# Port of Portland Citizen Noise Advisory Committee April 11, 2013 Meeting Summary

CNAC Members in Attendance (Alpha Order by First Name)		
Beverly Bruender	At-Large (City of Portland)	
Bob Braze	Washington County	
Bradley Robison	Clackamas County	
Craig Walker	Clark County	$\boxtimes$
Joe Smith	Multnomah County	$\boxtimes$
Kenya Williams	At Large (Port of Portland)	
Karen Meyer	At-Large (City of Maywood Park)	$\boxtimes$
Kelly Sweeney	City of Portland	$\boxtimes$
Laura Young	City of Portland	$\boxtimes$
Mark Clark	Fairview/Troutdale/Wood Village	$\boxtimes$
Maryhelen Kincaid	City of Portland	$\boxtimes$
Mike Merchant	City of Vancouver	$\boxtimes$
Mike Yee	City of Vancouver	$\boxtimes$
Tina Penman	At Large (Port of Portland)	$\boxtimes$
Vicki Thompson	City of Gresham	

# **Technical Advisory Group (TAG)**

None

Port Staff in Attendance	Department
Jason Schwartz	Noise Management
Jerry Gerspach	Noise Management
Gregg Maxwell	Noise Management
Brooke Berglund	Community Affairs
Facilitator	
Doug Zenn	Zenn Associates

# WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND AGENDA REVIEW

CNAC Chair Maryhelen Kincaid began the meeting at 6:00 PM. Doug Zenn reviewed the agenda and asked if there were any questions or additional items to discuss.

Committee members, staff, and other attendees introduced themselves.

#### PDX COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Brooke Berglund from the Port's Community Affairs Department gave an overview of the Port's Community Outreach Strategy. She discussed the goals and mission of her department. She also described program elements including: Port facility tours, use of the web, social media, and development of outreach materials including reports and brochures.

Brooke noted that most of their outreach effort is either focused on the Port as a whole or on project-specific outreach. General outreach specific to Marine or Aviation is uncommon, except in the case of project-specific outreach such as the north runway extension project or South runway construction and repair.

Brooke noted that CNAC members would be welcome to participate in general outreach events where there is a table or booth. She and Jason will work on communication and CNAC coordination.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT / QUESTIONS**

There were no public comments/questions.

# **ANR UPDATES**

With the meeting running ahead of schedule, Maryhelen suggested Mark Clark give a summary of highlights from recent editions of the Airport Noise Report.

# **CNAC OUTREACH PRESENTATION DEMO**

Maryhelen passed out a schedule of upcoming community/neighborhood outreach events that Noise Staff will be attending. She advised that the Noise Staff will be sending the schedule of upcoming events as new events are added. Members interested in attending can coordinate with Jason or Jerry from the Noise Management Department.

Kelly Sweeney reviewed the presentation he gives when attending neighborhood meetings. He encouraged other committee members to get involved whether it be attending a neighborhood meeting and simply introducing themselves and CNAC or making formal presentations noting the feedback has been extremely positive.

# NOISE MANAGEMENT OUTREACH TOOLS: NEIGHBORHOOD BRIEFINGS, TWITTER, WHISPERTRACK

Jason advised the committee that community/neighborhood briefings made by staff from the Noise Office are custom-designed based on the interests and needs of the audience. He shared several sample slides and described how content is based on input from the community. Content provided may be general in nature (e.g. general overview of the noise program) or more specific in nature focusing on specific conditions (e.g. change in traffic flow which impacts the community), project specific (e.g. runway construction which may affect operations within the community) or operator-specific (e.g. cargo feeders, law enforcement operations, etc.).

Jason then moved on providing a brief presentation on the use of Twitter for outreach to the public and Whispertrack.com which supports pilot outreach and informing the pilot community about Port airport noise programs.

# NOISE MANAGEMENT QUARTERLY REPORTING SUBCOMMITTEE

Maryhelen introduced the potential for a new subcommittee to help Noise Management staff develop a new report to replace the quarterly operations/noise complaint reports provided to CNAC. When asked about the value of the current report to staff, it was determined the current report had little or no value. When asked how many committee members currently read the quarterly report, it was determined that very few found any value.

Joe suggested that Noise staff should provide information they believe would be of value to CNAC. Examples included:

- Anomalies in complaint patterns or aircraft operations
- Highlights of the work of the Noise Management Department
- and reports on new or current "issues" for the community resulting in complaints or impacts

Two members recommended a presentation, perhaps in an executive summary format, of the noise complaints and operations data. This could be delivered on a quarterly but preferably bimonthly basis. Jason stated he would work with his team to develop this new report/presentation and solicit feedback moving forward.

Based on this discussion, the decision was made to not pursue a new subcommittee at this time.

# **SHORT UPDATES AND REPORTS**

Maryhelen advised the committee that the meeting summaries would be reviewed and finalized via email in an effort to expedite the review and publication process. Staff committed to getting the meeting summary drafts to the committee for review by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday following the meeting. CNAC members will have a week to review and submit comments and then the summary will be finalized and published.

There was discussion about what should be included in the meeting summaries. Suggestions included:

- Action oriented/focus
- Ongoing issues
- Decisions made
- Action items and directives (for CNAC or staff)

Jason advised the committee that staff is working with the National Business Aviation Association to support an update to their Noise Abatement Program. This program includes recommendations for operating aircraft in a way that minimizes community noise impacts whenever possible. They are also supporting an update to the Airports Handbook which is intended to help airports and industry partners collaborate with the surrounding community.

Jason also advised the committee that he will be presenting at the Airports Council International Environmental Affairs Conference next month. His presentation will focus on the NextGen analyses conducted by the Port as part of the planning, decision-making, and outreach processes.

# FINAL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Suggestions for the May meeting agenda for the next meeting included: a report from the Outreach Subcommittee, a PDX Fly Quiet update, and a NextGen overview.

Mark Clark recommended an FAA briefing (overview) for a future meeting. Jason noted he will put in the request with FAA.

# **REVIEW OF NEXT STEPS AND MEETING EVALUATION**

Doug distributed a meeting evaluation form and encouraged members to complete it.

# **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Meeting summaries and information regarding the Port CNAC and the Noise Management Department are available on the Port of Portland webpage at www.portofportland.com. 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.