

Centennial Airport Community Noise Roundtable Minutes for April 7, 2010

(The following are not verbatim minutes)

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Karen Blilie (Greenwood Village). Secretary Alison Biggs (Douglas County) took roll and established a quorum with nine voting members present. After the arrival of latecomers, all members were present except Keith Gardner (Centennial), Robert Doubek (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association); John Furstenburg (Centennial Airport Business Association); and Dennis Fria (Federal Aviation Administration Centennial Control Tower).

Approval of Minutes: On the motion of Paul Rosenberg, the minutes of March 3, 2010 were approved.

Public Comment: Jeff Brasel (Centennial, Principal Planner) indicated he had spoken with Keith Gardner and others from Centennial, and they would like to suggest #10 on the draft Work Plan be given a high priority. It was noted the draft Work Plan has not been placed in any priority order at this time.

Iver Retrum (Colorado Aviation Business Association, formerly Centennial Airport Business Association [CABA]) noted the name change of the association, and provided information about *Aviation Saves*, an event on April 28 focused on how aviation saves lives, local economies, communities, businesses and jobs. All were invited to attend, and flyers were available. He indicated they have not yet met with the helicopter schools and pilots to offer membership, but as CABA membership chair, he anticipated doing so soon.

Bill Lueschen (Sapphire Point, Castle Rock) indicated he has noted an increase in helicopter traffic recently, along with continuing concern about both prop and jet noise. Traffic from all three types of aircraft continues to be linked to the ILS.

HMMH Presentation: Eugene Reindel, Harris Miller Miller & Hanson, Inc. (HMMH) provided an overview of the "Scope of Work to Provide Acoustical Design Services Related to a Noise Monitoring System at Centennial Airport." He indicated he will return to next month's meeting with a draft design, and the June meeting with a final design for the noise monitoring system. His slide presentation will be placed on the airport's website.

To date HMMH is considering locations for the permanent noise monitors in the areas of Otero Avenue, Grandview Estates, the Meridian Golf Club, Cook Creek Park, Walnut Hills, Sundance Hills, Hampden Heights, Sagebrush Park, Airport Golf Course, Ridge Point Way, and an outer marker area. It was noted these sites do not include many of the areas from which a large number of noise complaints come, and CACNR members and the public present were encouraged to indicate other possible sites to be explored on a map provided by the airport. However, the FAA may look to such noise monitoring systems for confirmation of its existing noise contours; uses criteria in addition to noise complaints for the placement of monitors; and may prefer not to allow expansion of the area in which permanent monitors may be placed. It was unclear if the FAA has the final say about where the monitors will be located. Until that is clarified, Mike Fronapfel requested either he or Todd Green be provided with ideas for alternate placements. Mr. Reindel was thanked for his presentation.

Work Program: There was a brief recap on the process used to create the draft document being presented for approval. It was noted the document will be a working document, with things being taken off as they are completed, and added as a need is identified. It was also noted we will be working in collaboration with a variety of other entities throughout the process. The drafting committee appreciated all suggestions made by other members of CACNR and the public. Discussion on various aspects of the program followed as noted below.

Item # 11. Question was asked if activity on environmental issues was within the purview of CACNR. The issue had been raised by a citizen, and the committee had felt the whole group should be aware of it and make a determination. On the motion of Chris Pace, Item #11 was deleted as not being an issue appropriate for a noise abatement group.

Linda Bruce indicated a concern about Item 2.c. & Item 4.b. in relation to Federal law. She will take 4.b. to the Federal level for consideration. Her additional concerns included how 4.b. might actually be measured or implemented, operationalized without being restrictive, and if it would be applicable to all airport users?

Interest in updating all maps used in relation to CACNR's work resulted in a motion by Brad Pierce to change language in Item 10.g. to reference all surrounding areas instead of only the airport maps. Motion carried.

Further discussion involved the potential impact of RNAV; and the difficulty of assuring pilots get the training they must have while trying to address the noise concerns this causes many areas. There was also consideration of trying to prioritize the Work Program, but as many items may be able to be addressed simultaneously, prioritization was felt to perhaps be somewhat premature at this time.

Brad Pierce moved to approve the Work Program as amended. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Bylaws: Question about someone other than a designated alternate voting for a group's representative was raised. This focused the need for the group to have some kind of bylaws or operating guidelines in accordance with Item #13 in the Work Program. On the motion of Mike Sutherland, an ad hoc committee was approved to draft such a document. Karen Blilie, Chris Pace, Bob Easton, and Alison Biggs were appointed to the committee.
2. Budget: Karen Blilie informed CACNR Robert Olislager, the Airport's Executive Director, had indicated the airport has \$10,000 in its budget for funding CACNR for the first year. CACNR will apparently need to consider how to fund at least some portion of its activities after 2010. CACNR was created as a result of the Part 150 study results, so that relationship needs to be clarified in relation to expenditures and fund raising. Some other issues for exploration and consideration include: what CACNR would be expected to pay for and if/what the airport might provide after 2010; how roundtables connected with other airports handle financial issues; if local communities and agencies would be willing to financially assist, etc. Mike Sutherland, Paul Rosenberg and Karen Blilie agreed to serve as a Budget/Finance Committee, and Mike and Karen will begin work on drafting a budget.

Old Business:

1. Noise Report: Mike Fronapfel presented the Noise Report for February, 2010.
2. RNAV Update: Mark Phipps (FAA Terminal Radar Approach Control) stated that he is working with DIA; has had one meeting with the pilots group with another scheduled; and will be meeting with Centennial Airport as well. He indicated RNAV will not be moving traffic so much as it will move traffic more quickly. Any potential environmental issues will be assessed. Many interests are represented when RNAV meetings are held, and they try to work from statistical rather than anecdotal information.

Public Comments: There were none.

Comments from Roundtable and Staff:

1. Karen Blilie indicated she and Paul Rosenberg would be going to Phoenix and DIA with HMMH to view operational noise monitoring equipment.
2. Karen Blilie noted the press release about the May public hearing on the Work Program, and indicated she would forward any comments received as appropriate.
3. Brad Pierce provided a handout about N.O.I.S.E. – the National Organization to Insure a Sound-Controlled Environment – and briefly discussed the organization and how it fits with the CACNR Work Program. He encouraged all CACNR members to consider membership, and noted there will be a meeting of the group in Denver, November 30 – December 4, 2010.
4. In relation to confidentiality issues, Mark Phipps requested only types of planes be included in any noise data released to the public, not individual call signs or other specific identifying information.
5. Karen Blilie suggested members consider an "Adopt an Airport" approach to learning how other airports do things. Each CACNR member could see what she/he could learn about another airport on the internet, and we could obtain considerable information with limited time or financial expenditure.

Next meetings: The next CACNR meeting will be held May 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ramada Hotel and Suites, and will include a public hearing on the Work Program. The next Centennial Airport Authority Board meeting will be held April 5, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the Wright Brothers Room at Centennial Airport.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Alison Biggs, Secretary