

CENTENNIAL AIRPORT COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

MINUTES

May 6, 2015

Approved June 3, 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:

Douglas County – Alison Biggs and Joe Fowler
Aurora – Brad Pierce
Castle Pines – Maureen Shul
Castle Rock – Heather Lamboy
Centennial – Andrea Suhaka
Cherry Hills Village – Katy Brown

Greenwood Village – Bette Todd
Lone Tree – Harold Anderson
Parker – Ryan McGee
ACPAA – Robert Olislagers
AOPA – Robert Doubek;

Alternate Representatives for *Douglas County* Mike Acree; *Aurora*, Porter Ingram; and *ACPAA* Mike Fronapfel were in attendance. *ACPAA* staff member Scott Drexler was also present.

Those absent were:

Arapahoe County – Nancy Jackson
Foxfield – Dave Goddard
CABA – Don Kuskie/Lane Recher
CDOT Aeronautics Division – Todd Green

FAA APA Control Tower – Gerald/Huthoefer/
Ted Michalakes
FAA District Office – Linda Bruce/Kandace Krull
FAA TRACON – Jim Borge

INTRODUCTION: Harold Anderson introduced Thad Bagnato, who was expected to become the Arapahoe County Representative for the unincorporated parts of the county. He was welcomed by the group.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: On the motion of Andrea Suhaka, duly seconded, the agenda was approved as emailed.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Brent Neiser, Chair of the Greenwood Village Parks Commission, introduced himself from the audience.

4. MINUTES – April 1, 2015: Question was asked about the reference to making “CACNR votes non-binding,” in the third paragraph under 5.E.; how was non-binding defined? Robert Olislagers indicated it had not been his idea, but rather that of the airport’s attorney who apparently felt CACNR Representatives should only be voting on things their city councils or other appointing bodies had first approved. It was noted the Study Group had asked Mr. Magoon to again be included when it met next with ACPAA staff, and Mr. Olislagers indicated this would be possible; this topic would be explored further. There was discussion on how this requirement would be met and the effect it would have on the work of CACNR. One Representative noted individuals who represent her jurisdiction do have authority to speak and vote on issues without seeking prior approval; the representatives are trusted to bring anything unusual or of particular note to the attention of the appointing body, and this seemed to work well.

On the motion of Bette Todd, the April 1, 2015 minutes were approved as written.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Harold Anderson noted the Wings of Hope fundraising event, which would be presented by CACNR Representative Maureen Shul for pancreatic cancer research, would be held at the Lone Tree Arts Center on May 28, 2015. Information cards about the event were distributed, and it was noted the speaker for the evening was quite interesting and entertaining. Shul thanked Centennial Airport for its continued support.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Community Outreach – Maureen Shul discussed the web site re-creation project. There was apparently some confusion about who was doing what and for how much. Katy Brown indicated she had heard nothing from Keith Gardner since she had volunteered to help. Shul indicated there had been some discussion of not putting a burden on a CACNR member, and whether it would be better to utilize someone who was not a CACNR Representative. There was recollection of the group's desire to have at least two bids on the project, and the high priority of getting the website operational again. Suggestion was made that perhaps the website might include an internal section for the use of communication between CACNR Representatives; the idea was met positively, if it could be implemented. Question was asked if the website could be constructed so that CACNR could do "little edits" without an outside webmaster having to make them. The committee will bring a progress report to the next meeting.

B. Fly Quiet – Harold Anderson reported the committee had not met, but would do so following this meeting. Alison Biggs indicated she had accompanied Mike Fronapfel to distribute posters to additional locations.

C. Noise Monitors – The Noise Monitors Committee had met and continued to work with ACPAA staff on the format and information to be included in the monthly noise reports. It had also looked at the very extensive reports from DIA, Tampa International, and San Francisco International.

Noise & Noise Monitors Reports: Scott Drexler presented the "traditional" noise reports which had been emailed, and provided an additional report at this meeting. The emailed reports showed complaints per municipality; that 14% of overall complaints in the month of March were about nighttime flights (100 of 707); that complaints had increased to 192 in March from 155 in February while operations had increased to 29,156 in March from 21,045 in February. Comparative 2014 – 2015 monthly complaint and operations data; and YTD information about the top five households with complaints were included. A map showing the location of the noise monitors in relation to complaints from households was also provided. The correlation of complaints to information provided by the noise monitors remained to be accomplished.

