

Centennial Airport Roundtable Minutes for January 6, 2010

Call to Order: The meeting of January 6, 2010 was called to order by Chairman Paul Rosenberg (Arapahoe County) at 7:15 p.m. Absent were the City of Castle Pines North and Cherry Hills Village. There are no appointees from the Town of Parker and the City and County of Denver. The permanent appointee for the City of Centennial is no longer Todd Miller but Keith Gardner. No alternate was appointed at this time. A quorum was established.

Approval of the Minutes: Brad Pierce (Aurora) moved to approve the minutes. Bob Easton (Foxfield) seconded the motion. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

Amendments to the Agenda: There were none.

Consent Agenda: The Noise Report was accepted.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: Chairman Paul Rosenberg read an Opening Statement for the Public Hearing. The purpose of this statement was to direct public input to help the Roundtable to formulate a work program.

Public Testimony: The following testimony is not verbatim. Only key points, as heard, were recorded in a bulleted format. (There were five note takers.)

David Giem (Sundance Hills, Greenwood Village):

- Longtime resident-33 years
- Calls in regularly into the Noise Hotline
- Made his own charts which show planes increased since the opening of DIA
- Jets during take-off, turn northwest over his house
- Planes fly low and fast
- Fly Quiet program working
- Need new way of filing noise complaints

Jan Hockenberry (Huntington Pines, Greenwood Village):

- Lived in home since 1993
- Home during the day
- Jets take off and turn northwest, flying low
- Aircraft take off in succession one to two minutes apart
- Air Cargo planes wake you up at 2-3 o'clock in morning
- Helicopters are not following routes
- Training flights are a problem
- A recommendation of fanning out take-offs to spread out noise over the Reservoir
- A recommendation to keep training flights South of Arapahoe Road
- A recommendation to keep helicopters following Arapahoe Road

Jordan Melick (Willow Creek II, Centennial)

- Purchased home in 1981 and noise didn't exist
- Trainers fly directly over house
- Hears flights day and night
- A recommendation would be to implement noise ordinances
- Full throttle bad

Alan Stone (Sundance Hills, Greenwood Village)

- Longtime resident- 32 years
- Drastic change in increase in airplane noise
- Change in fleet overtime- more jets and helicopters
- Helicopter noise very bad- Viet Nam Vet

- Helicopters from news, police

Michael Marcus (xxxxxxxxxx, xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

- Agrees with what has been said

Chuck Lawson (Huntington Acres, Greenwood Village)

- Moved in 1996
- Noted an increase in airplane noise after DIA opened
- Planes create a problem but also helicopters
- Helicopters not using roads as guideline
- Commended Roundtable

Bill Lueschen (Sapphire Point, Castle Rock)

- Traffic over house is too low
- Logged flights and had too many
- On 1/1/10 a helicopter came over at 50 to 60 feet above house
- On 1/1/10 a fixed wing flew over at 300 feet above house
- Concern for safety as well as noise
- Recurring training traffic on ILS
- Could ILS be moved

Brunno Hald (Sapphire Point, Castle Rock)

- Recurring training traffic on ILS
- Training planes a problem- low off the ground and circle many times
- Appreciates Roundtable
- Concerned about safety
- Complaints are worthless
- Suggested finding training location which is not over residential homes
- Slow down planes before landing

Hooman Aryan (Hoffman Heights, Aurora)

- Lives 15 to 18 miles north of the Airport
- Gets noise from Buckley and Centennial Airports
- After DIA opened, more airplane noise
- Recommends to get certain flight pattern away from homes

Jim Talman (Willow Creek II, Centennial)

- Wants to hear solutions
- Community found solutions for traffic noise to Belleview Ave.

