

**Port of Portland
Portland International Airport (PDX)
Citizen Noise Advisory Committee
April 12, 2007**

Meeting Summary

CNAC Members (Alpha Order by First Name)

Beverly Bruender	Portland At-large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bruce Lindoff	Clark County/Camas/Washougal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Christopher Bothwell	Portland At-Large	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dave Smith	Vancouver At-Large	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dave Benfield	Clackamas County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Erwin Bergman	City of Portland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gary Kunz	Portland At-Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gary Thornton	City of Vancouver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Joe Smith	Multnomah County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ken Heuvel	Hayden Island	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maryhelen Kincaid	City of Portland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mike Yee	City of Vancouver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Steve Kerman	Washington County	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vicki Thompson	City of Gresham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

TAG Members (Alpha Order by First Name)

Laura Schneider	FAA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lt. Col Jeffrey Hwang	ORANG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Port Staff (Alpha Order by First Name)

Chris Corich	Long Range Planning Department	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Blair	Noise Management Department	<input type="checkbox"/>
Debbie Bishop	Long Range Planning and Noise Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gregg Maxwell	Noise Management Department	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jason Schwartz	Noise Management Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Schiele	Noise Management Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jerry Gerspach	Noise Management Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rachel Wray	Community Affairs Aviation Program Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Guest Speaker (Alpha Order by First Name)

1 **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

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- 3 • Chair Maryhelen Kincaid called the meeting to order
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5 **INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

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- 7 • The Annual Noise Symposium discussion is postponed until the May meeting.
 - 8 • Michele Sturdavant, representative from Fairview/Troutdale/Wood Village has
 - 9 resigned the committee. Recruitment efforts to fill the vacancy will begin soon.
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11 **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER, FEBRUARY AND MARCH MEETING SUMMARIES –**

12 **MARYHELEN KINCAID**

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- 14 • A motion was made to approve the November, February, and March meeting
 - 15 summaries with changes. Motion seconded and passed.
 - 16 • Erwin Bergman requests standardization of how members are referred to in the
 - 17 meeting summaries. This will be incorporated in meeting summaries.
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19 **DISCUSSION OF CNAC ATTENDANCE AND MEETING LOGISTICS – MARYHELEN KINCAID AND**

20 **COMMITTEE**

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22 Maryhelen Kincaid asked members for their thoughts regarding frequency of meetings.

23 CNAC has had several meetings recently where the group didn't have a quorum.

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25 Beverly Bruender stated she did not receive her packet for the February meeting,

26 causing her to forget the meeting date. Debbie Bishop said she would look into the issue

27 as this has occurred in the past with other members. Bishop will send out an email with

28 her findings.

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30 Related to the attendance issue, the CNAC Charter states, "...regularly attend meetings.

31 After two consecutive absences without advance notice, membership will be reviewed

32 by appointing jurisdictions"

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34 General comments regarding attendance, advanced notice of absence, and frequency of

35 meetings by the committee follow:

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- 37 • Mike Yee stated he feels CNAC should continue having the meetings on a monthly
 - 38 basis. He acknowledged there are already two months off per year and if we add to
 - 39 that, CNAC's work/effectiveness could be impacted.
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41 Kincaid asked if members want her to make a "friendly call" to members after several

42 absences or if they would rather the Noise staff call. Responses include:

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- 44 • Gary Kunz suggested committee members receive a "friendly call" from chair Kincaid
 - 45 to determine if there is a reason they have been absent.
 - 46 • Kincaid suggested the members call the Noise office to let them know if they will be
 - 47 absent from an upcoming meeting.
 - 48 • Joe Smith felt members should call the chairperson to report an anticipated absence
 - 49 and that it shouldn't be the responsibility of the Noise office to call members. He
 - 50 suggested members call the chair.
 - 51 • Bergman suggested that "if possible," members should call chair Kincaid to advise of
 - 52 their pending absence from an upcoming meeting.
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54 Kincaid then discussed committee quorum and importance of having a quorum for

55 issues such as voting. Quorum is currently 2/3 majority per current CNAC Charter.