Comment was made that even though one household had filed 220 complaints, probably that was not the only household which had been bothered in that area; complainants cannot be ignored or belittled just to make ourselves feel better. Question was asked how noise is quantified. It was noted that frequency of noise, such as seven aircraft in a five minute period, might elicit more discomfort than those seven aircraft would if spread out over several hours. Comment was made that CACNR cannot just look at certain numbers; when people complain, they should be listened to. It was noted individuals with complaints are invited to attend CACNR meetings and speak to the group; some do not wish to do so, and some do not wish to speak with airport staff.

Discussion turned to the reports made available on-site. This packet included a narrative about the airport's noise monitoring program; information about WebTrak; the previously seen YTD and March numbers of complaints and numbers of households complaining; and the maps showing the location of the noise monitors, and the monitors in relation to complaints from households. It was suggested the maps might be more useful if lines were drawn around the various jurisdictions and the colored shading removed, so boundaries and main thoroughfares could be identified. In the map showing the location of the noise monitors in relation to complaints from households, several suggestions were made so locations could be more easily identified.

Noise complaint data included was the same as emailed, with a brief narrative accompanying the complaints per municipality; the narrative was appreciated. Request was made to include Castle Rock as a municipality in this compilation. For nighttime v. daytime complaints, request was made for a five year comparison of numbers. The on-site packet also included Complaints by Operation Type, with the majority (79%) being unknown; Complaints by Aircraft Type (111/58% propeller; 38/20% unknown; 26 jet/14%; and 17/9% helicopter). Information was provided about runway usage and traffic flow. It was noted DIA's noise reports show the percentages of runway use, linked to DNL for each. Airport staff stated the resources were not available to accomplish that at Centennial at the present time. Robert Olislagers indicated runways headings could include wind information. Eventually, usage may be able to be correlated to noise levels measured at the noise monitors and complaints. Radar track density maps were also provided, although it was difficult to relate without an overlay map, which is being developed. Some RNAV fight tracks were able to be identified.

Finally, reports of dB ranges at each noise monitor were provided for February. CACNR looked forward to having monthly comparative information. As anticipated, highest dB levels were from the monitors located nearest to the ends of the runways. Highest residential/other areas varied by dB level, with the monitors at the State Park and Grandview Estates having the most noise events in the 60-69 dB, 70-79 dB, and 80-89 dB levels, and the State Park and Greenwood Village having the most noise events in the 90+ dB level. It was noted the public might not understand that a noise event is different than a noise complaint, so some explanation should be included.

It was acknowledged some of the information provided as the reporting system is being developed may eventually be determined unnecessary, but that will not be known until the data is seen and studied. The Noise Monitor Committee will continue to coordinate this work. The level of noise delivered by a lawn mower or some construction were identified as being bothersome to many, although aircraft noise usually affects more people; to differentiate for CACNR purpose, lawn mowers and construction noise can be filtered out, and they cannot be correlated with radar data. One CACNR Representative reported a city code which limits daytime (7:00 am – 7:00 pm) dB to 55.

D. Work Program – No report.

E. Study Group – Work was continuing; the meeting agreed to at the last CACNR meeting was pending.

6. REGULAR MONTHLY REPORTS:

A. Treasurer's Report – A Treasurer's Report dated May 1, 2015 had been received from airport staff. It showed expenditures of \$4,616.67 to date, with a balance of \$5,383.33 remaining. Apparently the invoice for Foxden Web Solutions which had been approved at the last CACNR meeting, had not made its way through the process for payment yet, but payment would be accomplished before the next meeting.

B. Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority Board – Robert Doubek submitted a written report from the April 9, 2015 ACPAA meeting, and read it at this meeting: *The above captioned meeting was routine with no items of interest concerning CACNR except an update of the Roundtable presented by Dave Goddard. rjd 5/4/2015* He noted it had been perhaps the second shortest ACPAA meeting ever.

C. Airport Director's Report – Robert Olislagers indicated the U.S. House Subcommittee on Transportation had approved a 2016 fiscal year draft funding bill which included FAA and DOT budgets; the FAA Airport Improvement Program funding \$3.35 billion, but no reauthorization activity had yet taken place. At the State level, there had been no particular aviation bills during the concluded legislative session.

