

MINUTES

January 6, 2016

Approved February 3, 2016

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 6:36 p.m. by Chair Harold Anderson when a quorum was present, which included:

<i>Arapahoe County:</i>	Thad Bagnato	<i>Lone Tree:</i>	Harold Anderson
<i>Arapahoe County:</i>	Jim Dawkins	<i>Parker:</i>	Ryan McGee
<i>Douglas County:</i>	Joe Fowler	<i>ACPAA:</i>	Mike Fronapfel
<i>Douglas County:</i>	Alison Biggs	<i>AOPA:</i>	Robert Doubek
<i>Aurora:</i>	Brad Pierce	<i>CABA:</i>	Don Kuskie
<i>Castle Pines:</i>	Rex Lucas	<i>FAA District Office:</i>	Linda Bruce
<i>Centennial:</i>	Andrea Suhaka	<i>FAA APA Control Tower:</i>	Diane Hanley
<i>Cherry Hills Village:</i>	Katy Brown	<i>FAA TRACON:</i>	Gerald Huthoefer
<i>Greenwood Village:</i>	Steve Moran		

Alternate Representative Ted Michalakes, *FAA APA Control Tower*; ACPAA staff member Aaron Repp; and *TRACON* guest Jim Borget were also in attendance.

Those absent were: *Castle Rock* – Mark Heath/Tara Vargish; *Foxfield* – Dave Goddard; and *CDOT Aeronautics Division*- Todd Green.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

4. CONSENT AGENDA: The Consent Agenda included the 2015 Final Treasurer's Report, a Treasurer's Report as of January 1, 2016, and the December 2, 2015 Draft Minutes. The Treasurer's Report as of January 1, 2016 showed a Beginning Balance of \$10,000, allotted from the ACPAA 2016 Budget. Questions about the 2015 Final Treasurer's Report caused it to be removed from the consent agenda. On the motion of Andrea Suhaka, duly seconded, the Consent Agenda was approved as amended.

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: It was noted that there had been a request for the registration fees for the 2016 UC Davis Symposium to be reflected in the Treasurer's Report for December, 2015, as the expense was incurred in December when registration was due. That was not reflected in the December report, and had not been done.

Question was asked about the excess income over expense at the end of the year. As had occurred since 2013, the airport retained CACNR's unspent funds. On the motion of Andrea Suhaka, duly seconded, the 2015 Final Treasurer's Report was accepted.

6. FAA:

A. District Office – Linda Bruce indicated she had no particular report. The Open House about the Noise Exposure Map Update Project, on February 3, 2016, was noted.

B. APA Air Traffic Control Tower – Diane Hanley stated complaints were down, perhaps related to the time change. The LOOP departure was still in operation. Some drone problems had occurred and were being handled on a case by case basis. Registration of drones by everyone, including hobbyists, would likely be forthcoming.

C. TRACON – Gerald Huthoefer introduced Jim Borget, the Operations Manager at the Denver TRACON. He was welcomed by the group.

Question was asked if it would be possible for someone from the FAA give CACNR a presentation regarding Metroplex. Linda Bruce indicated presentations had only been done at public meetings scheduled by the FAA, but she would ask and let CACNR know what she learned.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTION: Harold Anderson introduced Steve Moran, the new City Councilman and CACNR Representative from Greenwood Village, and asked him to tell CACNR a bit about himself. He was warmly welcomed.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Community Outreach – Harold Anderson indicated Keith Gardner had resigned as CACNR Vice Chair, but he would like to stay on as a member of this committee. There was no report from the committee.

B. Fly Quiet – Harold Anderson reported the committee would be meeting soon, and he anticipated work might begin on developing a good neighbor-type award which might at first be focused on the flight schools. The committee will also look at setting up meetings with the flight schools, or attending those which the schools hold for their personnel and/or new pilots.

C. Noise Monitors – The committee had not met. Aaron Repp presented a review of the November Noise Report. A portable noise monitor still had not been installed in the vicinity of the household with the highest number of complaints. Harold Anderson volunteered to assist airport staff in finding a suitable near-by location for the portable monitor, as several months had passed since that action had first been requested and agreed upon. It was noted the complaints from that location had gone from 643 in October to 163 in November, although there had been 171 complaints in the first six days of January, 2016. Figures from December, 2015 were not available yet.

November 2015 monthly airport operations were down from October 2015 (23,672 from 29,831), but up from the same time period in 2014 (23,672 in '15 v. 19,961 in '14). November 2015 monthly noise complaints were down from October (235 from 863), but up from 2014 in the same time frame (235 in '15 v. 128 in '14). Year to date, there had been 506 night time noise complaints (8.6%) and 5,379 daytime noise complaints (91.4%). As of November 30, 2015, the airport had received 5,885 complaints from 274 households.

