

**Port of Portland
Portland International Airport (PDX) Citizen
Noise Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
July 14, 2005**

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CNAC Members Present:

David King	Multnomah County
Maryhelen Kincaid	City of Portland
Dave Smith	West Vancouver At Large
Gary Thornton	City of Vancouver
Mike Yee	City of Vancouver
Erwin Bergman	City of Portland
Fred Hostetler	Washington County
Gary Kunz	Portland-At-Large
Bruce Lindoff	Clark County/Camas/Washougal
Vicki Thompson	City of Gresham

TAG Members

Laura Schneider	FAA
Maj. Paul Fitzgerald	ORANG

CNAC Members Absent:

Jim Trees	Troutdale/Fairview/Wood Village
Ken Heuvel	Hayden Island

Port Staff Present:

Peggy McNees	Noise Program Manager
Bob Turner	Noise Analyst
Peeter Sööt	Noise Analyst
Jerry Gerspach	Noise Analyst
Steve Johnson	Aviation Media Relations
Debbie Bishop	Adco II – Noise Management
Brooke Satern	Community Affairs Intern

1 **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

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3 Chairman David King called the meeting to order.

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5 **ANNOUNCEMENTS/REVIEW & APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING SUMMARY/ADDITIONS**
6 **TO THE AGENDA – DAVID KING**

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8 o Jim Trees, representative from Fairview/Troutdale/Wood Village
9 has resigned the committee.
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11 o David King announced he received an email from Fred Stovel (of AIR) to CNAC
12 members containing a proposal by the Wilkes community. This will be discussed
13 later in the meeting during public comments.

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15 No revisions to the June 9th meeting summary were identified except for the error
16 regarding the absence of Fred Hostetler. A motion was made to accept the summary
17 with the correction. The motion was seconded and passed.

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19 **HEALTH AFFECTS & THE RISK OF NOISE ON THE POPULATION – DAVID KING**

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21 David reported on a conference he attended in 2003 in Rotterdam entitled International
22 Commission on Biological Effects of Noise (ICBEN) which is held every five years.
23 Topics at the conference are not only about aircraft noise, but all types of noise and the
24 resultant biological effects of noise on humans, as well as animals.

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26 David continued by saying he attended as many presentations as he could while at the
27 conference, although there were so many he was not able to attend them all. He said
28 he'd been disappointed because he had been hoping to find studies that supported a
29 better understanding of the impact of noise on humans.

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31 He further related that during sleep, a little bit of continuous sound causes more
32 disruption for people than a greater amount of sound for a shorter period of time.
33 Another study showed that children's achievements demonstrated problems called
34 confounding, which is another common issue in research of noise effects. Research
35 also found that children did poorly in school when exposed to noise. David said it is
36 interesting that studies have shown reading scores in children are affected, but not math
37 scores. When studying older men and women, generally the results were variable.

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39 David indicated he had attempted to find updated study information which resulted in
40 the article entitled "Noise that Annoys" which was included in packets to CNAC
41 members. This study gives a broader review of the affects of noise. He encouraged
42 everyone, especially newer members, to read the article.

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44 David will keep trying to find updated study results on the affects of noise on the
45 population. If any are located, he will share them at future CNAC meetings.

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47 CNAC members reported studies are being done that go beyond the point of noise
48 affects. Erwin Bergman shared his thoughts on reading he has done with the
49 committee and stated some of the material presented by David is outdated. He
50 continued by saying after reading the “Noise that Annoys” article it seems that
51 departments such as FAA and the Department of Transportation are setting the
52 standards for noise annoyance.

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54 Erwin said he will gather copies of studies that show more than just preliminary results
55 and bring them to a future meeting.

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57 **MILITARY OVERVIEW DISCUSSION - MAJOR PAUL FITZGERALD OF OREGON AIR GUARD**

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59 A military overview was presented by Major Fitzgerald. The presentation consisted of:

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- 61 o Air Guard Overview
- 62 o F-15 Mission
- 63 o Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)
 - 64 - Results
 - 65 - Timeline
- 66 o Northwest Security Environment
- 67 o United States NORAD Alert Forces
- 68 o Recommendations to the BRAC Commission

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70 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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72 PDX neighbor Bob Wagner, of North Portland Piedmont Neighborhood Association
73 spoke regarding the regional cargo feeder issue. He expressed concern that the people
74 in his neighborhood did not receive notification regarding the June 18 cargo feeder fly
75 day. He also expressed concern that the fly day was done on the same day there were
76 races at Portland International Raceway. He was wondering if we were able to get
77 accurate data given the fact the race track was giving off a lot of noise that day.

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79 It was explained to Mr. Wagner that his neighborhood association was informed about
80 the cargo feeder fly day. Various committee members suggested that continued contact
81 with the head of his neighborhood association would provide him – as well as his
82 neighbors – with information of upcoming meetings or events having to do with PDX.
83 David King stated his questions would be addressed later as this topic is on the agenda.

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85 Fred Stovel, of the City of Portland Airport Issues Roundtable (AIR) committee also
86 made comments during this portion of the meeting. He presented committee members
87 with a copy of a memo containing proposed solutions to the current cargo feeder issue,
88 by Wilkes neighborhood. One specific concern addressed in the memoranda is noise
89 relief for neighborhoods south of Sandy Boulevard. Wilkes neighbors are wondering
90 why they have not been offered an opportunity to meet with FAA, and CNAC, to discuss
91 why planes are not flying routes over the river and landing on the north runway.

