



# **PDX COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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## **Annual Report 2012**





## Background

The 30-member Portland International Airport Community Advisory Committee was created as an outgrowth of the 2008-2011 PDX Airport Futures planning process. The committee includes 20 voting members and 10 ex officio members representing diverse, bi-state, regional interests. The committee is sponsored by the City of Portland, Port of Portland and City of Vancouver, and meets quarterly. Members serve two- or three-year terms.

Background on committee members, listed at the end of this report, is available at:

[http://www.portofportland.com/PDX\\_Cmnty\\_Advsry\\_Cmt\\_Mbrs.aspx](http://www.portofportland.com/PDX_Cmnty_Advsry_Cmt_Mbrs.aspx)



## Mission

The committee's mission is to:

- Support meaningful and collaborative public dialogue and engagement on airport related planning and development;
- Provide an opportunity for the community to inform the decision-making of jurisdictions/organizations related to the airport; and
- Raise public knowledge about the airport and impacted communities.

A key focus of the committee is to work toward assuring that PDX and the Airport Plan District become the most sustainable in the world, in recognition of the long-term, critical interconnection between economic development, environmental stewardship, and social responsibility.

## Charge

The committee's charge is to focus on five functional areas related to PDX and its impacts on surrounding communities:

1. Review and comment on airport related planning and development projects, studies, and design of future master planning processes.
2. Monitor sustainability goals, strategies, initiatives and projects and policies related to PDX and recommend refinements to programs.
3. Monitor implementation of Airport Futures City-Port agreements on sustainability, transportation mitigation, natural resource mitigation, noise issues, the committee, and other community issues.
4. Promote two-way communication and information sharing related to the airport between all stakeholders, and play an active role in PDX public involvement activities.
5. Provide policy recommendations on aviation and land use issues, an annual evaluation of committee accomplishments, and a report to committee sponsors and other jurisdictions/organizations appointing members to the committee.





## 2012 Year in Review

The committee hosted four meetings in 2012. Three meetings were at Port headquarters at Portland International Airport, and one meeting was in Vancouver, WA. Each meeting had a special topic of focus. All meetings included PDX business overviews, sustainability updates, member roundtable, and public comment opportunities.

### First Meeting (Orientation) – Jan. 19, 2012

The first committee meeting was primarily an orientation with an overview of the Airport Futures process and commitments, how the process created the framework for the committee, the role and governance of the committee, the basics of PDX operations, and the City of Portland land use plan for PDX. There was also discussion of PDX future plans. In general, PDX is transitioning from large construction projects to a maintenance phase, always keeping an eye toward sustainability and energy efficiency across the Port in order to maximize the utility of existing facilities, and employing adaptive re-use strategies wherever possible.

The committee was provided a report on the natural resource agreements from Airport Futures, including construction of 300 acres of phased mitigation on Government Island in lieu of development overlays on four PDX properties; \$20,000 in annual funding for tree planting in the Columbia Slough watershed over 25 years; \$30,000 in annual funding toward enhancements to the Columbia Slough watershed over 25 years; and enhancements to a Portland International Center wetland. Port staff provided a proposal for 2012 to fund Friends of Trees work in Parkrose and habitat enhancements at the Cully Community Park, based on input from interested stakeholders. The committee endorsed the proposal.

**Actions Taken:** Committee adoption of Collaboration Principles; direction to Port staff on tree planting/ Columbia Slough enhancement projects for 2012; and sign-up for two Airport 101 briefings and tours.

### Second Meeting – April 5, 2012

At their second meeting, members addressed committee governance. The sponsors jointly appointed Cam Gilmour as chair, and Mike Sloan as vice chair of the committee. They were chosen due to their prior service on the Airport Futures Planning Advisory Group, familiarity with the issues, ability to facilitate discussions, and ability to represent the committee in the community. The committee as a whole will select the chair and vice chair in early 2014.

The meeting focused on sustainability commitments from the Airport Futures process, and City of Portland and City of Vancouver sustainability efforts. Port staff provided an overview of PDX sustainability guiding principles, goals, strategies, and initiatives and highlights of some sustainability projects (e.g. PDX maintenance painting, Port energy management strategy, and the Sustainable Aviation Fuels Northwest initiative). The City of Portland discussed their Climate Action Plan and Portland Plan. The City of Vancouver also described their sustainability efforts.

**Actions Taken:** Committee appointment of chair and vice chair; request for minority business contracting report; and request for quarterly project report.



## Additional Activities

In addition to the four committee meetings, activities included two guided airport tours, a special information session on the Oregon Air National Guard lease, three meetings of the natural resources subcommittee and other external stakeholders, and a PDX deicing facility tour and open house.

The Port has also provided information to Community Advisory Committee members on upcoming tree thinning projects as well as invitations to sustainability presentations and community tree plantings.

### Third Meeting – June 7, 2012

The third committee meeting focused on the PDX capital program for 2012-13, and an overview of the PDX public involvement program. Port staff provided a draft PDX projects report that the Port will bring to the committee on an annual basis. Projects will be divided into categories of asset preservation, asset development, regulatory compliance, efficiency, vehicles and equipment, revenue growth and customer service. Projects of interest to the committee included: the long-term garage parking guidance system; automated vehicle identification; completion of the North Runway extension; rehabilitation of the South Runway; rehabilitation of Taxiways E, F and C; Air Trans Center rehabilitation; completion of the baggage handling system; redevelopment of terminal news and gift locations; and redevelopment of terminal hamburger locations.

