

CENTENNIAL AIRPORT COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

MINUTES

April 1, 2015

Approved May 6, 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 6:32 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 Rock* – Heather Lamboy  
*Castle Pines* – Rex Lucas  
*Centennial* – Keith Gardner  
*Foxfield* – Dave Goddard

*Greenwood Village* – Bette Todd  
*Lone Tree* – Harold Anderson  
*Parker* – Ryan McGee  
*ACPAA* – Robert Olislagers  
*AOPA* – Robert Doubek;  
*CABA* – Don Kuskie  
*FAA APA Control Tower* – Gerald Huthoefer

Alternate Representatives for *Centennial*, Andrea Suhaka, and *FAA APA Control Tower* Ted Michalakes were in attendance. ACPAA staff member Scott Drexler was also present.

Those absent were:

*Cherry Hills Village* – Katy Brown  
*CDOT Aeronautics Division* – Todd Green

*FAA District Office* – Linda Bruce/Kandace Krull  
*FAA TRACON* – Jim Borge.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

4. MINUTES – February 4, 2015: Request was made to amend the third sentence in 5.B. again, to read “The pilots related to the headset visual.” On the motion of Keith Gardner, duly seconded, the minutes were approved as amended.

-- March 12, 2015: The spelling of Ted Goodlin’s name was corrected on page 1 and page 4. On the motion of Keith Gardner, duly seconded, the minutes were approved as amended.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Community Outreach – Keith Gardner provided a copy of the latest mock-up of the CACNR brochure. There was discussion of such things as the colors, identifying CACNR on the front panel, showing 12 noise monitors instead of 11, and utilizing the actual name of the Noise Abatement Guidelines. The committee was thanked for its work to date, and Gardner indicated another mock-up would be brought to the May meeting; other ideas were welcomed in the interim.

Operation of the CACNR website continued to be problematic. An invoice for \$350 for retrieval work done to date by Foxden Web Solutions was approved on the motion of Harold Anderson, duly seconded. Work continued on getting the site functioning again.

Another draft of a proposed policy on behaviors to be exhibited by CACNR Representatives when they are speaking publically about CACNR, or the airport or airport staff, was presented. One Representative noted the need for role clarity when speaking as an individual rather than as an official representative of CACNR; there may be differences between speaking with each other and speaking with community members. Another noted a duty to constituents to comment clearly about any matter. It was noted semantics can play a part, such as speaking about areas which need improvement rather than criticizing the current status of something. Another questioned who was going to serve as the judge to determine if something was inappropriate?

There was recognition that reporters may not always completely or accurately reflect what has been expressed. It was noted elected officials have an obligation to their constituents to provide complete information about any

issue with which they are involved. It was also noted that any previously noted concerns had been handled through a discussion at a meeting, raising everyone's consciousness, so perhaps there was no need to formally require a vote to determine if something was deemed inappropriate. There did not seem to be routine problems. There was general agreement, if work on this document continued, there should be a focus on getting rid of the negative connotations attached to it, and to provide a focus on the positive. Other ideas would be welcomed.

B. Fly Quiet – Harold Anderson reported he had gone with Mike Fronapfel to distribute the new posters to the FBOs, and many of them had made comments about cooperating through flying quiet. There are a few more locations to be reached, and Anderson had suggested having someone else accompany Fronapfel the next time; he had suggested Alison Biggs, who indicated she would be willing to do so. Most of the FBOs seemed to like the poster.

A Representative noted the "Pilot Information" section of the airport's website did not seem to include the Noise Abatement Guidelines. Request was made to have that document, and any other noise abatement information utilized by the airport, placed in an obvious location in the Pilots' Information section on Centennial Airport's website, and to let CACNR know what that had been accomplished.

C. Noise Monitors – The Noise Monitors Committee had not met, but wished to receive input from CACNR Representatives about what they wanted to see in the noise reports from the noise monitors. It was agreed to continue further discussion of this with the Noise Report section of the agenda.

D. Work Program – On the motion of Keith Gardner, duly seconded, the 2015 CACNR Work Program Action Plan was approved as distributed. Comment was made that one of the things which had been mentioned at the UC Davis symposium was the effectiveness of giving awards for improvements in flying quiet. Comment was made there would be a need to develop criteria for judging that. This topic was included in the Plan as an Action Item of the Fly Quiet Committee. That committee would likely coordinate with the Noise Monitor Committee in addressing the issue as well. There was agreement a positive approach was preferred when working with others to achieve quieter skies.

E. Study Group – The draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); the Funding Structure document; proposed amendments to CACNR's Bylaws; and comments received from the Airport Director with responses from the Study Group had been provided. Comments provided by CACNR members to the three main documents following the February meeting had been incorporated.

Robert Olislagers indicated the documents would be reviewed by ACPAA in executive session, but he felt some of the responses to his comments were inadequate. There was agreement the documents should not be shared with others until CACNR and ACPAA were in agreement with their content.