Bette Todd (Huntington Pines, Greenwood Village)

- Council member representing HOA's affected by airport noise
- Lived here for 25 years
- Gets all traffic- training, jet take-offs, and helicopters
- Airport grew around this area not the area grew around the airport
- Investigate Fly Quiet Program
- Make sure Fly Quiet Program has teeth
- Realizes the economic benefit of the Airport
- Get noise monitoring equipment in place and working as soon as possible
- FAA approved the 010-degree flight track pending and EA.
- The question should be how will the EA be funded and implemented

Randy Kuzio (Carriage Club, Lone Tree)

- Never heard about the Airport when he moved in
- Wakes up from jet traffic
- Asked about noise monitoring equipment
- Asked about tracking individual flights
- CA residents tracked planes to get solutions

Jerry Johnanes (Alquonquin Acres, Unincorporated Arapahoe County)

- Surprised other areas had noise problems
- Made many complaints
- Complaints don't do any good
- Meetings are for show

David Giem (Sundance Hills, Greenwood Village)

- Asked for Airport to list accomplishments

David Hall (Hills at Cherry Creek, Unincorporated Arapahoe County)

- Recommended the Airport produce periodic outdates for HOA

Sue Roser (Centennial)

- Asked why helicopter traffic has increased

Comments from Roundtable and Staff: The following was staff and Roundtable responses to questions and comments posed by the public hearing participants. These are not recorded verbatim, but are in bullet format. Only key points, as heard, were recorded.

Centennial Noise Roundtable

- Information for HOA's can be found on the website www.centennialairport.com under Roundtable
- Minutes are published
- Noise 101 is on the website
- Robert Olislagers, Executive Airport Director, will come to HOA meetings

Mike Fronapfel (Centennial Airport)

- Discussed what has been accomplished at Centennial Airport to reduce noise
- There are land-use guidelines for surrounding communities
- Established a noise office
- Got rid of the preferential runway which did not benefit residents to the South of the Airport
- Implemented a Fly Quiet Program which needs to be expanded
- Went the legislative route to insure no scheduled passenger service at the Airport
- Got FAA grant to buy noise-monitoring equipment
- Airport purchased 2 portable noise monitors

Robert Olislagers (Executive Airport Director)

- Zero-seat law for scheduled passenger service has a threshold of 300,000 operations per year
- Working on amendment to lower that threshold to 200,000-250,000 operations per year to keep scheduled passenger service out
- Working on phase-out of Stage 2 (noisy jets) legislation
- Working with a group called Sound Initiative
- Their website is www.soundinitiative.org
- Centennial Airport will never become a FAR Pt 139 certified airport

Linda Bruce (FAA, Denver ADO)

- In 2004 a law passed to allow only 9-seat scheduled passenger aircraft in Centennial
- Centennial is not a certified airport because they have no fire station
- There is approximate \$70 million in airport grants, which would need to be released from federal obligation
- Very hard for community to purchase Airport

Todd Green (Centennial Airport)

- Centennial Airport has voluntary ban of Stage 2 planes
- A few tenants got rid of Stage 2 aircraft
- There are itinerant Stage 2 aircraft
- There are 12,000 flight for life operations yearly
- No explanation for increased helicopter noise
- There are no news or police helicopters currently based at Centennial Airport.

Walt Gillfillan (Walter E Gillfillan and Associates)

- Start considering issues raised tonight
- Consideration of Part 150
- Make a draft work program for the Roundtable

Next Meeting: Paul Rosenberg stated the next Roundtable meeting would be held on February 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hotel Gold Crown/Ramada.

Adjournment: Chair Paul Rosenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Written Testimony: The following written testimony was received. The following in not verbatim and only key points were recorded in a bullet format.

Barbara Lewis (Chatfield Area, Littleton)

- Spend lots of time outside.
- Repetitive noise is irritating.
- Training flights are biggest concern.
- Training flights are repetitive.
- They fly figure 8s, use ground reference exercises, fly S-patterns, and perform stalls
- Calls noise hotline often
- Talked to and wrote letters to flight schools
- Wrote letters to Douglas County Commissioners

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Blilie