Noise events at each monitor were provided. In November, most events continued to fall in the 60 – 69 decibel range (16,878), with a high number in the 70 – 79 decibel range (5,666), a lesser number in the 80 – 89 decibel range (770), and the least in the 90+ decibel range (33). Correlations between decibel levels at each monitor and noise complaints still were not available.

In descending order, the jurisdictions with the most complaints were Highlands Ranch, Greenwood Village, Unincorporated Douglas County, Unincorporated Arapahoe County, Parker, Centennial, Aurora, Lone Tree, Castle Rock, Cherry Hills Village, and Castle Pines. Propeller aircraft accounted for 74% of the complaints in November, and departures accounted for 57% of the complaints. A radar track density map was provided from November, 2015. CACNR appreciated the improved clarity from the previous version.

There was a brief discussion of what were considered excessive complaints, particularly in relation to those identified as the top five complaining households. Year to date, as of November 30 2015, complaints from them averaged:

Household #1 – 9.04 complaints per day	Household #2 – 1.43 complaints per day
Household #3 – 0.70 complaints per day	Household #4 – 0.66 complaints per day
Household #5 – 0.56 complaints per day	

An Overflight Report had been provided for an address in Parker approximately 5.9 miles east of the nearest Centennial Airport runway. For that location, it included a variety of day and night comparisons of aircraft operations between August and September of 2014 and the same time period in 2015. Airport staff had spoken with the homeowner, and it is planned to put a portable noise monitor there in the Spring. Although it will not be possible to produce comparative data, a baseline can be established for future comparisons. Attention will also be given to night flights and noise. The ambient noise in the area is low. This was an example of one way the airport can analyze the causes of citizen concerns. It also showed the kinds of information which can be generated for use in focusing on how noise affects people and identifying problems which CACNR can address in the future. The homeowner was also informed of CACNR meetings, and invited to attend.

D. Work Program – Committee Chair Alison Biggs indicated the committee had received nothing from the other committees as yet.

E. Study Group - Brad Pierce reported a meeting had been held with members of ACPAA to review the draft MOU and funding structure documents. Primary areas of differences had been identified, and there will likely be an additional meeting to reach resolution. Airport staff and legal counsel had placed stress on the danger of the airport losing FAA funding, somehow linking what had happened when the airport had not wanted to allow commercial airline service with what could happen if the MOU was adopted unless the airport could unilaterally dissolve CACNR. It had felt as though CACNR was placed in as bad a light as possible for believing CACNR Members who contribute manpower and funding should also have a say in the group's future. It was suggested the ACPAA might wish to look at how some of the Member jurisdictions function, in that they cannot give away their power, but they also cannot dissolve their commissions or other similar groups.

It was suggested another option would be for the group to become independent, opening it up to possibly becoming adversarial to the airport. This was not considered a viable option at the present time, as it was hoped ACPAA and CACNR had the same goal of reaching agreement on the MOU. Bob Doubek indicated he wanted to see this accomplished, and that Robert Olislagers did as well. Linda Bruce noted that two of the CACNR Representatives were also members of the ACPAA Board, and wondered if it was difficult for them to determine which hat they were wearing during CACNR meetings. The Study Group planned do more research on options and Linda Bruce indicated she would share a list of other airports which are similar to Centennial.

Some frustration was expressed at the amount of time it was taking to accomplish agreement on the MOU, when the main focus of CACNR should be on finding methods for cutting down noise, thus cutting down complaints and benefitting the airport's neighboring communities – the basic CACNR Mission. Various suggestions were offered about what CACNR should be doing, including community education, expectation management, and assuring proper land use in surrounding areas. The group was reminded it needs to address its Mission to reduce noise, and not move into arenas which are the airport's responsibility. Committees were asked to evaluate what they are doing, and to address the mission in their plans for 2016.

8. REGULAR MONTHLY REPORTS:

A. Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority – ACPAA Chair Robert Doubek had submitted the following report of the December 10, 2015 ACPAA meeting: *“A motion was conditionally approved for a contract to Acquire Hangar and office space from DLTB, Inc.*

“Last year, staff began to plan for the construction of, or real estate purchase, of a new administrative office. Several options were considered and it was concluded that the purchase of the DLTB hangar and office space was the best option. In addition to 20,000 sf of hangar space, it has 10,000 sf of office space and ample parking.

“An offer was made and counter offer accepted at \$6.5M for all improvements and property. A certified appraisal confirmed the valuation of \$6.5 M and a tax exempt loan package was negotiated for \$6.5 M at 2.76 %. Several conditions remain before final approval.

“The 2016 Budget was approved, as presented at the October 8, 2015 Board Meeting, and modified in accordance with the proposed Hangar Acquisition.

“Katy Brown presented the Centennial Airport Community Noise Roundtable Update.”

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Doubek indicated airport planned to move its offices to considerably larger space in the hangar mentioned above, which is at the south end of the airport, actually in Douglas County. Some tax relief will be sought from Douglas County. The FAA will assume full control of the current control tower building. Question was asked about accessibility for members of the public, due to the hangar's location in relation to the runways.