Question was asked about the perceived roadblocks. One identified by Mr. Olislagers was his desire to make CACNR votes non-binding. A question was asked about the residency parameters for the appointees from the counties; that is covered in Article III.2. in the draft MOU, and is in the current Bylaws in Article III.b. The Chair noted it seemed the MOU was rather straightforward, easy to understand, and was an appropriate document.

Robert Olislagers asked for further structure regarding financial matters, who would do audits, obtain a tax ID number, etc. The Study Group had not made changes to the draft documents, as exploration of this topic was still in progress. Mr. Olislagers indicated there was also concern about the concept of revenue diversion if the airport continues to financially support CACNR. He stated the FAA may not provide grant monies to Centennial Airport in the future if it diverts revenue to CACNR. Questioned how other airports can fund their noise roundtable equivalents, in amount considerably higher than the \$10,000 budgeted to CACNR, Mr. Olislagers stated those airports were doing so as a result of court orders, and ACPAA has no such order to do so.

Question was asked why the FAA would object to ACPAA funding 43% of CACNR's anticipated budget under the proposed funding structure, when it is funding 100% of CACNR's budget now. The FAA would have to be asked that question. Comment was made that one idea being explored was for Arapahoe County to handle the CACNR fund in a dedicated account, as some cities or towns would object to having their contributions taken back by ACPAA as occurs now with unspent CACNR funds at the end of the year. CACNR was reminded it had not spent much in some past years. Response was the first years had been spent in an educational mode as Representatives became acquainted with the many facets of airport operation and the noise it produces.

CACNR is now able to proactively use that gained knowledge for the benefit of communities bothered by airport noise. The amount of spending would of course vary between the two activity modes.

Comment was made that CACNR has no goal of closing the airport, as has been attributed to it in the past. Comment was also made that the MOU is unfortunately possibly seen as an attempt to take control, financial or otherwise, away from the airport, which is apparently causing problems with its finalization.

Question was asked about the FAA's concern that ACPAA was entering into revenue diversion by funding CACNR; could written documentation of this be obtained for clarification purposes? An example of revenue diversion had occurred at one airport which had used funds for a float in the Rose Parade. Question was also asked if a list of airports under court order to fund their noise roundtable equivalents could be provided.

Another comment was made that solutions are needed, not obstacles to progress. If the comingling of funds would cause concern by jurisdictions about the airport taking their contributions, Mr. Olislagers indicated the airport might collect the contributions to be held in a separate fund so they would not be taken by the airport at the end of the year. It was again noted the airport does provide some support for CACNR now which it does not charge against CACNR's budget, and it was hoped that kind of support could continue. Olislagers indicated he had already asked the ACPAA auditors to look into what the cost of CACNR is to ACPAA in addition to the \$10,000 granted to the group.

Comment was made that CACNR has been in existence for five years, but there have been no formalized documents to assure everyone involved understands the organization and their role with it. The MOU will define the roles of all involved and the structure of the group. There are no ulterior motives that CACNR wants to close the airport or to assume policy making authority; there are no ulterior motives. To anyone's knowledge, there are also no involved communities which have ulterior motives either.

Olislagers indicated he wanted to assure there were no slippery slopes resulting from creation of these documents. He noted pilots are asking why ACPAA spends more time on noise than it does on the airport; the accuracy of this perception did not appear to have been documented.

By consensus, it was agreed to table these documents, so that the Study Group and ACPAA could work further to reach agreement on content. It was noted CACNR serves as the "first line of defense" for communities and citizens bothered by airport noise, and it has a commitment to work wherever possible to advance its mission. It was asked that the ACPAA attorney and a representative from the FAA be involved in those future efforts. Olislagers indicated his main concern was how the funding structure was going to work, and therefore he did not believe he would involve the ACPAA attorney, but rather would bring in someone from staff who was familiar with finances.

#### 6. REGULAR MONTHLY REPORTS:

A. Treasurer's Report – A Treasurer's Report dated March 27, 2015 had been received from airport staff. It showed expenditures of \$4,616.67 to date, for membership in N.O.I.S.E. and expenses for the UC Davis Noise Symposium. A balance of \$5,383.33 remained.

B. Noise Report– A Noise Report with information about noise events at each monitor, for the months of January and February, was distributed by airport staff. As anticipated, highest numbers are at the ends of the runways. In both months, the Meridian monitor recorded some of the higher numbers of events at all decibel levels, and this is an area where future residential growth is anticipated by Lone Tree.

Request was made for rolling data for the year to date. Staff indicated this was possible. Request was also made for complaints to be correlated with actual flights or noise events. Staff was still working on the logistics for providing that information. Comparative information which has usually been provided should be available at the next meeting.

