

MASS PORT CAC SUBCOMMITTEE
ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH
Minutes

Members In Attendance

Wig Zamore (Somerville) (Chair), William Deignan (Community Development Department, Cambridge) and Andrea Adams (Department of Community Development & Planning, Watertown)

I. Public Comment

Mr. Zamore, Chair, asked for public comment. Hearing none, he turned to the other Agenda items.

II. Review/Approval of Draft Minutes: 5/26/17

Mr. Zamore, Chair, asked for comments and a motion on the draft Minutes of May 26, 2017.

Mr. Deignan moved to approve the draft Minutes as presented. Ms. Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. Updated on Sub-Committee Charge

Mr. Zamore asked Ms. Adams to update the Sub-Committee on the draft Charge.

Ms. Adams distributed a draft copy of a proposed Charge for the Environment & Health Sub-Committee, which she noted was modeled on the Charge to the Aviation Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee discussed various issues, including the overall mission of the Sub-Committee, which it was determined should be very broad, covering environmental and health issues from all MassPort facilities.

Membership of the Sub-Committee was discussed, including broadening it to five voting Members and 3 Alternates, who would not normally vote on matters, but could do so if they were taking the place of a designated voting Member. It was determined that the Chair of the Sub-Committee should formally designate an Alternate to replace a voting Member.

The consensus of the Sub-Committee was to approve the proposed changes, and re-circulate (without deliberation) among the Members for final approval.

IV. Update on Progress with Logan Noise Office

Mr. Zamore noted he'd been in contact with MassPort officials to start the process of getting noise reports. He noted that it would be very beneficial to have an on-line web presence for the noise data, hopefully geographically linked, so that those with concerns could click on an address and look at the noise data available.

Sub-Committee members discussed and endorsed Mr. Zamore's idea, noting that the tool should be readily accessible to and understandable by the public.

V. Sub-Committee Review of the Boston-Logan Airport Noise Study (BLANS)

Mr. Zamore noted that Mr. Carlon, Chair of the MassPort CAC, had noted at the June 2017 CAC meeting that several Sub-Committees, including the Environment & Health Sub-Committee, would be asked to help dig into the BLANS.

The Sub-Committee briefly discussed the origin of the BLANS, and next steps so that all members could familiarize themselves with the BLANS. Mr. Zamore suggested that for the near term, given the intent

to help in the BLANS review, the Sub-Committee should meet monthly. The Sub-Committee concurred with Mr. Zamore.

VI. Additional Sub-Committee Tasks from MassPort Project List at the June MassPort CAC Meeting

Mr. Zamore noted that MassPort had presented an update (through Counsel Becker) as to the status of the four resolutions brought forth at the March MassPort CAC meeting. He asked if any Sub-Committee member had additional information on the outcome of these resolutions at the June MassPort CAC meeting. He noted they figured directly on the forthcoming work of the Sub-Committee.

Members Adams and Deignan stated they would consult their notes from the June MassPort CAC meeting and pass on any information to the other Sub-Committee members.

VII. New Business

Mr. Zamore asked for any new business? Hearing none from other members, he noted that MassPort CAC member Cindy Christiansen from Milton had done some analysis of noise data, which he said highlighted the point that there is a concern about noise impacts in particular to "Group Homes."

He noted in general that there are several categories of "sensitive receptors" to noise, and that Group Homes may be one of them. Conversely, he noted that Colleges and Universities are not generally considered to be a sensitive receptor, because of the transient nature of residency. This being the case, Mr. Zamore suggested that the Sub-Committee recommend that going forward, the MassPort CAC and MassPort/Federal Aviation Administration should agree on the populations to be included in any further noise-related studies. This includes as part of the annual Environmental Data Report (EDR) published by MassPort.

Both Ms. Adams and Mr. Deignan agreed with Mr. Zamore.

VIII. Next Monthly Meeting Date, Time and Place

The Members discussed the next Sub-Committee meeting.

It was decided to meet on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Cambridge City Hall Annex.

Note: Add the location (the 4th Floor) to the address block in the Agenda. Also, attempt to publish the Agenda at least two weeks in advance of the scheduled meeting.

IX. Adjourn

Mr. Zamore asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Adams moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Deignan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.