



CENTENNIAL AIRPORT COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE
MINUTES
March 6, 2024

VISION - QUIETER SKIES FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

MISSION - CACNR WILL BRING TOGETHER AIRPORT, COMMUNITY, FAA, AND AVIATION INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES TO COLLABORATIVELY IDENTIFY AND DISCUSS NOISE ISSUES AT CENTENNIAL AIRPORT AND RECOMMEND COURSES OF ACTION THAT COULD REDUCE NOISE OVER AFFECTED COMMUNITIES.

Chair: Brad Pierce Vice Chair: Vacant Treasurer: Andy Jones Secretary: Alison Biggs

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, and QUORUM: The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Chair Brad Pierce. The following were in attendance, and a quorum was present:

Table listing attendees by location: Arapahoe County, Douglas County, Aurora, Castle Rock, Castle Pines, Centennial, Cherry Hills Village, Foxfield, Highlands Ranch, Lone Tree, AOPA, CABA, Wings Over the Rockies, Robert Eber, Pam Thompson, Andy Jones, Chuck Darnell, John Hirshman, Don Kuskie, Jordan Ashley (virtual)

Others in attendance were Ron Cole, Alternate Representative from Castle Pines; and ACPAA staff Lauren Wiarda, Matt Frenette, Zach Gebeheart and Justin Kunz. There were 11 members of the public online, and 5 in attendance.

Those absent were: Arapahoe County: vacant/vacant Parker: Ashley Chasez/Bryce Matthews ACPAA: Mike Fronapfel /vacant Greenwood Village: Donna Johnston/Libby Barnacle CDOT Aeronautics Div: Todd Green/Vacant

2. CONSENT AGENDA: The Consent Agenda included the Draft CACNR Minutes from February 7, 2024; a Treasurer's Report from March 1, 2024, showing a balance of \$30,317.55; and the Noise Report from January 2024. On the motion of Alison Biggs duly seconded, the Consent Agenda was approved.

The January 2024 Noise Report included the following information:

Summary table for January 2024 Noise Report: January Local Operations: 13,883; January Total Operations: 26,444; Year to Date Local Operations: 13,883; Year to Date Total Operations: 26,444

26,444 Total Operations in January resulted in 760 complaints from 58 households.

January Noise Events:

Table showing January Noise Events by location and decibel range (60-89 db) for various areas like Meridian, Golf Course, Airport East, etc.

January Noise events in the 90+ decibel range: Airport East - 24 Golf Course - 05 Portable Station - 04 State Park - 02

Table comparing January Noise Complaints and Numbers of Households with YTD Complaints and Number of Households across various locations.

Denver	15	Aurora	01
Aurora	02	Castle Pines	01
Lone Tree	01	Centennial	01
Castle Pines	01	Denver	01
Cherry Hills Village	00	Lone Tree	01
Highlands Ranch	00	Cherry Hills Village	00
Parker	00	Highlands Ranch	00

**Year to Date, the top five households complaining were:**

Household #1	128	Greenwood Village	Household #4	70	Greenwood Village
Household #2	126	Unincorporated Arapahoe County	Household #5	51	Unincorporated Arapahoe County
Household #3	112	Greenwood Village			

**In January, 37 responses were requested from 760 noise complaints**, with 28 of those requests made by email (76%), and 9 made by telephone (24%).

**In January, 738 complaints** were made about **daytime flights** (7:00 a.m. – 9:59 p.m.) – 97%. **22 complaints** were made about **nighttime flights** (10:00 p.m. – 6:59 a.m.) – 3%.

**In January, props** accounted for **88% of the complaints by aircraft type; jets** accounted for **9% of the complaints**, and **helicopters caused 3%**.

**In January, training** was responsible for 64% of the complaints, **arrivals** were responsible for 19% of the complaints, and **departures** were responsible for 17% of the complaints.

The **January Complaint Map** and a **January Radar Track Density Map** were provided.

3. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:** None

4. **CACNR STUDY GROUP COMMITTEE:** Brad Pierce presented the 2023 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter report from this group. It included two additional mitigation strategies that had been adopted, to limit number of aircraft in the traffic pattern, and to analyze flight track data within the defined study area. In addition, for the first time, the report included mitigation strategies that the Study Group would not be adopting, along with an explanation of why.

The Study Group Committee and CACNR had earlier recommended ACPAA hire additional staff for data collection and analysis, and that position had been filled earlier than expected. Accordingly, it was anticipated future reports would include enhanced data analysis. There should be a focus on data and the results from implementing the adopted mitigations, research on harder to implement mitigations, legal research, and the collection of flight track data to determine if the implemented mitigations had reduced overflights of the community. A Google Form for feedback and ideas for the Study Group to consider had also been created. It was determined to put Page 25 of the report, related to reports of the Committee and how anyone can provide feedback to the Committee, on CACNR’s website. Representatives were encouraged to share that information, and to encourage the submission of ideas.

The membership of the Committee had been increased by the addition of representatives from Mead & Hunt and HMMH.

