

CENTENNIAL AIRPORT COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

MINUTES

February 4, 2015

Approved as Amended

April 1, 2015

VISION – QUIETER SKIES FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

MISSION – UTILIZING PARTNERSHIPS TO REDUCE AIRPORT NOISE FOR THE BENEFIT OF NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, and QUORUM: The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chair Harold Anderson. A quorum was present, which included:

Arapahoe County – Nancy Jackson and Bart Whitehouse

Douglas County – Alison Biggs and Joe Fowler

Aurora – Brad Pierce

Castle Pines – Maureen Shul

Centennial – Keith Gardner

Cherry Hills Village – Katy Brown

Foxfield – Dave Goddard

Greenwood Village – Bette Todd

Lone Tree – Harold Anderson

Parker – Mike Sutherland

ACPAA – Robert Olislagers

AOPA – Robert Doubek;

CABA – Don Kuskie

FAA APA Control Tower – Ted Michalakes

Alternate Representatives for *Aurora*, Porter Ingram; *Centennial*, Andrea Suhaka; and *ACPAA*, Mike Fronapfel were in attendance. Centennial Airport staff member Scott Drexler was also present.

Those absent were: *Castle Rock* – Mark Heath/Heather Lamboy; *CDOT Aeronautics Division* – Todd Green; *FAA District Office* – Linda Bruce/Kandace Krull; and *FAA TRACON* – Jim Borge.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: On the motion of Keith Gardner, duly seconded, the agenda was approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ryan Sarni, representing the homeowners association of Cherry Creek Vista South, presented comments and questions from the latest meeting of that group. They included observations that it seemed police helicopter traffic after 8:00 p.m. had increased recently; military flights also seemed to have increased recently, particularly on weekends; and pattern work by training flights had become a concern, not only for frequency, but for the safety factor as well. He noted the recent fatal crash into an area yard had occurred about 1 ½ miles from this neighborhood, and it was disquieting to the residents. It seemed training flights were frequently not staying south of Arapahoe Road. Would it be possible for training flights to make appointments for time in the pattern, similarly to tee times at golf courses?

Various responses were provided, including that the airport has no control over military flights; communications have occurred in the past with the Denver Police Department about its helicopters and that might be revisited; and the noise monitors will be gathering data about helicopter flights this year.

Flight schools have also been engaged in past discussions, but when flight paths are full, the tower has no choice but to expand the pattern. Ted Michalakes noted tower personnel have not been granted authority to cut off or schedule flight “reservations” as golf courses do with tee times. Robert Olislagers indicated if capacity is exceeded, the FAA can step in, but Centennial Airport is far from a capacity limit. Once more data from the noise monitors is available, it may be worth discussing with TRACON or the FAA.

Airport staff have looked into what has been happening in the noted area. Question was asked if the involved aircraft could be identified, and could someone speak with any offenders. It was noted pattern work does include touch and go practice. Harold Anderson suggested training schools might be reminded of the preferred flight paths for training, and future problems reported to staff for identification of the offending aircraft. Problems occurring outside the pattern should particularly be noted and follow-up efforts made. Another situation causing problems is the expansion of residential development in areas previously unpopulated.

4. MINUTES – December 3, 2014: There had been no meeting in January, 2015. In the draft December 3, 2014 minutes, the need for two amendments was noted: Ryan McGee had represented Parker at the meeting; and under 6.D., Robert Olislagers had been appointed to the Colorado Aeronautical Board. The amendments

were approved by consensus. On the motion of Keith Gardner, duly seconded, the minutes were approved as amended.

INTRODUCTION: Nancy Jackson introduced Bart Whitehouse, who had been appointed to CACNR from Arapahoe County. He indicated his company had been based at Centennial Airport for 36 years; he had considerable experience at the airport, having also been a pilot for 36 years, using his company's aircraft. Harold Anderson welcomed him on behalf of the group.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Community Outreach – Keith Gardner indicated work on the CACNR brochure was getting close to completion, and a copy would be available after the meeting for Representatives to review. The CACNR website continued to be inoperable. The files and meeting documents were “saved,” but the site itself was proving difficult to resurrect. Katy Brown indicated she had a web development company and would be happy to work with Gardner on the problem. Representatives expressed their appreciation of her offer to help.

B. Fly Quiet – Don Kuskie reported having shared the mock-up posters with some corporate jet pilots at the airport. There had not been specific comments, but more seemed to identify with or be mildly favorable to the blue version; few related to the version with the children and toy planes. The pilots related to the headset. The size of some print continued to come into question. Harold Anderson recounted the time and work the committee had expended on the project to date, with the feeling it had done what it could. On the motion of Joe Fowler, duly seconded, the blue poster was approved for use. The numbers to be printed and where they would actually be placed remained to be determined.