The committee discussed how the Port's strategic plan and business lines show a continued commitment to sustainability. The committee also discussed public involvement activities and offered suggestions for enhancement. These included featuring air quality as a discussion topic; reviewing the Port website and finding ways to make it more user friendly; including a question for committee discussion on each meeting agenda, and making sure meetings are interactive and solicit members' feedback. The committee recommended the next meeting be in Vancouver to solicit public attendance and engagement from Vancouver/Clark County residents. Port staff provided an update on the natural resource program, including outreach related to the Government Island Grassland Mitigation Plan and next steps with those activities. Tony DeFalco, Jane Van Dyke, and Bob Sallinger indicated their interest in being on a subcommittee to recommend tree planting and Columbia Slough enhancement projects.

**Actions Taken:** Recommendations on public involvement refinements; creation of a subcommittee to recommend future natural resource enhancement projects; recommendation on Vancouver location for the next committee meeting; and request for quarterly PDX business updates and PDX 2012-13 capital improvement program.

### Fourth Meeting – Sept. 19, 2012

The fourth committee meeting was at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site in Washington. The focus of the meeting was an overview of the Airport Futures noise work group report; a report on the status of recommendations from that group, and an update on the Airport Futures natural resource program recommendations. Information about the history of the Port noise management department, and the type of stakeholder outreach they perform, was also provided. For information on the noise work group report, go to:

[http://www.pdxairportfutures.com/Documents/PDX\\_Airport\\_fters\\_NWG\\_DRAFT\\_Report.pdf](http://www.pdxairportfutures.com/Documents/PDX_Airport_fters_NWG_DRAFT_Report.pdf).

Port staff provided an update on implementation of Airport Futures natural resource program. Information was provided on the natural resource intergovernmental agreement; the selection criteria for enhancement projects; outreach done with the group's subcommittee and other interested organizations; and their recommendation for January 2013 tree planting and Columbia Slough enhancements in the watershed. The committee voted in favor of funding habitat enhancements at Elrod Slough in partnership with Multnomah County Drainage District, and Elrod Drive tree planting in conjunction with Friends of Trees. Staff provided an update on Government Island mitigation planning work.

A summary of the quarterly PDX business update and PDX 2012-13 capital improvement program was shared with the committee. Staff updated the committee on parking lot rate increases; the proposed lease renegotiation with the Oregon Air National Guard; and a special information meeting was proposed to discuss the lease in more detail.

**Actions Taken:** Approved the 2013 tree planting and Columbia Slough enhancement projects; and request for a special information meeting on the proposed Oregon Air National Guard lease.



## Meeting Dates and Tentative Work Plan for 2013

Meeting Dates and Topics for 2013 (subject to change)

- Jan. 16, 2013 – Committee annual review, 2013 work plan development, and air quality briefing
- April 11, 2013 – Economic impact of PDX and small business development program
- June 5, 2013 – PDX Environmental Management System and Stormwater Master Plan
- Sept. 18, 2013 – Ticket lobby planning

Other potential committee topics include: Development in Portland International Center, Colwood Golf Course developments, PDX arts and entertainment program, customer service program, ticket lobby concept plan, landside multi-modal access, and sustainability topics (e.g. food waste management, energy management, and waste management).

## 2012 Evaluation

In written evaluations provided throughout the year and at the conclusion of 2012, committee members had many positive comments about the meetings and associated public process. Some suggestions for improvement are to increase the amount of discussion at meetings, continue the use of a facilitator, and support more conversation in the roundtable part of the agenda.

## Committee Membership

### Voting Members (20)

**Erwin Bergman**  
Central Northeast Neighbors

**Alan Lehto**  
Multi-modal transportation rep.

**Beverly Bruender**  
Portland Citywide Land Use Group

**Col. Paul Fitzgerald**  
Military

**Tina Burke**  
Airport employee rep.

**Robert Pinedo**  
General Aviation

**Steven Cole**  
Northeast Coalition of Neighbors

**Alesia Reese**  
East Portland Neighborhood Office

**Tony DeFalco**  
Environmental Justice rep.

**Bob Sallinger**  
Environmental/Wildlife/Natural Resources

**Walt Evans**  
Business Organization

**Norma Seeley**  
Passenger airline

**Karen Gray**  
Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission

**Martin Slapikas**  
North Portland Neighborhood Services

**Alan Hargrave**  
Clark County Neighborhoods

**Mike Sloan (Vice Chair)**  
Vancouver Neighborhoods

**Craig Johnson**  
Cargo representative

**Joe Smith**  
Airport Noise Interest  
(PDX Citizen Noise Advisory Committee)

**Randy Jones**  
East Multnomah County Neighborhood

**Jane Van Dyke**  
Columbia Slough Watershed Council

### Ex Officio Members (10)

**Nick Atwell**  
PDX Wildlife Committee

**Chad Eiken**  
City of Vancouver

**Larry Ellis**  
Multnomah County

**Bruce Fisher**  
Federal Aviation Administration

**Cam Gilmour (Chair)**  
Clackamas County

**Vince Granato**  
Port of Portland

**Kelly Sills**  
Clark County

**Andrew Singelakis**  
Washington County

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