



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### Cuyahoga County Airport

### Noise Abatement Council Meeting

October 9, 2014

### Minutes of a meeting of the Noise Abatement Council Members

A meeting of the Committee Members of the Noise Abatement Council was held **October 9, 2014** in the conference room of the Cuyahoga County Airport, 26300 Curtiss Wright Parkway, Area – B.

#### **I. Persons Attending**

City of Highland Heights	Cathy Murphy, President of City Council
City of Willoughby Hills	Frank Germano, Council Member
City of Richmond Heights	Dave Roche, Mayor of Richmond Heights, Chairperson NAC
Cuyahoga County	Dan DiGiammarino Maintenance Superintendent of Airport Operations
Lone Ranger Jets	Joe McCoy
EATON	Sally Stipic
Midwest ATCT	Scott Huth, ATCT Manager, Co-Chairperson NAC
Cleveland Steel	Brian Safran
Pace Aviation	Ron Tabaj
Nextant Aerospace	Jim Miller
Cleveland Jet Center	Aaron Thayer
Five Star Aviation	Jim Shenk

**Guests: none**



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### II. Call to Order

Mr. Roche called the meeting to order with participant introductions at 10:04 am while Dan DiGiammarino recorded the minutes. Mr. Roche asked Co-Chairman Scott Huth if he had any opening remarks. Mr., Huth the council that the tower now has the ability to conduct radar replays. Mr. Roche asked Dan DiGiammarino for opening comments; Mr. DiGiammarino explained to the council that the NAC packets included both 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter figures.

### III. Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Roche called for discussion for the April 10, 2014 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 then approved.

### IV. Noise Complaints

Mr. Roche called upon Dan DiGiammarino to report the noise complaints. The second (2<sup>nd</sup>) quarter had 8510 operations from April 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014. Reports indicate that sixteen (16) complaints were received. Eleven (11) complaints occurred between 0700L and 2300L. Five (5) complaints occurred between the hours of 2300L and 0700L. The airport logged nine (9) VNA hour operations.

The third (3<sup>rd</sup>) quarter had 9879 operations from July 1, 2014 to Sept 30, 2014. Report indicated that twenty nine (29) complaints were received. Seventeen (17) complaints occurred between 0700L and 2300L. Twelve (12) complaints occurred between the hours of 2300L and 0700L. The airport logged forty one (41) VNA hour operations. The numbers of operations reported above have been provided by Scott Huth, Air Traffic Control Manager, which reflects the actual take-offs, landings and missed approaches.

Mr. DiGiammarino also advised the council of inaccuracies in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter for 2013, Dan DiGiammarino will update the Operation Summary Report to show the updated totals.

All noise complaints reflected in highlighted areas on the noise abatement complaint spreadsheet reflect calls/e-mails received from individuals that had occurred during the voluntary noise abatement hours, and confirmed as operations that occurred at the Airport. The complainants' addresses have been reflected on the neighborhood noise map.

The council discussed the increase of complaints from the Cleveland Heights area and to the possible causes for the increase. Mr. Huth explained the differences between the ILS approach on 24 and the non ILS approach on runway 6. Brian Safran explained the GPS approach as well as how pilots use the back course approach to runway 6. The council also discussed ways to better identify and research issues such as weather that may be contributing to the increase in the Cleveland Heights area.



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**V. General Discussion**

Mr. Roche opened the floor for general discussion; Mr. Safran asked to the effect the inaccurate numbers with the FAA would affect funding. Mr. Huth advised the council that the numbers will not affect the funding because funding for the project is not tied to traffic numbers.

Councilwoman Murphy expressed her sadness in the aftermath of the August 25<sup>th</sup> crash which led to a discussion of the Operational Report and its findings in regards to staffing levels at the airport. Mr. DiGiammarino advised the council that several of the concerns of the fire departments that were brought up by the report are being addressed. Chairman Roche mentioned that when there is some kind of emergency his departments should be notified to standby. Mr. Huth responded advising that the decision to call mutual aid is at the discretion of airport management.

A discussion was held to determine the meeting schedule for 2015 it was agreed that the meeting will be held the second Thursday of the month following the quarter, Dan DiGiammarino will provide the actual dates to the council.

**VI. Public Comment**

Mr. Roche opened the floor to public comments, no one from the general public was in attendance, and no public comments were made.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Roche called for adjournment and Mrs. Murphy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**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