



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Cuyahoga County Airport

Noise Abatement Council Meeting

July 9, 2015

Minutes of a meeting of the Noise Abatement Council Members

A meeting of the Committee Members of the Noise Abatement Council was held **July 9, 2015** in the conference room of the Cuyahoga County Airport, 26300 Curtiss Wright Parkway, Area – B.

I. Persons Attending

Dave Roche	Mayor of Richmond Heights, Chairperson NAC
Dan DiGiammarino	Maintenance Superintendent of Airport Operations, NAC Secretary
Scott Huth	ATCT Manager, NAC Co-Chair
Cathy Murphy	City Council Highland Heights
John Plecnik	City Council Willoughby Hills
Dan Frisone	Eaton
Mark Zuranski	Eaton
Tim Bican	Eaton
Jim Miller	Nextant Aerospace
TJ McManamon	Five Star Aviation
Jim Shenk	Five Star Aviation
Richard Rohl	T&G Flying Club
Joe McCoy	Lone Ranger Jets



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Guests: (SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET)

II. Call to Order

Mr. Roche called the meeting to order with participant introductions at 10:15 am while Dan DiGiammarino recorded the minutes.

III Council Introductions

Chairman Roche welcomed everyone to the meeting, he then asked each member to introduce themselves, and each member in turn introduced themselves and the organization they represent.

IV Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Roche called for discussion for the April 9, 2015 NAC meeting minutes. There were no comments or further discussion. Mr. Roche motioned for the minutes to be approved. A vote was taken and all present said I and no one opposed. The minutes for the meeting were **unanimously approved**.

V Noise Complaints

Mr. Roche called upon Dan DiGiammarino to report the noise complaints. The second (2nd) quarter had 7394 operations from April 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015. Reports indicate that seven (127) complaints were received. Seventy three (73) complaints occurred between 0700L and 2300L. Forty four (44) complaints occurred between the hours of 2300L and 0700L. ten (10) general complaints the airport logged thirty three (33) VNA hour operations. Mr. DiGiammarino described the findings of the complaints.

All noise complaints reflected in highlighted areas on the noise abatement complaint spreadsheet reflect those that occurred during the VNA hours of 2300 to 0700.

VI General Discussion

Mr. Plecnik voiced his objection to the idea that the spike in the number of noise complaints is the result of the newsletter and that the newsletter simply help resident voice their issues with the airport. Co-Chairman Scott Huth responded by saying that since the town hall meeting there has been dramatic increase in complaints. And that 61 of the complaints filed came from a single resident and it seems to reflect imbalanced representation of the actual noise. Mr. Plecnik responded that the newsletter helped to advise residents in how to report a complaint to and the procedure of doing so. Mr. Huth responded that prior to the proposal of the single engine exemption 4 years ago statistics showed 60 complaints per quarter and after the test phase and the continuation of the procedure the numbers dropped to 26 per quarter.

However since the town hall meeting they spike to 5 times the amount of complaints before. Councilman Plecnik questioned Mr. Huth on his statement that he had been working with a single engine exemption without the approval of



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the Council. Mr. Huth answered that the test was approved by the council and that once the numbers came back the council advised him that if the numbers supported continuing the procedure than do so.

Mr. Plecnik responded that he was asked to have the town hall meeting because residents didn't feel safe coming to the NAC meeting. He continued that the meeting was a place that residents were able to express their concerns about their neighborhood. Mr. Huth responded that he along with other resurrected the NAC which was inactive. He also advised the group that he did many of these things on his own time. Chairman Roche asked about the daytime complaints and if the secretary had anything to add. Mr. DiGiammarino briefly explained the review process to the council. Mr. DiGiammarino asked Mr. Huth if he would agree that researching the daytime complaints is redundant since there is a controller in the tower who is watching and advise pilots of deviations. Chairman Roche briefly spoke to the intent of the complaints is for the worst of the noise and not for each and every operation, and is not meant for just saying a plane took off. Aaron Thayer of the Cleveland Jet Center added that everyone cares about safety and when a lot of time is spent researching unessential noise complaints it does not allow Scott and Dan to work on the safety items that everyone would agree needs to be done. Chairman Roche asked if there was a log in the tower and if one can be created, Scott advised him that it would be difficult for the controller to complete. After further discussion Jim Miller from Nextant Aerospace made the following motion:

Request the tower on the best effort bases to record incidents where aircraft violated the noise abatement procedures. And takeoff and landing noise complaints during regular business hours will no longer be researched however, they will continue to be logged. This motion was seconded by Councilman Plecnik, Chairman Roche called for discussion hearing none called for a vote. **The motion was unanimously passed**

The Council then began a discussion about what has become known as the single engine exemption. The council also began reviewing the statistical data to see the effects. Mr. Plecnik also questioned the language of the proposal that in its current state exempts single engine aircraft from all noise abatement procedures. Councilwoman Murphy also voiced her concern that the language needs to be cleaned up and clarified. Mr. Plecnik provided the council a copy of a resolution passed by the City of Willoughby Hills against the single engine exemption. Mr. Plecnik stated that a chart that was provided by Mr. Huth showing two scenarios for departure procedures was incomplete and there were two other scenarios that should be considered. The two scenarios range from reducing the number of flights out of the airport to a complete closure of the airport. Mr. Plecnik also questioned the reasoning and justification to invest money to upgrade the airport due to ongoing noise issues the excess capacity at Burke.

Chairman Roche also advised the other reason for the update of the Joint Statement is due to the reorganization of the County structure.

Chairman Roche motioned to review all the information provided in regards to the Joint Statement in order to further discuss the requested changes at the next meeting to update the Joint Statement. The motion was seconded by Jim Miller, Chairman Roche asked for any further comments, hearing none he called for a vote. **The motion was unanimously passed**.



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VII. Public Comment

Mr. Roche opened the floor to public comments,

Mr. Iler of Highland Heights and an airport user was the first to provide his comments, expressing his and other pilots concern for safety and safe operations. He also advises that tower does correct pilots that stray off course or things of that nature.

Marie Ratino of Willoughby Hills was next to speak she stated that the airplanes are coming to close and stated she knows the she reported more than what was stated and were not being included. She also feels something has changed and the aircraft are flying low and over their homes.

Kristen Hasasneh of Willoughby Hills followed; she was appreciative of Mr. Plecnik advising residents of the ability to file complaints and was also appreciative of Mr. DiGiammarino to describe some of the operations that occur at night. She also questioned why she is not advised who the violators are and why they operate after 11 pm. Chairman Roche stated that from previous meetings that tenants work to not fly during these hours. Mr. Frisone from Eaton Corporation asked the Chair to speak to this he explained the steps they take to avoid flying during the VNA hours be it pre-staging aircraft or crew holdovers at company expense.

John Weber of Willoughby Hills stated his biggest issue was the flight path and that aircraft flying over their homes, and are not flying over the golf course as they used to. Scott Huth invited Mr. Weber to come over to the tower and view the radar replays to which Mr. Weber invited Scott to come over his house and watch.

Ed Crouse of Richmond Heights appreciated the discussion and thanks Mr. DiGiammarino for providing information he had requested. He said that the council didn't study let alone make the change or submit it to County Council for the change. He also hoped that in upcoming discussion will be able to help with residents issues. He also stated that he has had several questions some have been answered and other have not he hopes a good discussion of noise and its impact on residents are addressed.

When Mr. Crouse finished Chairman Roche notice Mr. Iler had a question which he asked Mr. Plecnik if he authored the additional page to the scenarios which Mr. Plecnik responded he did to complete Mr. Huth's diagram.

Linda Matusa of Willoughby Hills stated she feels that the reason for the low amount of complaints may be the result of residents didn't know how to report it. She also voiced her concern about the upcoming project and is it a smoke screen for a runway extension and the effects on the local communities. She was also wondering why residents weren't aware of the things going on with the airport. She also was wondering why there were no residents from Richmond Heights or Highland Heights and if they were notified.

Mayor Roche advised the council that the records were available on line Mr. Crouse advised the council that the past meeting information has been removed from the website. Mr. DiGiammarino advised the council he too noticed that and will get it put it back on.



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VIII Adjournment

Mr. Roche called for adjournment and Mr. Huth seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting of the Noise Abatement Council will be January 14, 2016 at 10:00 in the Airport Area B conference room.

David Roche

Mayor, City of Richmond Heights

NAC Chairman

Scott Huth

ATCT Manager

NAC Co-Chairman

Dan DiGiammarino

Cuyahoga County Airport Maintenance Superintendent

NAC Secretary

Cuyahoga County Airport
Sign-in Sheet

Subject: " Noise Abatement Council Meeting "

Date: July 9, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m.

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