He further reported the test flights of the LOOOP departure route had concluded, with jet turns working safely and well, and with pilots apparently liking the implementation; pilots and the control tower are understanding each other about the use of the process. The LOOOP is not tied to RNAV. It will be rolled out within the next two months, and attention will be given to whether or not its use results in any decrease in noise complaints.

It was again noted the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will be in the area for the U.S. Air Force Academy graduation in Colorado Springs on May 28, and for the Rocky Mountain Airshow at the Aurora Reservoir (E470 & Quincy) on May 30 & 31. They will be based at Buckley Air Force Base. The B-17 which has visited in the past will be in the area again, in October, 2015, although probably not at Centennial Airport. It is also anticipated the U.S. Navy Blue Angels will be here in 2016.

Olislagers reported that Gerald Huthoefer had been promoted to the #2 position at TRACON, but anticipates maintaining follow-through with the work he has been so important to at Centennial Airport. CACNR expressed real regret he would no longer be the CACNR liaison with the airport's control tower, noting his refreshing candor, willingness to discuss issues, listen to feedback and follow up with ideas had been most welcome. It was happily noted that Ted Michalakes will remain likely with CACNR in some capacity.

It was further reported that Scott Drexler had been notified his U.S. Army Reserve unit would be deployed in the very near future. The length of time he would be gone and where he would be going were not definite at the time of this meeting. Representatives expressed sincere regret about this news, and wished him well.

D. Centennial Airport Air Traffic Control Tower – None

E. N.O.I.S.E. – Brad Pierce reported he anticipated receiving updated information about the four main priorities of N.O.I.S.E. from Emily Tranter, and would send it to everyone. The organization’s next Legislative Conference will be in Nashville in November, for anyone wishing to attend. CACNR has established a policy of sending one representative to this meeting.

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 twelve projects which had been considered by ACPAA during the first quarter of 2015. Although ACPAA had taken action to not recommend one of the residential site plans, the City of Centennial had apparently approved the project. The area involved was in the general vicinity of Havana Street and Geddes Avenue, which is very near the end of one runway and is thus impacted by aircraft traffic. A similar referral is expected in the coming months, for the area around Arapahoe and Peoria.

There was a brief discussion about an appropriate role for CACNR, if there is one, in relation to such situations. Some new property owners are expected to sign off that they are aware of the airport’s existence near their new property. Some developers use sound mitigation when building. Others do nothing and do not mention the airport; there is no requirement for recognition of the airport at all in dealings with prospective property owners in those areas.

B. Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus & Colorado Delegation – Brad Pierce had shared the draft letter provided by Emily Tranter from N.O.I.S.E., to invite members of Colorado’s Congressional Delegation to join this group. It was agreed the letter would be “personalized” and sent initially to Mike Coffman. There was discussion of asking ACPAA to sign the letter with CACNR, and what letterhead should be used. Robert Olislagers indicated ACPAA would not necessarily need to sign it, although he would lend support. A list of the involved communities, and a list of current Caucus members, should be included. Brad Pierce and Harold Alderson will also contact Representative Coffman’s local office to alert them about the invitation and answer any questions. Consideration will be given to subsequently sending it to at least Representatives Dianna DeGette and Ken Buck, as their districts include communities affected by airport noise. The invitation to join the group might eventually be offered to Colorado’s full Congressional delegation.

C. Items for CACNR Report to ACPAA February 12, 2015 Meeting – Brad Pierce indicated his report would basically include the work on the noise reports and other committees, and the letter which will be sent to Mike Coffman about the Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus.

8. NEW BUSINESS: None

9. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

10. COMMENTS FROM ROUNDTABLE REPRESENTATIVES AND STAFF: A Representative indicated a problem finding the link on the internet for this meeting’s materials. ACPAA staff would work with her after the meeting to show her how to access meeting materials.

11. NEXT MEETINGS:

CACNR – June 3, 2015, Ramada Hotel & Suites, 7770 S. Peoria Street, Englewood, CO, 6:30 p.m
July 1, 2015, Ramada Hotel & Suites, 7770 S. Peoria Street, Englewood, CO, 6:30 p.m

ACPAA – 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.

July - No July meeting

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Alison Biggs, Secretary