

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
MASSPORT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING OF:  
August 8, 2017 at 10:15 A.M.

Brookline Town Hall  
333 Washington Street, Room 111, Brookline, MA 02445

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

Massport officials present: Anthony Gallagher

Others: Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert, Esq.

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Quorum at 10:17 a.m.

Maura arrived at 10:27 a.m.

Items Discussed:

1. Public Comment

Mr. Marsh of 35 Rodman Street, Jamaica Plain, MA appeared for public comment. He noted that Jamaica Plain has a real noise problem. He does not have an MCAC or neighborhood representative. Myron and Dave noted that he would have a Boston representative. Myron offered to send him the information via email. He noted that the runway adjustments to 5:15 a.m to 10:00 a.m. and at night are causing a problem. The morning noise is very prevalent. Myron noted Mr. Marsh was under runway 27, and that is creating the impact. Myron noted runway 4 closure is mostly completed now. Mr. Marsh stated it has become a little better. There was some discussion between the speaker and members regarding runway use and variables such as weather and wind.

2. Review and approval of meeting minutes

Members reviewed the draft minutes of the Executive Committee from July 10, 2017.

Pam requested a minor change to the phrasing of her item 10 comments.

Motion made by Maura to approve the 7/10/17 minutes as amended. Second by Pam.

Unanimous approval.

3. Update on Enabling Act Amendment

Dave reported that the Amendment is with the Joint Transportation Committee (“JTC”). The JTC have various choices on how to proceed. Jerry is waiting for a call from Jim Eisenberg. Jerry has heard good news; there are a few co-sponsors. However, Jerry cautioned that the MCAC has not heard from MPA officially yet. Jerry did speak to Nucci and he supports the legislation. Dave noted that MPA would have a position if and when there was a hearing. Jerry asked Anthony Gallagher if MPA had taken a position. Anthony said MPA does not have a public position yet. Pam asked whether there was positive feedback. Dave and Jerry noted certain concerns about the funding question. Dave speculated that there might be an auditing function and funds used only for staff. He thought that MCAC might be asked to use certain MPA controls like payroll and accounting mechanisms. Basically, there was some thought that there would be certain checks and balances on the funds. Dave noted that some legislators wanted to better understand the shared service agreement from last year and the unusually high fee charged by MPA.

Jerry noted that he “heard” that MPA is concerned about what direction the MCAC will take and what their function will be going forward.

Wig noted that the Speaker does not telegraph things like this. He doesn’t think that all consultant services should be on or outside and a hard line is not a good idea. Having a Director and staff will also be more efficient for MPA for clarity going forward. Wig thinks these positive points should be made sooner rather than later.

Pam asked if the Bill was submitted with an explanation and Dave noted the white paper that was submitted.

Myron noted the Reps, Hecht, Rogers and Brownsberger have said that this will not be looked at until September. Myron noted MCAC did not submit the transitional budget with the materials that were filed. The plan was to spend \$400,000 so Myron said MCAC could submit a stepped budget. Jerry and Dave noted all budgets were submitted. Myron had an idea to submit the budget to the legislature. Myron thought the budget review or audit could be a rider to the bill in order to mitigate any concerns and perhaps this can be raised with the Speaker if it comes up in conversation.

Pam asked how this impacts the hiring going forward. Myron said it does impact the hiring. There was some discussion about the hiring process and making sure it lined up with approval

of the funds.

4. Update regarding the Executive Director recruiting process

Update provided by Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert, attorney and member of the Search Committee gave an update on the process, the number of candidates and the schedule going forward. The Search Committee has interviewed 4 candidates and will interview 3 later this afternoon.

Then the finalists, a minimum of 2 will move on to a public meeting at an Executive Committee meeting. This final stage will happen when it is clear that there will be sufficient funding for the position. The committee has slowed down the process to see if the legislation is passed.

5. Treasurer Update re: budget

Myron provided an update and said he spoke with Fritz at MPA regarding some questions on a couple of invoices. He will have the final tally for October. The two big items were legal and the fees to MPA. Insurance was paid at \$6,000. He does not have the July numbers yet, but he does not anticipate any problems. Members discussed the problem with MPA not paying bills timely and how this needs to be corrected.

