

**Port of Portland  
Portland International Airport (PDX) Citizen Noise  
Advisory Committee  
Meeting Summary  
September 8, 2005**

**CNAC Members Present:**

Maryhelen Kincaid	City of Portland
Gary Thornton	City of Vancouver
Mike Yee	City of Vancouver
Vicki Thompson	City of Gresham
Michele Sturdavant	Fairview/Troutdale/Wood Village

**TAG Members Present:**

Maj. Paul Fitzgerald	ORANG
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**CNAC Members Absent:**

Bruce Lindoff	Clark County/Camas/Washougal
Dave Smith	Vancouver At-Large
David King	Multnomah County
Erwin Bergman	City of Portland
Fred Hostetler	Washington County
Gary Kunz	Portland At-Large
Ken Heuvel	Hayden Island

**Port Staff Present:**

Steve Twohey	Interim Noise Program Manager
Chris Corich	General Manager
Mary Maxwell	Director - Aviation
Bob Turner	Noise Analyst
Jerry Gerspach	Noise Analyst
Debbie Bishop	Adco II – Noise Management
Brooke Satern	Community Affairs Intern
Rachel Wray	Community Affairs
Sarah Keller	Noise Management Intern

1 **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

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3 The meeting was called to order by vice-chair Vicki Thompson.

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5 **INTRODUCTIONS**

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7 Michele Sturdavant, new CNAC representative from the Fairview/Troutdale/Wood Village area  
8 introduced herself to the group. Other new Port committee members include Sarah Keller,  
9 Noise Management Intern and Rachel Wray, Community Affairs Department. Also attending  
10 was Steve Twohey, as the Port of Portland's interim noise manager. Steve will manage the  
11 Noise Department until a permanent noise manager is hired for the position.

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13 Chris Corich, general manager, Noise and Planning, also in attendance, introduced Mary  
14 Maxwell, Director of Aviation. Mr. Corich explained that there has been reorganization at the  
15 Port of Portland and invited Ms. Maxwell to address the topic in detail.

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17 Ms. Maxwell explained that due to a reorganization of some of the departments at the Port Mr.  
18 Corich, who was the PDX operations manager, will now be heading up both the Planning and  
19 Noise Management Departments.

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21 **ANNOUNCEMENTS/REVIEW & APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING SUMMARY/ADDITIONS TO THE**  
22 **AGENDA – VICKI THOMPSON**

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24 The summary from the July, 2005 meeting could not be approved because there was not a  
25 quorum at this meeting. They will be carried forward to the October meeting.

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27 **PRESENTATION/GUEST SPEAKER – MARY VIGILANTE (SYNERGY CONSULTANTS, INC.)**  
28 **PRESENTATION TITLE: "OVERVIEW OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING AIRCRAFT NOISE"**

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30 Mary Vigilante gave a presentation of the above topic. Points of discussion included:

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32     o Noise and Its Measurement  
33     o Federal Regulation of Aircraft Noise  
34     o Noise Compatibility Planning  
35     o National Environmental Policy Act

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37 Mary thanked CNAC for inviting her to speak at the meeting. A copy of the presentation is  
38 available to those CNAC and TAG members who were unable to attend the meeting.

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40 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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42 Fred Stovel, chairperson of AIR (Airport Issues Roundtable) spoke regarding a noise incident  
43 that occurred over the Glendavere Golf Course on Wednesday, September 7th. He reported  
44 that an Alaska jet was arriving with flaps down and that they were descending "at a very low  
45 altitude." He wondered if as part of the "fly quiet program" whether or not there are anomalies in  
46 the system that causes unnecessary use of flaps resulting in excessive aircraft noise. He stated  
47 he'd *been told* by the FAA that there currently are no standardization procedures requiring  
48 airlines to fly in a manner that eliminates excessive noise. He further stated that he had later  
49 *specifically asked* an FAA representative about standardization procedures for noise  
50 elimination. He stated that in response to this second inquiry, he had been told that the FAA  
51 does, in fact, have these types of procedures in place.

52 Fred said he knows the Port's Noise office is waiting for new equipment that will allow them to  
53 analyze the noise levels and flight paths of aircraft; however, it seems nothing is currently being  
54 done to check these flights for compliance. If the airlines were being monitored, then the Alaska  
55 jet wouldn't have flown in so low and so loudly over the golf course on Wednesday, September  
56 7th.

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58 Mr. Corich told Fred that the Noise staff would run some flight tracks to see if there were any  
59 unusual circumstances causing the jet to fly so low and use flaps in a way that caused  
60 excessive noise.

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#### 62 **PART 150 NOISE COMPATIBILITY STUDY UPDATE – CHRIS CORICH**

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64 Mr. Corich reported that the Part 150 recommendations submitted to the Port Commission on  
65 August 10<sup>th</sup> have been adopted. The Port is currently in the process of completing the  
66 necessary paperwork to submit the Part 150 recommendations to the FAA. The FAA approval  
67 period will take 180 days from their acceptance of the Part 150 study.

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#### 69 **CARGO FEEDER ISSUE UPDATE – CHRIS CORICH**

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71 Mr. Corich reported that as a result of the Part 150 study, the issue of cargo feeder aircraft noise  
72 became an important topic for review. The Port has been working closely with City of Portland  
73 officials to analyze data that was collected at a June cargo feeder fly day. Port and city officials,  
74 as well as the newly formed ad hoc committee, have been meeting to discuss options for the  
75 cargo feeder aircraft flights. The next scheduled meeting is 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September  
76 15<sup>th</sup> in the commission room at the Port of Portland offices in downtown Portland.

77 This issue is of great importance to both the Port and city officials. All involved parties are  
78 working hard to reach an amicable solution.

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80 Committee member Maryhelen Kincaid stated that as an interested party, she believes the both  
81 the Port and the City of Portland have done a great job in gathering and analyzing data. She  
82 said the Port has done an incredible job in attempting to identify where the noise is, whom it  
83 affects and how many people are actually affected.

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#### 85 **NOISE OFFICE REPORT – CHRIS CORICH**

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87 Mr. Corich asked the committee members if there were any questions regarding the Noise  
88 Office Report that had been sent to them in their CNAC packets. There were no questions.

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90 Maryhelen Kincaid spoke to the fact that Jerry Gerspach of the Noise Department had attended  
91 a neighborhood picnic in North Portland, at her request. She said that she appreciated the fact  
92 that Jerry had gone to the picnic on a Saturday, met neighbors and answered questions  
93 regarding various noise issues.

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#### 95 **BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

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97 Major Paul Fitzgerald of the Oregon Air Guard briefly reported on the outcome of the BRAC  
98 (Base Realignment Commission) hearings. The Commission will be recommending to the  
99 President that the Oregon Air Guard, 142<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing, remain in Oregon with their full  
100 compliment of pilots. He reported that unfortunately, BRAC will also be recommending that the  
101 US Air Force Reserves 939<sup>th</sup> Refueling Wing be relocated to Vandenberg Air Force Base in  
102 California.

103 **ADJOURNMENT**

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105 There being no further items for discussion, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The  
106 motion was seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned.

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109 *Meeting summaries are posted on our webpage at [www.portofportland.com](http://www.portofportland.com).*

110 *Copies of correspondence or materials referenced in the meeting summary*  
111 *may be obtained by contacting the Noise Management Office at (503)460-4543*  
112 *or (800) 547-8411 ext 4543.*