



Citizen Noise Advisory Committee  
 Advocacy for the Public - Advisory to the  
 Port Portland International Airport (PDX)

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Nov. 12, 2015 5:30 PM**  
 Portland International Airport Terminal Building  
 St. Helen's "B" Conference Room

CNAC Members in Attendance (alpha order by first name)		
Bob Braze	Washington County	Present
Brad Robison	Clackamas Coun	Absent
Brian Freeman	City of Gresham	Present
Craig Walker	Clark County	Present
Joe Smith	Multnomah County	Present
Karen Meyer	At-Large (City of Maywood Park)	Present
Kelly Sweeney	City of Portland, CNAC Vice Chair	Present
Laura Young	City of Portland	Present
Mark Clark	Fairview/Troutdale/Wood Village, CNAC Chair	Present
Ron Schmidt	City of Portland	Absent
Mike Yee	City of Vancouver	Absent
Andrew Loescher	At-Large (Clark County)	Present
Tina Penman	At-Large (Port of Portland)	Present
Staff Members in Attendance		
Phil Stenstrom	Port of Portland Noise Program Manager	Present
Jerry Gerspach	Port of Portland Noise Management	Present
Kathryn Williams	Port of Portland State Affairs	Present
Technical Members and Guests in Attendance		
Maj. Paul Shamy	Oregon Air National Guard	Present
Capt. Angela Walz	Oregon Air National Guard	Present
Sgt. Josh Goldschmidt	Portland Police Bureau – Air Support Unit	Present

**Introductions and Adopt Minutes – 5:35pm**

Mark Clark, CNAC Chair, called the meeting to order. Mark asked if anyone had additions or corrections to the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting notes. As there were none, the motion to approve the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting notes passed unanimously.

The committee welcomed Andrew Loescher, its newest at-large member. The committee also welcomed Major Paul (“Opus”) Shamy, who will be representing the Oregon Air National Guard at future meetings. Captain Angela Walz accompanied Maj. Shamy, as he was unable to attend the entire meeting.

Bob Braze asked Sgt. Goldschmidt about criminal laser activity in the area. Sgt. Goldschmidt said that while they continue to see incidents, they have become less frequent.

Joe Smith reported that the Transportation Research Board has announced that it will host three sessions focused on aviation issues and land use strategies in 2016. He encouraged the Port to consider participating.

Mark asked if anyone else was having difficulty logging in to the ePort system. Phil Stenstrom offered to demonstrate to the group how to reset their passwords and log in.

### **Public Comment and Questions**

There were no members of the public present.

### **Statewide Legislative Priorities**

Kathryn Williams, State Affairs Manager with the Port of Portland, presented on how the Port intersects with State government. Kathryn reviewed the Oregon Legislative Assembly's process and responsibilities and recommended the State's interactive website for those who would like to learn more.

Kathryn spoke about the Port's process for engaging with the State legislature in a continuous dialogue and the steps that are taken when the Port wants to propose legislation during the annual legislative sessions.

Kelly Sweeney asked who determines which legislative changes will be recommended by the Port, and Kathryn said that the directors at the Port and the Port Commission collaborate to determine which issues are most important to raise.

Kathryn reviewed her legislative agenda report card from 2015 and presented on some future issues that she and her team are exploring for the 2017 session, such as a jet fuel tax increase, minimum wages, and water rights.

Kathryn and the committee discussed the real estate disclosure recommendation that the committee members sent to the Port Commission. Phil Stenstrom informed the committee that the Commission has recommended that the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODA) pursue the disclosure at the statewide level. Joe Smith asked Kathryn to communicate the importance of this disclosure to Port leadership, and she committed to do so.

Joe asked how the Port moves legislation forward, and Kathryn said that the Port has to find champions for their bills, as they aren't able to sponsor legislation themselves.

Andrew Loescher asked Kathryn if she knows of any noise-related real estate disclosure work being done in the Washington legislature, and she said she wasn't aware of any.

### **Quieter by Design**

Belur Shivashankara, Senior Technical Fellow with Boeing, presented on the work that he and his team does to make airplanes quieter and more efficient. Belur pointed out that fuel efficiency and noise often go hand in hand, and noted that Boeing's planes have consistently gotten quieter and more efficient over time.

Belur went over various features that improve fuel efficiency while also reducing noise, such as the use of composite materials, larger wings, chevrons, and more efficient engines. Belur covered the various ways that Boeing is using these new techniques in the building of a 777-X and new 737.

Belur reported that Boeing is using acoustic imaging technology to visualize where on their aircraft the most noise is coming from so that they can reduce it. Belur and Doug Stall, also with Boeing, explained how the GBAS navigation system will allow planes to land with steeper descents and thereby reduce the time that they are flying low over the population.

Joe Smith asked how much cooperation exists between Boeing and its competition, such as Airbus. Belur stated that a lot of operational knowledge is passed around among the aviation community, but that technical intellectual property is patented and often kept secret.

### **GRE Congestion Policy**

Phil Stenstrom followed up on the committee's questions about the GRE congestion policy from the last meeting. Phil reported that the Port supports the committee's request to make an exception to the policy in the event of an unplanned, unsuppressed run-up request that would prevent a flight delay.

Phil asked for the committee's guidance regarding a pilot program to monitor the number of exception requests and the community impact. The committee agreed to only allow unscheduled run-up maintenance for flights that would be delayed, and only in currently designated locations. The committee agreed to monitor the issue for twelve months and re-assess after any incidents were reported. Phil and Jerry Gerspach committed to alert the committee if they receive any noise complaints as a result of unscheduled run-ups within this pilot period.

The committee unanimously voted to adopt the pilot program under these stipulations.

### **Bi-Monthly Complaint Report**

Jerry Gerspach shared the noise complaint report for September and October 2015. Jerry reported that in this period, there were 161 total complaints from 92 individuals. Trends that Jerry saw in this period were related to commercial jet arrivals from the southwest and northwest, helicopter operations, and cargo feeder departures. Jerry reported that the noise alerts within this period were related to the Oregon Air National Guard return on September 15<sup>th</sup> and runway closures.

### **ORANG Update**

Capt. Angela Walz reported that the ORANG met a Russian Bear Bomber off the Pacific coast in September. Capt. Walz stated that she wasn't authorized to speak in detail about the event, but she encouraged the committee to ask her Wing Commander to attend a meeting to tell them more. Capt. Walz stated that the National Guard members who were deployed overseas have returned, and they are ramping up normal operations again. Capt. Walz reported that they will be conducting night goggle training on the following dates:

November 16 – 19 until 10:30

December 5 – 6 until 10:00

December 14 – 17 until 10:00

January 9 – 10 until 10:00

January 12 – 14 until 10:30

January 19 – 20 until 10:30

### **Noise Manager's Update**

Phil reported that he will email the committee the Port's response to CNAC's real estate disclosure request.

### **Adjourn – 8:05pm**

#### **Next Meeting:**

January 14, 2016 / 5.30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
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