6. Discussion on protocol for tracking MCAC requests of Massport

Dave created a DRAFT status update document to track what is outstanding with respect to MPA requests. It is a draft document for discussion purposes only. Dave noted that it is his hope that this draft will at some time become a formal document issued by the Executive Committee, but it will need more work. Ultimately he wants the Executive Director to handle this task.

Wig noted the different requests that are made by the sub-committees. For example, Wig asked 3 months ago for a meeting with MPA on the noise monitors. Also, Wig noted that the EDR explanation of greenhouse gases was contrary to what the EDR says about Federal guidelines on how to calculate greenhouse gases up 3000 feet, but not below. He noted with climate impact that makes no sense. The FAA guidance says to ignore the 3000 foot limitation and go all the way up. If you use the 3000 foot limitation you lose 80% of the greenhouse gases. Wig thinks there is a question on how sub-committees act and relate to MPA that should be addressed.

Dave appreciated the feedback and noted the document and was a work in progress. Myron noted and discussed the protocol. Myron had 2 comments; 1) there should be 3 separate lists

because there needs to be a source of the request; and 2) how is priority determined or established. Myron questioned: If this is published then there will be a question on who and how priority items are determined. Dave said to take the priority column out for now until we get an Executive Director. Dave noted that Liz from MPA asked for the MCAC to prioritize the items. Wig noted that some things are more arduous than others. Myron thinks there should be an expected and committed due date.

Jerry wants to simplify the list and thinks the Executive Committee can list the items in order of priority. The members discussed the specifics of the list and particular items on the list. Pam agreed it needed to be simplified and agreed that the dates should be reflective of what was promised by MPA. Wig noted some things are simple and those should be taken care of quickly, where other things are more complex and will require time. Jerry said let MPA tell the MCAC when they will complete the requested items. Maura said it was important to document everything. Everyone agreed that MPA should give a due date and then that will be plugged in to a tracking list.

There was general agreement that the items must only come from the MCAC, the EC or its sub-committees. Myron suggested a new draft be circulated and given to Liz and Anthony for comment, especially with respect to committed due date versus expected due date.

7. Update from Massport re: motions, requests, RNAV Study

Anthony Gallagher updated the EC on various action items. The first was the Fly Quiet Program, and Anthony stated that the MPA has worked on a prototype for quarterly reporting to the Aviation Sub-Committee. MPA will deliver a prototype to Ralph prior to the next Aviation subcommittee meeting. Second, vortex generators; MPA needs to identify who the offenders are and how to reach out and what to say to work on it collaboratively. There will be a report to the full MCAC. Myron thinks the report should go to the Aviation subcommittee. Myron wants to see what has been done; who got letters; and what airlines responded. Myron wants specifics on action taken. Wig thinks the protocol should be consistent as to reporting process and details. Jerry wants the facts by the next meeting in September. Wig thinks fly quiet is broad and applicable to all members, so he thinks this type of an issue should go to the full MCAC. Dave said the Aviation Subcommittee will review the prototype and it will be posted so all members can comment.

Anthony next discussed the Noise Based Landing Fee (“NBLF”). MPA’s special counsel sent out an opinion. Wig and Jerry and Maura were very disappointed with the tone of the opinion letter and its failure to provide creative alternatives. Dave wants all requests to be made broadly so that information is holistic and helpful. Dave noted that policy decisions must be made with knowledge of the information. MPA’s narrow responses are not helpful and there was agreement that the MCAC needs a suggested next step.

Myron finds the response on NBLF to be lacking, because it fails to explore options and does not provide opportunity for collaboration or further discussions. Dave wants to know about the European model and all the details of other NBLF’s at international airports. General consensus to ask MPA for NBLF information. Members was the noise based certification list more recent than 2012. Jennifer was directed to reach out to MPA counsel for a more recent fleet certification list and more information on the Munich airport NBLF program.