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93 Fred also referenced the desired “Fly Quiet Program” and asked why this has not been
94 considered a solution for PDX now. The hope is to work with existing proposals and
95 see if an amicable solution can be reached between the Port of Portland, FAA, CNAC,
96 the City of Portland and airport neighborhoods.

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98 **IN-HOUSE NOISE LIBRARY – PEGGY MCNEES**

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100 Peggy McNeess reminded members about the Noise Office library and told members
101 they are welcome to come make use of the library as needed. She also solicited ideas
102 from CNAC members for research materials they might find useful to include.

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104 **NOISE OFFICE REPORT – PEGGY MCNEES**

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106 Peggy said the only thing she would add to the Noise office report is the fact that the
107 Noise Department will have two (2) portable noise monitors set up and gathering data.
108 They will be located at the home of Kerrie Brown in northeast Portland, and on the roof
109 of the Red Lion in the Hayden Island area.

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111 **PART 150 AND CARGO FEEDER FLY DAY UPDATE – PEGGY MCNEES**

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113 Peggy announced that the date for final submission of the Part 150 documents to the
114 Port Commission has been delayed to August 10th. This will give people time to review
115 the printed materials that were sent out. Copies of these materials are also located in
116 libraries and other public locations for viewing. The commissioners have been provided
117 with a copy of all the documents as well.

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119 Peggy specifically highlighted the August 10th meeting of the Port Commission which
120 will be held at the Portland International Airport in **St. Helen’s Conference Room** at
121 9:00 a.m. Although there will be no formal public comment period specific to the Part
122 150, each commission meeting offers an opportunity on every agenda for comments.

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124 Regarding the cargo feeder fly day, Peggy explained the Port is working with
125 Commissioner Sam Adams and his staff on this issue. The Port was invited to
126 participate in meetings with Sam Adams and there have been two (2) meetings to date,
127 as well as “fly day” on June 18th. This all came about because of a request by
128 Concordia Neighborhood Association to investigate the issue of cargo feeders. Other
129 neighborhoods have also requested to be involved in events surrounding this issue as
130 well.

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132 At the first meeting, a series of alternatives were developed which brought about the
133 cargo feeder fly day. The fly day’s purpose was to see if the proposed alternatives were
134 feasible. There will be a follow up meeting July 27th to review the data that was
135 collected at the cargo feeder fly day. An email was sent to CNAC members with all the
136 information to keep them apprised, as requested.

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138 Peggy then addressed the questions raised earlier by Bob Wagner of North Portland,
139 Piedmont Neighborhood (see Public Comments section). One of Mr. Wagner's
140 concerns was overall notification of area neighborhoods about the cargo feeder fly day,
141 as well as the committee that has been developed in response to concerns raised about
142 cargo feeder aircraft. Peggy responded that the City of Portland, working with the Port
143 of Portland, had notified the neighborhood associations about the cargo feeder fly day
144 and related meetings.

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146 Mr. Wagner expressed concern that there had been no direct mailings announcing
147 meetings on this issue. The methods utilized to communicate information about these
148 types of events to the public were identified. Other comments included:

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- 150 ○ CNAC member Vicki Thompson suggested that he contact his neighborhood
- 151 association chairperson because they are kept informed of these types of events.
- 152 ○ He was told he could sign up for email notification on the Port of Portland web
- 153 site.
- 154 ○ Neighborhoods routinely have meetings and this type of information is shared at
- 155 those meetings.
- 156 ○ He was also told about the web site for the Office of Neighborhood Involvement
- 157 (ONI) and that it is the official city resource for upcoming meetings involving the
- 158 Port of Portland and area neighborhoods. The web site address for ONI is
- 159 www.portlandonline.com/oni.
- 160 ○ Local newspapers are also provided meeting press releases.

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162 Peggy stated that resultant data collected on the cargo feeder fly day will be put into a
163 report format and brought to the July 27th cargo feeder issue meeting.

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165 Mr. Wagner voiced concern regarding internet notification. He said that not everyone
166 has a computer, or internet access, which translates into many people not having that
167 as an avenue for receiving information.

168 169 **AIRPORT NOISE REPORT – OPEN DISCUSSION**

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171 David King reported that in the recent ANR – there was an interesting article entitled
172 “FAA Issues Final Rule Adopting Stage 4 Noise Certification Standard” and encouraged
173 everyone to read this article.

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175 Per David, a second interesting article is entitled “Part 150 Program – FAA Approves
176 Program for Georgetown Airport” found on pages 71 & 72. David encouraged members
177 to read this article as well.

178 179 **BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

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181 Peggy McNees informed the committee she has submitted her resignation to the Port of
182 Portland, effective August 18th. She thanked the committee for their support since
183 coming to the Port, and wished them well in the future.

184 **ADJOURNMENT**

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186 There being no further items for discussion, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

187 The motion was seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned.

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Copies of correspondence or materials referenced in the meeting summary

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or (800) 547-8411 ext 4543.