C. Noise Monitors – The Noise Monitors Committee had not met, and Scott Drexler had not had time to do any monthly reports with the data from the monitors, similar to those shared at the December meeting. He could go back to capture the information, however, so hoped to have more of that type of reports for the March meeting. The committee will continue working with staff to identify the content and format of data presentations which will be most useful to the Fly Quiet Committee, CACNR, ACPAA, and the general public.

D. Work Program – The committee provided the latest drafts of proposed actions items for 2015 which had been received from the committees, and requested committees particularly address anything printed in red. Any further suggested changes from the committees must be received by the WP Committee no later than 10 days before the next CACNR meeting. This committee will then prepare a hopefully-final version of the 2015 Work Program, which is planned to include short term goals for 2015, and may include long term goals for the period following this year. It is also planned to include an attachment or appendix showing those items which have been “retired,” or proposed for retirement, from past plans, with the reasoning behind those actions. Bette Todd indicated she thought the revised format was less complex than the last effort, and would be easier to work with.

E. Study Group – The Study Group had emailed draft copies of three documents: the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); the Funding Structure; and proposed amendments to CACNR's Bylaws. It was noted the draft MOU anticipates all members will sign on, from both Regular and Advisory categories, and it may be an interesting exercise obtaining agreement on content from every group. The two new documents basically establish relationships among the CACNR members, and indicates such things as how members are added or leave the group. The MOU is designed to be difficult to amend so it does not have to go through the process of getting approval from all Members with any frequency. The Bylaws amendments reflect the content of the other two documents. The Study Group noted ACPAA and airport staff had also received the drafts.

Following discussion, it was agreed the documents should not be given to others beyond those who have received them, until CACNR and ACPAA are satisfied with them. It was noted the MOU is an IGA-type document. Nancy Jackson suggested everyone send their comments to Brad Pierce, or any member of the Study Group, no later than two weeks before the March meeting. The group can then provide everyone with another version for review at that meeting.

6. REGULAR MONTHLY REPORTS:

A. Treasurer's Report – A 2014 Final Treasurer's Report had been received from airport staff. It showed expenditures of \$8,666.22 for the year, leaving a balance of \$1,333.78. A treasurer's Report as of January 30, 2015 had been received from airport staff, showing a 2015 beginning balance of \$10,000, with no expenditures

to date. Staff reported a \$1,000 invoice for membership in N.O.I.S.E. had been received. On the motion of Alison Biggs, duly seconded, CACNR approved joining N.O.I.S.E. for 2015.

B. Noise Report– A 2014 Year End Noise Report was distributed by airport staff. Scott Drexler indicated he would send the report to everyone electronically. December operations had been down but complaints were up to 410 from 128 in November. There had been 2,956 complaints during 2014, with 422 ((14.28%) of those being about nighttime flights. Bette Todd noted she had called a complaint in December about a very noisy flight over her area; she had checked, and it had been an itinerant Stage 2 aircraft, flying at 500 feet. Staff reported the noise monitor in the general area had recorded a flight at that time of 89 decibels; after further checking, staff will speak with the crew if possible.

For the 2014 summary report, the staff had utilized GIS location identification and reported Unincorporated Douglas County had submitted the highest percentage of complaints, at 27%; 24% had come from Centennial; 19% from Unincorporated Arapahoe County; 15% from Greenwood Village; 5% from Aurora; 4% from Castle Pines; 3% from Lone Tree; 2% from Cherry Hills Village; and 1% each from Parker and Denver. Areas whose complaints resulted in percentages smaller than 1% were not shown in the circle chart, but were provided numerically. Unincorporated Arapahoe County had the highest number of households registering complaints. A breakdown of complaints involving jets, props, and helicopters was not available.

Staff was continuing to work with the Noise Monitor Committee to determine the best way to collect and look at the wide variety of data available from the monitors.

C. Noise Monitor Update – Mike Fronapfel reported there were 2 items to be resolved before the noise monitor system would be accepted. One item was the air traffic control recorder which wasn't working properly on all frequencies and the other item was solar noise monitor site #4 which stopped sending data periodically. Until these issues are corrected, the final acceptance for the system cannot be completed, and as a result final payments were being held until a resolution is satisfactorily achieved.

D. Legislative Report – Robert Olislagers indicated there was nothing new legislatively at the State level. At the Federal level, the proposed FY2016 budget includes a cut of \$450 million in the Airport Improvement Program from the current level which Congress has rather consistently maintained in recent years. Work had begun on the Airway Trust Fund reauthorization, but there would be considerable effort needed before action would be taken.

E. Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority Board – Robert Doubek reported he had been out of town, so the December 11, 2014 ACPAA meeting had been chaired by Nancy Doty. He provided the following written report of the meeting: *A public meeting was opened and the proposed 2015 annual budget was presented which forecasts the 2015 operating revenue exceeding the operating expense, net of depreciation and amortization. Net funds available for carry forward are \$1,304,709. The forecast noise expense is estimated to be \$74,500 not counting staff salaries assigned to aircraft noise issues. The budget was approved with minor changes to capital expenditures.*

F. Airport Activity or Upcoming Events of Interest to CACNR – Robert Olislagers mentioned the following: In Memoriam: Col. Jack Wilhite (USAF-Ret.) and Prof. George McCrillis. He also noted new ACPAA Commissioners Capt. Jim Huffman (USN-Ret.) and Douglas County Commissioner David Weaver.

G. Centennial Airport Air Traffic Control Tower – Robert Olislagers again credited Centennial Tower personnel for championing the LOOOP RNAV departure route to the north. To their credit, and that of TRACON, there was a push for using DME procedures in advance of final official approval of the LOOOP RNAV departure. Ted Michalakes indicated a higher percentage of aircraft can navigate using DME as opposed to RNAV equipment. A preliminary test of a DME based procedure would be more flexible if problems are discovered. Details of the procedure are yet to be finalized, but Mr. Michalakes considers it reasonable, barring unforeseen issues, for the testing and implementation decision to be completed by the end of CY2015.

H. N.O.I.S.E. – Brad Pierce reported the N.O.I.S.E. annual Legislative Summit would be held in Washington, DC on March 8, 2015 in conjunction with the National League of Cities; its Lobby Day will be on March 10, 2015. As the N.O.I.S.E. President, he will be attending. He indicated CBS News had done a four minute report about NextGen and the problems it has caused, mostly related to the Phoenix area. As N.O.I.S.E. President, he had also been interviewed for *Airport Noise Report, a weekly update on litigation, regulations, and*

technological development. His comments had covered the need for changes to air traffic patterns to include consideration of the impacts on noise on airport-adjacent communities, and the need for community involvement, education and outreach when there are new or changing noise impacts. He indicated he would obtain the link to the CBS report, and to the *Airport Noise Report* and send them to everyone.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. CACNR Representatives to 2015 Meetings of ACPAA – A signup sheet for this responsibility was circulated, with the following results:

Jan. – no meeting of either group	July – no ACPAA meeting
Feb. – Don Kuskie, with back-up from Keith Gardner	Aug. – Harold Anderson
Mar. – may be no need, as CACNR meets after ACPAA	Sep. – Keith Gardner
Apr. – Dave Goddard	Oct. – Joe Fowler
May – Brad Pierce	Nov. – still needed
June – Nancy Jackson	Dec. – Katy Brown

B. Items for CACNR Report to ACPAA February 12, 2015 Meeting – Don Kuskie and Keith Gardner would collaborate on the report.

C. Reschedule March 4, 2015 Meeting – Following discussion, it was agreed March 12 would be the most acceptable date for rescheduling this meeting, for the most Representatives. This was necessitated because three CACNR Representatives, including the Chair and Secretary, plus airport staff members, will be attending the UC Davis Noise Symposium.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Representative to Serve on Consultant Selection Committee for the 2015 Noise Exposure Map Update – The update will be to the work done in 2012, and this assignment would probably involve two meetings plus related reading materials. Dave Goddard volunteered to serve on the committee.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT: Raj Patel explained he was involved with a new Holiday Inn being planned for the area of Arapahoe and Nome, and had many questions about how to prevent customer complaints about airport noise. Scott Drexler and Mike Fronapfel indicated they would be happy to help Mr. Patel.

10. COMMENTS FROM ROUNDTABLE REPRESENTATIVES AND STAFF: Alison Biggs asked everyone to review the latest roster which had been sent with materials for this meeting, to assure accuracy.

11. NEXT MEETINGS:

CACNR – March 12, 2015, Ramada Hotel & Suites, 7770 S. Peoria Street, Englewood, CO, 6:30 p.m.
April 1, 2015, Ramada Hotel & Suites, 7770 S. Peoria Street, Englewood, CO, 6:30 p.m.
May 6, 2015, Ramada Hotel & Suites, 7770 S. Peoria Street, Englewood, CO, 6:30 p.m.

ACPAA – Feb. 12, 2015, Wright Brothers Room, Centennial Airport, 7800 S. Peoria St., Englewood, CO
Don Kuskie representing CACNR, with backup from Keith Gardner; 3:00 p.m.
March 12, 2015, Wright Brothers Room, Centennial Airport, 7800 S. Peoria St., Englewood, CO
Meeting is before CACNR meeting, so will be nothing new to report, 3:00 p.m.
April 9, 2015, Wright Brothers Room, Centennial Airport, 7800 S. Peoria St., Englewood, CO
Dave Goddard representing CACNR; 3:00 p.m.
May 14, 2015, Wright Brothers Room, Centennial Airport, 7800 S. Peoria St., Englewood, CO
Brad Pierce representing CACNR; 3:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Alison Biggs, Secretary