

CENTENNIAL AIRPORT/COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE
Recap of Organizational Workshop
May 12, 2009

BACKGROUND

The origin of a Roundtable forum at the Centennial Airport was Recommendation 12 in the Noise Compatibility Plan, a part of the recent Part 150 Study. A visit by airport staff to the San Francisco International Airport/Community Roundtable and the retention of Walter Gillfillan and Associates were the initial steps towards implementing that Recommendation.

A document prepared by the Consultant is serving as an initial guideline in this Organizational Workshop session. The document provides ideas on the actions that the interested parties would need to address in forming a roundtable that reflects local interests and concerns.

This first session identifies four topics for consideration – A brief introduction to the roundtable concept; Development of a purpose statement; Determination of membership; Form of invitation to participate.

SESSION 1.1 - Introduction

Robert Olislagers, Airport Director, provided a brief history of the Part 150 effort and the Airport Authority Boards interest in creating an interactive implementation forum.

The Consultant identified three key elements to the roundtable concept. The first is that the community residents provide important information about noise issues. Second element is the forum must include those agencies and organizations that have the authority to implement noise mitigation measures. Thirdly, there are four corners to the roundtable – The affected communities; FAA; Airport users; The airport Board. No one group is in the middle of the interactions that are necessary for implementation of noise mitigations, i.e.;when considering mitigations, noise in one community should not be transferred to another community. the process is collaborative, rather than one decided by blocks of votes.

SESSION 1.2- Develop a statement of purpose

The workshop session identified elements that should be reflected in a statement of purpose. The statement should:

- Be an integrated noise mitigation effort
- Embrace the 4-cornered concept of participation
- Consider current and future noise impact issues
- Focus on an adopted Work Program
- Provide for a performance-based measures of effectiveness
- Respect opinions of participants
- Provide an open agenda
- Share information with other airport roundtables
- Anticipate noise issues

SESSION 1.3 – Roundtable Membership

Thoughts on the composition of the membership included the following;

- Should be comprised of elected officials
- Should not be entirely elected officials
- Elected official should not be the chair
- The Chair position should be determined by the Roundtable members
- Proxies should not be elected officials
- Be careful of personal and financial conflicts of interest
- Representatives of home owners associations (HOA) should be members
- Umbrella HOA associations should be members
- There should be some citizens-at-large (real people) in the membership
- The size of the group should be a consideration – 10 may be too small, 50 may be too large
- There should be a balance of representation based on location and size of residential areas
- A fair representation for unincorporated areas
- The pace and number of the meetings, along with the complexity of the activity should be a consideration for commitment of people's time
- Existing metro agencies would be a good source for potential members because of their involvement in community issues
- Airport user groups should be represented – AOPA, NBAA, CABA
- FAA would be represented by personnel from the tower, TRACON and ADO., ex-officio status
- The State Park representative indicated an interest in participating
- DOT/Div. of Aeronautics participation should be considered ex-officio.

SESSION 1.4 – Form of invitation to participate

The group discussed four possible formats for invitations – Inter-governmental Agreements (IGA), Letters of interest, Letters of intent and memoranda of understanding (MOU).

It was felt that a letter of intent (LOI) would provide the best foundation for participation as it would show commitment and would name a representative and an alternate. FAA representatives indicated that their acceptance status would be as a non-voting, ex-officio status.

NEXT ACTION

The group is interested in addressing the membership issue in a timely manner. It was suggested that the next meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00 pm at the Golden Crown Hotel. A recap of the May 12 workshop would be available in advance with material to assist the Group in its deliberations.

The announcement indicated that the roundtable makeup would be decided at this meeting; however, it was decided that the process should be more deliberative per the handout. Participants in this first meeting would regroup on June 2nd and collaboratively make recommendations to the airport board.