



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

MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2022

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

CNAC Members in Attendance

Tim Benz	Clackamas County	Present
Joe Smith	Multnomah County	Present
Mark Clark	Fairview/Troutdale/Wood Village	Present
Kelly Sweeney	City of Portland, CNAC Chair	Present
Laura Young	City of Portland	Present
Ron Schmidt	City of Portland	Present
John Pusieski	City of Vancouver	Present
Mike Yee	City of Vancouver	Present
Karen Meyer	At-Large (City of Portland)	Present
Lana Stillwell	City of Gresham	Absent
Andrew Loescher	At-Large (Clark County)	Present
Mike Finch	At-Large (Multnomah County), CNAC Vice Chair	Present
Pete DeVasto	At-Large	Present

Port Staff Members in Attendance

David Breen	Manager, Air Quality, Energy, Aviation Noise	Present
Jerry Gerspach	Noise Analyst II	Present
Chris Blair	Senior Noise Analyst	Present

Technical Members and Guests in Attendance

Jennah Stillman	Notetaker	Present
Brian Sweeney	Portland Police Bureau	Present
Major Ewing (Chewy)	ORANG	Present
Naomi Reager	Member of the public	Present
Louis	Member of the public	Present

Introductions

Kelly Sweeney, CNAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. CNAC members and the general public did a brief round of introductions and acknowledged the new CNAC member, Pete DeVasto.

Adopt Minutes, Kelly Sweeney, Chair

Mr. Sweeney asked the members present to share any questions or additions concerning the January 2022 minutes. Although there were none, a motion could not be made given that a quorum was not present. Mr. Sweeney inquired whether the updated timeline protocol for posting draft minutes and e-mail communication to seek approval was satisfactory. There were no concerns raised. As such, Mr. Sweeney indicated that he would follow-up with the Committee via e-mail to seek approval of the January minutes.

Public Comment and Questions, Kelly Sweeney, Chair

A member of the public who resides in the Salmon Creek area of Vancouver shared her perspectives on aircraft noise and inquired about flight paths. Chris shared information flight tracks and how FAA's Nextgen affects flight paths (see Bi-Monthly Complaint Report below).

Portland Police Bureau Aerial Support Unit Briefing, Brian Sweeney

Brian Sweeney, Portland Police Bureau, provided an update on the status and activity of PPB's Aerial Support Unit. The key takeaways included, but were not limited to, the following:

- This multiagency unit was previously based at PDX but moved to the Aurora Airport in May. The two aircraft with cameras will now travel between Aurora and the Portland/Vancouver area, depending on the services requested. The planes are often requested to assist patrol support, due to the increasing number of 911 calls.
- The unit is staffed by five pilots and five PFOs, with many officers on double duty given the small size of PPB at the moment. A couple positions will be added soon.
- The unit averaged 1100 hours between both airplanes in the last three years.
- Planes are a helpful de-escalation tool that can support different teams and units, respond to scenes quickly, and accommodate changing policies.
- Acknowledging the PPB aircraft is a source of noise complaints and community concern, the PPB would appreciate input on direct sources to consider for improvement.

A question was raised about the potential to use drones in place of planes for police support. Mr. Sweeney acknowledged that PPB doesn't currently have a program but noted some of the potential benefits to reducing noise and fuel, as well as some of the limitations, like battery limits. Mr. Sweeney offered to return at the May meeting to provide further updates and discussion on the PPB air support unit.

Oregon Air National Guard Update, Major Aaron Ewing

Due to activation response to support COVID-19 and reduced staff, ORANG has only been flying around two days per week but starting the week of March 21st will resume a schedule of flying five days per week. From March 28th to April 11th there will be fighters visiting from Tucson. That will bring eight extra F16's on the ramp, planning to do six extra launches in alignment with the typical F15 launch schedule in the morning and afternoon. There was a suggestion to put a noise alert to signal the flight schedule resumption (as well as the reason for the temporary reduction), in addition to a notice regarding the incoming Tucson flyers.

Committee Chair and Vice Chair Selection, David Breen

Kelly asked the Committee for nominations. Mark Clark made a motion for Kelly Sweeney to continue as the Chair. For the Vice-Chair position, Mike Yee nominated Mike Finch. Both nominations were seconded, no alternatives proposed, and all members voted in favor of reelection of both gentlemen.

Bi-Monthly Complaint Report, Jerry Gerspach

Jerry Gerspach reviewed the Bi-Monthly Complaint Report for January and February 2022. The following summary of data was presented to the group:

- 88 total complaints, from 30 individuals.
- 65 complaints attributed to PDX/Other operations, with two-thirds of those contributed by three callers.
- The number of noise complaints over the past two months are much lower when compared to the five-year average.
- Posted noise alerts for this period: Military aircraft evening training next week.

There was a brief discussion regarding where and how information regarding flight routes is publicly available, specifically arrival / departure paths, and subsequent noise impacts. In response, Jerry shared that some information is posted in the Noise Management website FAQs along with contact information for additional questions or concerns, but the team will consider creating a separate link for 'moving to the area' with more specific information. A suggestion was made to consider posting an interactive map that could show flight paths, specific neighborhoods, and noise overlay to see the most impacted zones. Jerry shared that they could post a picture of the flight routes on the website when they are able to and will consider other improvements for content and layout moving forward. Following this, there was a brief discussion regarding contextual history of noise compatibility guidelines and metrics, FAA navigation path approval processes, seasonal changes, and suggested mechanisms to help mitigate noise.

Noise Manager's Update, David Breen

David Breen shared that although the state's mask mandate will drop this month, the Port facilities are still subject to TSA rules, but are engaging in ongoing discussion about resuming post-pandemic operations with a hybrid approach. He acknowledged that Jayson Shanafelt is currently looking into meeting spaces for CNAC that will accommodate both in-person and virtual participation, so people can join however is most convenient and accessible. Mr. Breen noted that at the next meeting, an update on the PDX/5G status and resolution would be provided.

Adjourn, Kelly Sweeney, Chair

Following this, Mr. Sweeney shared that the next meeting agenda will address adding the re-election process of the Chair and Vice Chair to the charter. The meeting then adjourned at 7:10 p.m.