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57 Discussions included:

- 58 • Bruce Lindoff suggested the quorum should be adjusted if there is an issue with
- 59 having enough attendees at meetings to conduct business.
- 60 • Kincaid stated she didn't know where the Bylaws originated but it might be feasible to
- 61 change them.
- 62 • Gary Thornton stated it should be determined who is still interested in actually
- 63 serving on the committee, which might aid in resolving the quorum issue. The idea of
- 64 having to call in and inform the chair of an anticipated absence doesn't seem
- 65 necessary. People have other things that come up in their life and it is not always
- 66 possible to call in advance.
- 67 • Smith wondered what would be involved in changing the Bylaws required number of
- 68 attendees to make a quorum.
- 69 • Rachel Wray said she would send a copy of the current Charter and Bylaws for
- 70 review by the committee. Discussion will continue at next meeting regarding
- 71 changing them.

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73 **RETREAT FOLLOW-UP: PRIORITIZATION OF FUTURE TOPICS AND CNAC LIAISONS: WHAT**

74 **ARE MEMBERS' EXPECTATIONS? – FULL COMMITTEE**

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76 Prioritization or suggested meeting discussion forms were included in meeting packets.
77 Kincaid asked if there were any questions regarding the forms.

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- 79 • David Benfield asked about the suggestion to invite a representative from Boeing's
- 80 Flying Wing technology to discuss new engine technology. Jason Schwartz stated
- 81 the idea related to inviting a representative from Boeing give a presentation about
- 82 current technologies for reducing aircraft noise and environmental impacts.
- 83 • Kincaid did not completely understand the item "Implement cargo feeder
- 84 recommendations using political or other types of contacts." Wray explained that
- 85 members had discussed contacting elected officials to inform them of the cargo
- 86 feeder project. One member suggested that doing so might help get the
- 87 recommendations implemented.
- 88 • Kincaid asked who Peter Kirsch is; Schwartz explained Kirsch is an attorney who
- 89 specializes in airport and aviation law. At the retreat, members discussed inviting
- 90 him to speak at a future meeting.

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92 Laura Schneider asked if it would be appropriate to give an update on the cargo feeder
93 process before people indicated their rankings on the Prioritization sheet. Her comments
94 included:

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- 96 • FAA staff has started the final stages of airspace testing; including the use of
- 97 airspace and air traffic simulation.
- 98 • She has briefed air traffic supervisors on issue and is seeking their comments or any
- 99 additional suggestions.
- 100 • Schneider is hoping for local airspace procedure changes by the end of May.
- 101 • Changes in the local airspace procedures will allow controllers to disperse arrivals
- 102 more as aircraft approach the airport rather than concentrating within the convention
- 103 center corridor; guidance will allow pilots to approach the airport and landing runway
- 104 more directly as opposed to first flying toward the convention center, then to the
- 105 landing runway.
- 106 • Managing flights laterally means flights will arrive within one side of the airspace and
- 107 go out the other. This means the planes will be flying a "broader arrival gate."
- 108 • Schneider reported that this is an *extensive* airspace management change; there is
- 109 support within the FAA, and they will work with the Committee and with other
- 110 stakeholders to see how the changes affect actual flights.
- 111 • For this level of change, briefing and training will take several weeks.

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113 Kincaid also reviewed the Issues and Projects document from the packet. This
114 document summarizes Noise Department related projects for the past two years,
115 including the number of times each issue was presented and discussed at a CNAC
116 meeting.

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118 A summary of the CNAC retreat was also discussed. Point of emphasis from Kincaid
119 was the discussion regarding what are member expectations. At the retreat, some
120 members stated they would like greater involvement in the projects of the Noise
121 Department. Kincaid stated that direct involvement; i.e., working directly with Noise
122 Management staff on projects was not the intention of the survey of project expectations.

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124 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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- 126 • Lisa Gorlin, who lives south of I-84 behind Glisan Fred Meyer, had a question
127 regarding increased cargo feeder traffic over her home in the past year.
 - 128 • The times of day in question are 6 – 8 am and 5 – 8 pm.
 - 129 • She has also noticed an increase of freight trains during the same time frames.
 - 130 • Laura Schneider briefly described the forthcoming changes in cargo feeder flights
131 that may alter the noise levels.
 - 132 • Kincaid told Gorlin that the Noise Management Department has good information on
133 cargo feeders that result from the study that began a year and one-half ago.

