introduced Tony Holt as a new CNAC member representing the Clackamas County.

## ANNUAL NOISE SYMPOSIUM - CNAC REPORT - KELLY SWEENEY

Kelly Sweeney, who attended the 2011 annual Noise Symposium with Port Noise Manager Jason Schwartz, gave a report on the event. This year the symposium was titled "Boom Blast Boost – Aviation and Aerospace Noise Symposium." Kelly discussed his impressions of the symposium, shared some overall information about the conference with the committee and discussed those presentations he thought most informative.

## ANNUAL NOISE SYMPOSIUM – STAFF REPORT – JASON SCHWARTZ

Jason reported on the 2011 Annual Noise Symposium as well. He stated that his main emphasis was on the value of collaboration that occurs between PDX, CNAC and all PDX stakeholders. Jason addressed the RNAV topic in his presentation to attendees and its effect on stakeholders. If you break it down, Schwartz reported, everybody has a common interest; safety and efficiency is the top common interest for FAA; the community doesn't like the noise; and traveler delays can mean being stranded for long periods of time, thereby impacting overall efficiency and happiness for the traveler.

Jason also emphasized the importance of collaboration between the community and airport operators. He stated other airport operators at the symposium were impressed with the way PDX and CNAC are able to work together towards the same goal which is outreach to the community. He explained what we do, and how we do it as far as dealing with the local FAA to collaborate on noise issues.

# **NEXTGEN OVERVIEW – IMPLICATIONS FOR PDX – JASON SCHWARTZ**

Jason discussed the NextGen project. NextGen is an overhaul of the aerospace system so that aircraft are able to see each other – digitally - and enhance their ability to find the airports more easily vs. depending on old fashioned radio transmissions. Digital messages can be sent to the pilots from the towers and pilots can respond in the same manner; much more effective. Concerns nationally and internationally are capacity and delay so that is currently being evaluated by the FAA for the NextGen project.

Jason focused on two components; most noticeable in our environment are RNAV and satellite navigation; how they relate to arrivals and departures. As the new NextGen procedure is adopted, extensive training on its use will take place for pilots and the FAA.

Because the FAA is moving towards the NextGen project and its usage is rapidly approaching it would behoove the Port to learn as much as possible as educational opportunities become available.

### **OUTREACH REPORT – KELLY SWEENEY**

Kelly distributed a calendar with 77 outreach opportunities for the next two months and encouraged members to participate where and when they are able.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A Vancouver resident living in the area near Beaches Restaurant on the waterfront preferred to remain anonymous, however he discussed his concerns regarding the noise created from the F15s from ORANG utilizing the North runway. Several CNAC members explained the F15s are utilizing the North runway at this time because the South runway is under repair. Once the construction/repairs are completed, they will resume use of the South runway.

He also stated that he believes Vancouver gets more aircraft noise from all types of planes as opposed to Portland.

#### **NOISE OFFICE REPORT – JASON SCHWARTZ**

The Noise Offices has received only five complaints since the south runway closure. Aircraft departures from runway 21 and arrivals to runway 23 and south of Concordia make up the majority of the complaints.

Complaint reports are in development and will hopefully be completed by the next CNAC meeting. The Noise Office Annual report is completed and was distributed to committee members.

A request from the CNAC Planning Meeting in February was Jason complete an analysis of noise beyond the 65 DNL comparing PDX to airports around the world. The U.S. analysis of noise beyond the 65 compared to that at PDX is in progress. The requested global analysis information is being gathered.

Another request from the Planning Meeting was for the Port to develop a homeowners guide regarding soundproofing your home. This project is underway but will take some time to complete due to the amount research involved to provide accurate and useful information.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR – MARYHELEN KINCAID**

The June CNAC meeting will be held in Vancouver at the Pearson Air Museum conference room. Maryhelen also reported the Airport Futures project was unanimously approved by both the City of Portland and Port of Portland Commissioners. Project approval will be sought at the City of Vancouver Commission meeting next week. For new CNAC members, Maryhelen explained what the Airport Futures project was and requested volunteers to sit on the upcoming follow-up Community Action Committee (CAC). Joe Smith said he would be interested in serving on the CAC committee. There will also be "at-large" volunteers.

#### **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING – MARYHELEN KINCAID**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Meeting summaries and information regarding the Port CNAC and the Noise Management Department are available on the Port of Portland webpage at <u>www.portofportland.com</u>. Copies of materials referenced at the meeting or in the meeting summaries may also be obtained by contacting the Noise Management Department at (503) 415-6068 or (800) 547-8411 ext. 6068.