Finally, the local lobbying team formed to represent Arapahoe County, Greenwood Village, and Centennial Airport had very productive meetings recently in Washington DC with elected representatives, key staff, and the FAA.

There was discussion of various aspects of the report, including the need for measurable impacts; when the results of the impacts might be known (possibly 3-4 months) and how comparisons can be made due to variables such as weather. There are apparently ways for researchers to address such things.

5. **PART 150 STUDY UPDATE/PROGRESS:** There was nothing new to report, but a news article and TV mention about the Study Group report and the Part 150 Study were noted. The reports contained inaccuracies and seemed to get the two confused. CACNR will see if there is a way to help clarify for any future reporting.

6. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

A. **APRIL AGENDA** – There was still agreement to hold CACNR orientation during the April meeting. Absent specific input from the Representatives, the Executive Committee and Brad Pierce would craft the agenda, and work with Jason Schwartz as well.

B. **CACNR REPRESENTATION AT ACPAA MEETINGS** – Chris Eubanks had volunteered to represent CACNR at the March 14, and would write the report. Someone would be needed for the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, so all were asked to check calendars for that and future dates.

C. **RETREAT PRIORITIES** – The Chair indicated again there was still a need for volunteers to address the various priorities identified at the prior retreat.

7. **REPRESENTATIVES’ COMMENTS:**

A. **GENERAL DISCUSSION** – Chris Eubanks indicated the UC Davis symposium had provided more sessions of interest to general aviation than those of last year. He and Bill Wasmund would be providing a full report to the April CACNR meeting.

8. **OTHER REGULAR REPORTS:**

A. AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Mike Fronapfel was in Washington, DC attending the Colorado Airport Operators Association. Lauren Wiarda presented a report he had provided. At that meeting, he discussed what Centennial Airport was doing in regards to aircraft noise, and the transition to unleaded AvGas; 25% of January's AvGas fuel sales had been unleaded. The group had encouraged federal support for continued FAA engagement on noise issues, and for financial assistance to airports trying to encourage and facilitate the transition to unleaded AvGas.

Centennial Airport had been awarded \$8 million in grant funds for repairs and updates to the existing air traffic control tower, buying time to secure funding for a new tower while keeping the existing tower viable.

The Four Points at Sheraton Hotel was expected to open later in March.

Legislation having a hearing at the state level included a state fund subsidy to reimburse airports for fuel farm tanks, fuel trucks, and for subsidizing the cost on unleaded AvGas; require airports in urban areas to have voluntary fly quiet programs and a plan to communicate those programs to the airport tenant and users; add two positions to the Colorado Aeronautics Board that would represent affected communities near airports; and set up tax credits to reimburse aircraft owners up to \$500 for the purchase of modifications that allow for the use of unleaded fuel.

Fronapfel announced Samantha Blymyer had been selected as the new Manager of Communications/PIO for the airport. The airport was currently hiring for a Director of Maintenance, a Noise & Environmental Planner, and for airport management internship positions.

9. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. ELECTION OF CACNR OFFICERS – In indicating his interest as serving as CACNR Chair, Chris Eubanks spoke about his passion for making a difference for all communities around the airport. Pam Thompson indicated she represented the ordinary citizens affected by the airport, and she was willing to serve as CACNR Vice Chair. Alison Biggs and Andy Jones were willing to continue as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. No one else expressed an interest in any of the positions. Accordingly, Don Sheehan moved CACNR accept the slate of officers as outlined above. Motion was seconded and carried.

B. 2023-2024 CACNR ATTENDANCE RECORD – An updated attendance record had been provided.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

11. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

A. RECEIVED BY CACNR – none

B. MEETING ATTENDEES – Public comment came from Orchard Gate, Greenwood Village, Louviers, and Centennial. There continued to be concerns about the issue of lead affecting the communities. Also noted were training flights directly over an elementary school, and the need to keep flights north of Arapahoe Road. Comment was made that although there were to be no parallel landings, such had been observed from time to time.

Efforts in the Superior area to encourage communication with Jefferson County which is responsible for Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport were noted, and question was asked why such an effort could not be made here. It was reported the flight schools there were really engaged, somewhat differently than those here.

Chris Eubanks commented on the issue of parallel runway landings

12. **NEXT MEETINGS:**

A. CACNR –	April 3, 2024	6:30 p.m. 7565 South Peoria Street, Englewood, CO 80112
	May 1, 2024	6:30 p.m. 7565 South Peoria Street, Englewood, CO 80112
	June 5, 2024	6:30 p.m. 7565 South Peoria Street, Englewood, CO 80112
	July 2024	NO MEETING

B. ACPAA –	March 14, 2024	3:00 p.m. 7565 South Peoria Street, Englewood, CO 80112
	April 11, 2024	3:00 p.m. 7565 South Peoria Street, Englewood, CO 80112
	May 9, 2024	3:00 p.m. 7565 South Peoria Street, Englewood, CO 80112
	June 13, 2024	3:00 p.m. 7565 South Peoria Street, Englewood, CO 80112
	July 2024	NO MEETING

C. PART 150 MEETING DATES When and What Meetings, When Available from APA Staff

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Alison Biggs, Secretary