

**Hillsboro Airport Roundtable Exchange Noise Working Group
April 4, 2013: Hillsboro Airport Conference Room, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

Draft Meeting Summary

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Flansberg, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (Oregon Chapter)
Henry Oberhelman, CPO 8
Fred Hostetler, Chair of HARE
Ken Dyar, Hillsboro Airport Business Association
Joe Fiala, Federal Aviation Administration Hillsboro Airport Control Tower
Kimberly Culbertson, CPO 9
Brian Lockhart, Global Aviation

PORT STAFF

Brooke Berglund, Community Affairs Outreach Manager
Chris Blair, Noise Analyst
Steve Nagy, General Aviation Manager

AUDIENCE

Patrick Dunn
Connie Rosson

SUMMARY

Discussion of Committee Purpose and Goals

Fred started the meeting by asking the committee to state what each member is hoping to get out of the committee, why the committee is there and what their solution is.

Kimberly said that she feels that the committee is there to work with the community and the users of the airport to reduce the impact of noise on communities. Her solution is to implement a voluntary agreement with the flight schools.

Henry said that he feels that the noise issue is very complex and he doesn't feel that the committee can come to a solution right away, but rather it may take a while. He feels that the committee really needs to look at making significant reductions in noise impacts. He thinks that there are a variety of solutions to address the problem that the committee should explore.

Brian believes that the committee should look at what voluntary efforts can be taken to work with aircraft owners in order to reduce noise. He doesn't think that past efforts have even scratched the surface of what can be done with the voluntary efforts. There are many outreach opportunities that can be explored.

Ken said that he agreed with all three previous people. He thinks that the voluntary efforts have been half-hearted and he thinks that there are a lot of things that can be done. The issue of

noise is complicated. The pressure to have something for the next HARE meeting is really troubling to him. He feels the process cannot be rushed. It does have some solutions. There won't be satisfaction for everyone, but there can be progress. Rushing a solution to the HARE committee for a vote is a mistake.

Bob thinks that using the AOPA to change the Farmington departure with the FAA is a good start.

Jack said that based on his research of airports, most of them have a formal noise abatement program. HIO should establish a formal program that would be published on the website and then kick off the program with an open house possibly next year. He thinks that they should go to the HARE committee and just tell them that they are going to do a noise abatement program. He doesn't think that they need to do any further studies such as Part 150 or Part 161.

Joe said that he also doesn't to rush this either. He thinks that finding ways to positively mitigate the noise issues with public education, pilot education and increasing the use of fly friendly program. He feels that this is a very complicated issue.

Fred said that he called the planning department at the City of Hillsboro. He asked what the City's airport zone requires the airport to do. He said they responded that they are responsible for everything on the ground, they do not have control of the skies.

Fred asked the question of how the committee wants to proceed. Jack said that he just wants to see information on the airport's website now about following national guidelines.

The group started looking at what things that they could do for improving the noise program:

- Agreement on what the fly-in/fly-out procedures
- Define what "workable solution" means
- Memorandum of understanding with tenants for what voluntary solutions looks like
- Website improvements
- Updated noise model and a measurement to verify
- Definition of what "Fly Friendly" looks like
- Communication with all stakeholders
- Publish standards for nationally accepted standards (NBAA, HAI, AOPA)

Steve said that he feels that the committee really needs to develop a scope that involves looking at what can be done in these areas: outreach, operations, studies, etc.

Henry said that he agrees with Steve and he feels like another thing that should be included is noise measurement tools and how they impact the operations.

The group started talking about what is in the scope of the group and then what is not in the scope of the group. Steve suggested that they not limit themselves right now by looking at what things are in the scope and what are not in the scope.

Steve went up to illustrate for the group what a more definitive workplan would look like so that the committee can look at in order for the group to create a more definitive plan. He suggested larger categories and then elements under each of the larger program elements.

Brooke asked as a final note for the committee to review the meeting minutes for the past two meeting minutes so that she could get them posted on the Port's website.

Follow-Up Tasks

- Brooke will work with the Port's IT department to get a dedicated SharePoint site for the committee
- Brooke will send out the excel spreadsheet for people to add information to for the HARE meeting. Members must have the information to Brooke by the 22nd of April in order to have it included in the information for the regular HARE meeting.