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135 **SELECTION OF CNAC MEMBER FOR REPRESENTATION ON AIRPORT FUTURES PROJECT**
136 **ADVISORY GROUP – MARYHELEN KINCAID**

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138 Kincaid reported that three people expressed an interest in serving on this committee:
139 Steve Kerman, Vicki Thompson, and Erwin Bergman. She asked each to give the
140 committee a two-minute talk on why he/she would like to serve on this committee.

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- 142 • Kincaid read a brief summary to the committee on behalf of Steve Kerman (Mr.
143 Kerman was unable to attend the meeting) about his reason for wanting to serve on
144 the committee. Both Vicki Thompson and Erwin Bergman were then given the
145 opportunity to present their reasons for wanting to serve.
 - 146 • Kincaid emphasized that the CNAC representative will be the eyes and ears on the
147 PAG and bring issues back to the committee.
 - 148 • Wray said the structure of the committee is such that if the CNAC person cannot
149 serve the entire term of the project, we would need to have a “back-up”
150 representative in mind. This can be decided later.
 - 151 • A vote was taken by private ballot. Vicki Thompson was voted to represent CNAC.

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153 **NOISE MANAGEMENT REPORT AND UPCOMING PORT MEETINGS – JASON SCHWARTZ AND**
154 **RACHEL WRAY**

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- 156 • Jason Schwartz reported on the status of the Part 150, saying it is at the FAA and
157 they have received all public comments.
 - 158 • The comments primarily related to resolution 9A, which was dropped from the final
159 version of the recommendations.
 - 160 • Public comments are being reviewed and will be responded to by the FAA.
 - 161 • The final record of approval is expected by the end of June.
 - 162 • Once received, he will share the record of approval with CNAC and discuss next
163 steps.
 - 164 • Schwartz further reported on the APU/CPU study. Staff is trying to quantify the noise
165 impacts associated with APU/GPU operations by cargo airlines.
 - 166 • Initial reports indicate these operations do not violate DEQ regulations; however, the
167 Noise Management Department will be contracting with ESA to further study this

- 168 issue. Schwartz stated he wants to ensure nighttime levels are within DEQ
169 regulations and to quantify the noise levels in residential communities near PDX.
170 • Schwartz also reported that the Port plans to study reverse thrust as part of the Fly
171 Quiet program.
172 • There are options for reverse thrust use, and we want to determine what is being
173 used and make recommendations to aircraft operators if appropriate.
174 • Rachel Wray reported the Noise staff has been working on run-up procedures in HIO
175 and meeting with operators.
176 • Wray is working to schedule a meeting with Wilkes Community, Columbia Shores in
177 Vancouver, and East Columbia—hopefully in May.
178 • The Port Commission met yesterday and approved the new headquarters/parking
179 garage concept.

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181 **NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS, AIRPORT NOISE REPORT, NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA AND**
182 **COMMITTEE BRAINSTORMING – MARYHELEN KINCAID**

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- 184 • Vicki Thompson stated she'd called the chair of her neighborhood association to
185 report on CNAC and was told they don't need reports.
186 • She also called the Gresham Mayor's office to report in and was told to just keep
187 attending and "keep him informed."
188 • Bruce Lindoff reported he has been receiving calls regarding increased noise in his
189 area (Prune Hill).
190 • Lindoff attends his neighborhood meetings monthly and reports on CNAC work and
191 explains why noise shifts seasonally.
192 • Schneider reminded the members that low cloud cover as we had in March can
193 increase noise levels.
194 • Kincaid reminded the committee that the May meeting will be held in Vancouver.
195 • Kincaid will not be attending that meeting but Dave Smith will chair.

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197 **Note: The May CNAC meeting location is the Water Education Resource Center.**

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199 There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion
200 was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned.

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*Meeting summaries and information about CNAC and the Noise Management
Department are available on the Port of Portland webpage at www.portofportland.com.
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the Noise Management Department at (503)460-4100 or (800) 547-8411 ext 4100*