B. Airport Director's Report – Mike Fronapfel provided this report in the absence of Robert Olislagers. In relation to the office move, he indicated further attention also needed to be given to the logistical accommodations needed to fulfill the requirement that ACPAA must meet in Arapahoe County. Brief information was provided about the upcoming work on the Charlie taxi-way which is parallel to a runway. A grant has also been received for rehabilitation of the main runway, which will be closed for approximately 60 days. It seemed important for the public to be informed before this occurred, so a request was made for more information, timing, etc. to be provided.

C. N.O.I.S.E. – Brad Pierce stated the next N.O.I.S.E. meeting will be held March 3-5, 2016 in Washington, D.C. He will also be attending the Next Gen Advisory Committee meeting in Atlanta in February. The FAA is reportedly becoming more committed to involving communities when NextGen is implemented around the country.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus & Colorado Delegation – Harold Anderson and Brad Pierce had yet to visit Congressman Ken Buck, as Anderson had been heavily involved in obtaining funding for the extension to light rail in his community. Katy Brown will be contacting Diana DeGette's office for follow-up.

B. Airport staff indicated there would be a report on land use for the February, 2016 meeting. The Canyons development of approximately 2,000 homes in Castle Pines has caused concern for the airport. The developer has agreed to notify potential residents about the airport and its probable impact on the area, and attends city council meetings. Construction of infrastructure will begin in the next year. Rex Lucas indicated there will be continual attention to the use of noise mitigation measures during construction phases, and notification about the presence of the airport, with all its attendant impacts on residents, before closings. Such things as energy efficiency, appropriate windows and doors, sound insulation, etc. all need to be considered and used properly for future residents. It was also noted that mitigations can help with airport noise when families are inside, but noise when they are outside is another problem entirely. Assurances also need to be made that sound mitigation requirements must go with the land, in the event of a change in builders, and notifications need to occur whenever the houses are sold, so future homeowners are adequately informed.

10. NEW BUSINESS: Request was made for information about a post card type mailer which had been directed to “Local Postal Customer” and received by a CACNR Representative. It advertised a limited number of monthly memberships, available, starting at \$1,000, for unlimited flights from Centennial Airport to Aspen, Telluride & Vail. Airport staff indicated the flights leave Centennial on Friday and return on Sunday; the advertising “broker” ascertains what flights are desired by its members and then finds charter companies to fill the needs. Additional information about this type of operation is apparently available through the FAA's flight service.

A. Chair for February 6, 2016 CACNR Meeting – Harold Anderson indicated he would be out of the country on February 6, 2016 and Keith Gardner had resigned as Vice Chair. In accordance with the Bylaws, he appointed Brad Pierce to fill the Vice Chair vacancy. Also in accordance with the Bylaws, the voting representatives present approved of the appointment, by consensus. Pierce would be available to chair the February 6, 2016 meeting.

B. & C. Open House & Rescheduled CACNR Meeting Time – The Open House about the Noise Exposure Map Update had been scheduled for February 6, 2016, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., necessitating a change in the regularly scheduled CACNR meeting time. Accordingly, the CACNR meeting would need to be shortened to one hour, and would begin at 7:30 p.m. Representatives asked that they receive copies of any press releases sent out about the event, and a list of the media to which it was provided. Airport staff indicated this would be done.

D. CACNR Representation to 2016 ACPAA Meetings – A sign-up sheet for CACNR Representation to the monthly ACPAA meetings had been provided in the mailing for this meeting, and a copy was circulated. Upon its return to the Secretary, the meetings on March 10, June 16, August 11, September 8, October 13, and November 10 remained to be filled. Representatives were asked to look at their calendars to see if they would be able to take the responsibility for any of those dates.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

12. NEXT MEETINGS:

CACNR – Feb 3, 2016 7:30 p.m. Ramada Hotel & Suites, 7770 South Peoria Street, Englewood, CO
Mar 2, 2016 6:30 p.m. Ramada Hotel & Suites, 7770 South Peoria Street, Englewood, CO
Apr 6, 2016, 6:30 p.m. Ramada Hotel & Suites, 7770 South Peoria Street, Englewood, CO

ACPAA – Jan 14, 2016 3:00 p.m. Wright Brothers Room, Centennial Airport, 780 S. Peoria Street, Englewood, CO
(Joe Fowler representing CACNR)
Feb 11, 2016 3:00 p.m. Wright Brothers Room, Centennial Airport, 780 S. Peoria Street, Englewood, CO
(Andrea Suhaka representing CACNR)
Mar 10, 2016 3:00 p.m. Wright Brothers Room, Centennial Airport, 780 S. Peoria Street, Englewood, CO
(? representing CACNR)

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Alison Biggs, Secretary