Anthony will have further updates at the next meeting on the Winthrop Tower project. Wig wants to know whether flight patterns will be effected by this project. Myron noted that MPA rejected the plan and limits the height to within the cone. Dave noted that Nahant made a request regarding the RNAV map. Anthony noted he has a waypoint map to distribute. Dave is dismayed that MPA does not have a map for every single RNAV. Maura asked Anthony can formally request that MPA provide RNAV maps.

Motion by Maura to request Anthony to ask MPA to provide all RNAV maps and all types. Jerry seconded the motion with a unanimous vote in support.

Myron asked Anthony about his request for the budget book. Anthony has a hard copy for Myron. Myron wants copies for all EC members or digital. This was Myron’s 4<sup>th</sup> request for notification from MPA and FAA of proposed changes that would increase capacity at Logan. Myron learned through a BLOG that on July 25<sup>th</sup> there were changes that effect runways 27 and 4. Myron wants all operational implementation that impacts runway use to come to the MCAC. Maura noted that the FAA order # is JO 7110.308B.

Dave asked for total population and FAA standard used and why is it used differently from time to time. Myron and Pam want updates from Anthony to the Status Update List at every meeting. Pam thanked Dave for the Update List and thinks it is a great step forward.

8. Massport Communication (e.g. Town of Lexington, Hanscom Field Runway Repair)

Dave noted that Michelle Ciccolo, Selectperson and Lexington MCAC member had questions about Hanscom repairs that she discussed with Dave. In this case Dave noted Michelle is also a Selectperson and she did not receive all the information that Dave thinks is necessary. Again Dave noted that MPA only provides the bare minimum and more from MPA is better. Anthony noted that the Hanscom Committee was notified as well as the Bedford police and MPA had a meeting in Bedford.

9. Discussion of MCAC Training re: Aviation Operations

Dave hopes to discuss this further at the full MCAC meeting and he will send out a note to members again.

10. MCAC Fall meeting date and location

Wig is waiting to hear back from the DOT. Dave asked if the 12<sup>th</sup> does not work perhaps October 19<sup>th</sup> will work.

11. Update on the Aviation Operations Subcommittee. None at this time.

12. Update on the Environment & Health Subcommittee

There is a meeting tomorrow at Cambridge City Hall, 334 Broadway at 10 a.m.

Mr. Marsh from Jamaica Plain asked about whether there is a report about fuel and pollution impact on communities. Wig noted that there are papers on these issues and he offered to provide information to Mr. Marsh.

13. Boston Logan Airport Noise Study (BLANS) Review for Potential Opportunities

Tabled.

14. MassportCAC.org website update

Pam appreciates Dave's work on this, but she finds the website needs more work. Dave said we will discuss it at another meeting due to time constraints.

15. Correspondence

Email dated August 4, 2017 to David Carlon from Rich Malagrifa (Swampscott MCAC member) for discussion by the Executive Committee. Discussion on aviation and fuel issues. Consensus to refer the issue to the Aviation Sub-Committee.

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

Dave updated the members on the last MPA Board of Director's meeting.

Tom Glynn was reappointed. There was a detailed presentation on the forecast for Logan at the Board of Directors. Dave noted that there must be a lot of information behind the forecast and to Myron's point the EC wants to know the details. John Hansman attended the Board of Directors meeting, Dave asked for the materials from Liz and she said it will be provided or posted. Hansman talked about Block 1 and Block 1 is more doable. Hansman continues to work on it and he worked on some imagery which will be provided to the MCAC. Hansman also showed the dispersion plan and altitudes. Wig asked for modeling. Maura asked about pilots and consistency. Tom Glynn asked for Dave to comment on the process and he provided some comments.

17. Adjournment At 1:00, Maura made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Dave, unanimous.

**Documents:**

Email dated August 4, 2017 to David Carlon from Rich Malagrifa (Swampscott MCAC member) for discussion by the Executive Committee.

Minutes taken by: Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert, Esq.

Approved by the Executive Committee on September 12, 2017