

MINUTES FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MCAC HELD ON

December 7, 2017 AT 3:00 P.M.

Massachusetts Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116

Executive Committee Members Present: Dave Carlon, Myron Kassaraba, Maura Zlody, Wig Zamore, Pete Navarra and Jerry Falbo

Members Not Present: Pam Hill

Massport officials present: Anthony Gallagher and Liz Dello Russo Becker

Others: Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert, Esq. and Milton member Cindy Christiansen

1. Public Comment

Cindy Christiansen requested to speak regarding the MCAC's request for information. She stated that she has been waiting for this information for over a year. She believes that the MCAC has statutory powers to get information and should use them. She wants the MCAC to succeed, but Massport's response is unacceptable. Her second issue was that she was confused about Agenda Item #9 on the MCAC agenda with respect to Dwell and Persist. It is not clear to her what is happening today, and she has examples of proper dwell and persist reports that she is happy to share with members.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Myron second by Maura to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes for the meeting on September 12, 2017 as drafted with no changes. Approved with one abstention by Peter Navarra (he was not a member of the Executive Committee in September).

Motion by Myron second by Peter to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes for the meeting on October 12, 2017 as drafted with no changes. Approved with one abstention by Jerry Falbo (Jerry was not present for that meeting).

3. Update from Massport on the Community Complaint Process

Liz Dello Russo Becker gave a brief update. She has a new role as the MPA Government Relations Director. She noted that much has happened in the last year to spur community complaints. She stated that the noise abatement office is independent and stands alone. She explained that outreach comes in every single day on a variety of matters to her and Anthony. She gave an example of a letter from Boston City Councilors regarding noise. She explained that this is a direct communication on a specific issue that they (MPA) then needs to have dialogue on internally. She said after the internal process then MPA must coordinate with the noise abatement office and then there is further internal coordination. She said this is very important because the information must be true and consistent. MPA does the

research and shares the factual data. Liz then distributed a sample FAQ. She said this was just a starting point. If the FAQ is missing a piece she wants to know. The FAQ list is a starting point and intended to be a working document. She wants feedback on the FAQ from members.

Peter asked if the FAQ was available on the Web. Liz said no.

Myron believes that MPA needs to come up with a way to copy the MCAC or EC depending on the number of complaints on an issue. He said that CAC reps should know what is going on in their communities, because it is important to loop back in residents to come back to MCAC.

Jerry stated that the MCAC had requested a dedicated point person at MPA. Liz said that person is now her.

Liz stated that MPA wants to copy and forward the complaints to the MCAC via the Chair or the Executive Director. Liz also suggested reporting back.

Jerry said the point person shouldn't be an MPA person because of the conflict of interest issue. Liz discussed the State Conflict of Interest law and her 2 functions at MPA. Jerry still thinks there is a conflict particularly with respect to any noise mitigation measures.

Myron wants to add a formal agenda item for Anthony to report back in the normal course of the monthly Executive Committee meetings.

Liz agreed with Myron for Anthony to report but suggests the sharing of complaints and information must be reciprocal.

Anthony noted for Peter that as the FAQs get developed then they will be widely available on both websites.

Maura noted the distinction between requesting a runway and requiring a runway. If it's not required then this is an important distinction. She called attention to FAQ #3. She also highlighted some comments on FAQ #4.

4. Update on Massport CAC Enabling Act Amendment

Delayed until General Meeting.

5. Update on the status of the of BLANS Website (<http://www.bostonoverflight.com>) and discussion of Question on Whether to Assume Cost and Stewardship

Dave asked Anthony to provide an update. Anthony said they are discussing with the FAA that MPA maintain for an extended period. Dave discussed the deadline of 12/31 and the options available in light of the public records law and other variables. Anthony said it will remain in

place while record retention and other issues are looked at. Dave said it must not go down without the MCAC first getting all the documents or making them available publicly.

Liz noted that MPA has the same records retention mandates as other state and local bodies. Maura asked about the records retention and how it would be handled. MPA did not provide an answer.

Myron noted that the domain names are covered until March or April 2018. Pete indicated that the hosting fees are also paid up for some time.

Wig wants a formal agreement on the amount of time MCAC will be able to take it over. Wig wants a failsafe measure that this does not slip through the cracks. Peter said there is a drop box and Anthony and Liz agreed to circle back and insure that the access is given to Peter.

6. Discussion of Noise Based Landing Fee Resolution

Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert indicated that she is in the process of scheduling a meeting with MPA General Counsel and special counsel Dave Macey to discuss further in January 2018. She noted that there was a new General Counsel at MPA and so there was a delay on this issue, but last night Michelle Kalowski the new MPA Counsel I reach out.

7. RNAV study update and recommendations

To be discussed at the General Meeting.

8. Correspondence

The Chair noted the email from Cindy Christiansen on noise monitors and supporting data.

Liz stated that there will be an update on the monitors coming at a public meeting.

Wig stated that he has not heard from Frank at MPA. Frank was supposed to flush out an agenda weeks ago and has not provided anything to Wig. Wig needs to know what the agenda is ahead of time to properly inform his Environmental and Health Committee members. Liz said the topic is noise monitors, so she doesn't know what else would be on the agenda.

Dave believes Cindy's request on noise monitors is valuable because it takes a holistic approach. Liz said MPA will go to the meeting and drill down on Frank. Dave said this is more than a meet and greet and Wig's request for specifics is valid.

Pete asked if the meeting date was set. Wig, said no not yet, because he wants the information and outline in advance. Wig wants to talk to Frank in advance.

Cindy noted her request was specific as to the threshold values for the 30 monitors. She didn't think it was a big deal; current threshold and time above and historic information. She

opined that membership should know why monitors are set in particular locations and not others.

Wig wants a detailed discussion and not something piecemeal.

9. New Business – reserved for matters the Chair did not reasonably anticipate at the time of posting

None.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Pete seconded by Jerry, unanimously approved to adjourn at 3:50 pm.

Minutes by J. Dopazo Gilbert

Approved at the Executive Committee Meeting on January 16, 2018

Documents:

Exec. Com. Draft Meeting Minutes December 7, 2017

Sample FAQ sheet from MPA – Liz Dello Russo Becker

Cindy Christiansen email on noise monitors