C. Noise Monitor Update – see above

D. Legislative Report – Robert Olislagers indicated there was nothing new legislatively at the State or the Federal levels. He suggested perhaps his two reports – Legislation and Airport Activity – might be combined for future agendas.

E. Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority Board – Robert Doubek submitted a written report from the March 12, 2015 ACPAA meeting, and read it at this meeting: *As part of the Consent Agenda, the consultant firm of Harris Miller Miller & Hanson, Inc. (HMMH) was approved for the 2015 Noise Exposure Map (NEM) update. The selection committee was made up of Bob Doubek, Dave Goddard, Lorie Hinton, Michael Fronapfel and Scott Drexler. The Public Hearing, continued from February 12, 2015, concerning the proposed Transfer Fee Policy was opened. However, Staff recommended that the policy be withdrawn from consideration and the Public Hearing was closed. Harold Anderson presented an update of the Roundtable attendance at the UC Davis Noise Symposium. rjd 3/29/2015*

Harold Anderson indicated Nancy Sharpe had asked for additional information about the UC Davis Noise Symposium, including what topics had been on the symposium's program. He had provided her with everything requested and more.

F. Airport Activity or Upcoming Events of Interest to CACNR – Robert Olislagers noted Linda Bruce's husband was ill and circulated a card with good wishes for CACNR members to sign.

G. Centennial Airport Air Traffic Control Tower – Gerald Huthoefer report the LOOOP departure procedures were undergoing meta-test. So far, things looked good relative to propeller aircraft, and volunteer business aircraft were in the process of testing. It appeared jet aircraft tend to drift a bit to the north, and the system was being "tweaked" to fix that. A full test phase will begin soon. The system will eventually be officially published, but that will not be undertaken until everything works as well as possible. Robert Olislagers again credited Centennial Tower personnel and TRACON for their proactivity in working to assist affected citizens by the development and use of these procedures. CACNR noted the procedures should help those living along the ILS to the south, as well as those affected by departures to the north. It was felt there should be considerable positive publicity about the procedures and the work involved in their creation, at the appropriate time.

H. N.O.I.S.E. – Brad Pierce reported Emily Tranter would be giving a Noise 101 session to the Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Recent Land Use Proposals Considered by ACPAA – CACNR had previously asked to be kept apprised of such proposals and action taken on them by ACPAA. Staff provided a report on two which had been considered by ACPAA during the last quarter of 2014. One involved a residential use in Meridian and the second was commercial in the Dove Valley area. Both were noted as being subject to comments. A report on the first quarter of 2015 should be available for the next CACNR meeting.

B. Amount Budgeted by ACPAA for 2015 Noise Expense – CACNR had previously requested information about what the \$74,500 budgeted for noise, absent staff salaries, in the ACPAA 2015 budget would cover. Staff reported that amount includes the noise monitors, consultants, and CACNR's \$10,000. It does not include staff salaries, or the updating of the noise contours.

C. Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus & Colorado Delegation – Mike Coffman is the U.S Representative in whose district Centennial Airport is located. It was suggested all Colorado U.S. Senators and Representatives might be included in any communications about this Caucus, so no one would feel excluded; the more supporters, the better. There was discussion if correspondence about the caucus and encouragement to join should be initiated by CACNR, or jointly by CACNR and ACPAA. Brad Pierce indicated he would get copies of related materials which were being used by Emily Tranter at N.O.I.S.E. for CACNR review. There was agreement to revisit this topic at the next meeting.

D. Election of CACNR Officers – Question was asked if anyone had expressed interest in serving as an officer, or if letters of interest had been requested. No one had expressed interest, and letters had not been solicited. On the motion of Nancy Jackson, duly seconded, the current officers were reelected to serve for the coming year. It was agreed to begin officially soliciting nominations in January of each year for the election in March.

E. Items for CACNR Report to ACPAA February 12, 2015 Meeting – Dave Goddard would collaborate on the report, with Keith Gardner and anyone else who wished to contribute.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS: None

9. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

10. COMMENTS FROM ROUNDTABLE REPRESENTATIVES AND STAFF: An update about Whispertrack was requested. Scott Drexler indicated the airport was not paying for it, as there was no way to determine its use. Question was asked if anyone looking at Whispertrack would see the airport's Noise Abatement Guidelines; response was yes; apparently there are updates for pilots who use it. Comment was made that it is difficult to find and it did not seem to be working as well as hoped. It may work better for some specific procedures, but there had been no determination of how useful or effective it would be here.

11. NEXT MEETINGS:

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

June 3, 2015, Ramada Hotel & Suites, 7770 S. Peoria Street, Englewood, CO, 6:30 p.m

ACPAA – 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.

June 18, 2015, Wright Brothers Room, Centennial Airport, 7800 S. Peoria St., Englewood, CO  
Nancy Jackson representing CACNR; 3:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Alison Biggs, Secretary