

July 10, 2017

Minutes of the Executive Committee of the
Massport Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Location: Brookline Town Hall

Attending: Jerry, Dave, Myron, Wig, Maura

Participating Remotely: Pam Hill

Present from the Massachusetts Port Authority ("MPA"): Anthony Gallagher

Others present: Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert, General Counsel, Cindy Christensen, Milton MCAC member and resident from Milton, Tom Dougherty, Esq. and Alan Wright the Boston/Roslindale MCAC member and James J. Morgan a resident at 14 Forest Hills Ave, Jamaica Plain, MA.

1. Public Comment:

James J. Morgan a resident at 14 Forest Hills Ave, Jamaica Plain, MA addressed the committee. He stated that 3 years ago the noise from the airplanes changed drastically and it is so loud, so many planes flying so low he cannot sleep or enjoy his property. He said the noise is unbearable. He went on to detail his attempts to get MPA to help him and that MPA has been nonresponsive to his complaints. Mr. Morgan estimates that there are 960-1040 planes flying over his home daily. He believes the new RNAV system is to blame and that the RNAV system saves fuel and increases corporate profits at the expense of residents. MPA has been no help and he gets only "Orwellian" answers when he reaches out to MPA. HE went on to question whether a proper study was done prior to these changes. He called on the MCAC to do what is necessary to help people like him cope with these noise issues. He believes the decision on where to reroute planes was calculated to impact poor communities such as Egleston where many people are poor and do not speak English. He requested again that the MCAC look into these issues and address them. He provided a written statement for the record.

2. Minutes

There were no minutes to review.

3. Update on Legislation

Dave gave an update. The legislation is in the rules committee. Jerry added that tomorrow Dave and Jerry are meeting with the Speaker in order to see if the bill can move forward. There is support at the State House. Jerry believes the funding is not an issue, but MPA may object to the change in reimbursement process to having the control of the funding.

4. Search Committee Update.

Dave updated on the Search Committee meeting process getting underway for the Executive Director. The next meeting is July 27th. The deadline for resumes is July 24th.

Pam wanted to note that in her opinion the Director should have experience dealing with disenfranchised citizens and environmental justice.

5. Update from MPA/Anthony Gallagher.

Liz is working on a memo on Noise Based Landing Fees for the MCAC. The noise mitigation program is in the works and MPA wants some preliminary feedback from MCAC members. From the last quarterly meeting it is unclear whether MCAC wants an individual or job responsibility and MPA needs more details on that particular request. Wig noted the status on the noise monitor locations and data. Anthony noted requests for info from an array of communities and Anthony will provide that info to Wig.

Wig thinks there should be some more open public info given on the noise monitors. Maura also thinks the locations and why they are there should be explained. Maura gets calls from people that want noise monitors. Wig thinks the monitors are most helpful to check the model data. Members discussed monitoring and modeling.

Myron noted that the MCAC wants a person assigned to the noise mitigation office. Myron asked for an update on the community complaint process. Anthony said that will be an aspect of the fly quiet program and will be housed within that program.

Myron asked Anthony for a spreadsheet and some tracking and time-line indicators for each item requested by the MCAC and/or its committees; including the anticipated process time and it should be presented at the meetings. Myron also had 3 new questions:

1. Clarification of MPA on Winthrop Square building and whether that height of the building will impede Runway 27 flights. Maura said that is determined by the FAA. Wig said most height issues only deal with emergency issues and cone of avoidance. The cone is set in the Seaport area and surrounding area. Maura is unclear whether this particular building is within the cone and emergency area. Myron requested more info from MPA on this issue.
2. Impact of expectation POST 4R construction. Legislators are getting a lot of questions as to what is happening post 4R construction. Is it back to normal? Or is it going to change? Maura said the only thing received is the press release and it's not helpful. Myron wants answers from MPA.
3. What is MPA's position on the proposed Amendment to the enabling legislation? Will MPA take a position on it or not? Anthony will talk to the people in the government relations office about it and circle back.

Jerry and Dave had a question on the RNAV study. Dave noted that there might be an update in August from John Hansman. Dave noted that Ralph would schedule the update for the Aviation Sub-Committee meeting in August. There is no time line on the update.

Myron and Jerry asked Anthony to track the MCAC requests and timelines for responses to each item. Anthony said that the timeline depends on the uniqueness of each issue and question. Jerry understands that, but MPA needs to provide an update.

Myron asked for a better and more detailed process; perhaps a spreadsheet to track.

Myron asked if there were responses to the Vortex Generator motion? Anthony will check.

Dave noted the prototype of the fly quiet program. Dave asked for something by the August Aviation Sub-Committee meeting. Anthony said he will have a first draft by August. Discussion with Wig as to when reports and policy drafts are posted. Discussion of the process for submitting the draft of the fly quiet program to the Aviation Sub-Committee. Myron said drafts should be circulated broadly. Wig just wants the drafts to circulate for all members to have in-put.

Dave would like to see a forecast for aviation at Logan and nationally. He requested Anthony to provide it. Jerry noted this is consistent with the enabling act. Dave said nationally the forecast is doubling aviation travel and Dave wants to know what that means for Logan. Maura said that begins the conversation of how that growth gets accommodated.

Myron questioned whether that is really part of the fly-quiet program or is it a specific forecast report that we ask MPA to provide at every MCAC General Membership meeting? Discussion of the aviation forecasting and how and when it gets presented. Dave noted that there is a notification process that each airline must provide to MPA. For example, Delta and Jet Blue want to increase their flights by 30% and MCAC should know this. Maura noted she has been asking for the Delta info for some time, but received nothing from MPA.

Myron noted that there is specific information in the CAFER and the Budget Book that comes out. He requested the Budget Book from Anthony and asked if it could be provided in digital form for distribution to the EC. The Budget Book includes a forecast of airlines and volume. Anthony will get that to Myron.

Dave noted that on the south shore head to head traffic there will come a time when the volume will change such that head to head will be used less. Dave thinks communities should have that info. Maura thought they had to file a MEPA ENF, but now they don't.

Myron wants the FAA and MPA to notify MCAC of any proposed changes in procedures that would increase hourly volume and capacity at Logan. Dave noted the Amazon lease of a Fleet of airplanes and the impact on those cargo planes.

Myron made a motion that the EC request a copy of the 2018 Budget Book electronically in order to distribute it to the MCAC, Jerry seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

6. Training session – Aviation Operations

Discussion on providing training to MCAC members and the details on what and how to implement. Wig discussed AEDT and the importance of providing technical information from the person conducting the testing etc.

Myron stated that if there are questions that need to be answered for the environmental committee that it would be great if Wig submitted the questions.

Myron talked about the false narrative about the weather issue. People have been told that the operations of Logan were tied to wind direction and when runways are used when the wind is coming from a different direction - those folks are up in arms. They perceive the wind/weather selection for runway use to be a rule or policy and when it is not used that Massport is lying. He noted that people are getting fixated on wind direction then it is not the only variable. He believes that all variables that can be factors in runway selection should be discussed including runway length, capacity and the fact that weather elsewhere can be an influence. Dave noted there are 4 configurations only and Maura noted there are some tweaks that can be made. Dave said everyone should have all the information they need to understand all the issues.

There was a discussion of big jets and the long runway and expanding capacity. Maura suggested polling members on the curriculum for training.

7. Meeting Schedules and Logistics

Members discussed the merits of rescheduling the September General Meeting and the need to find a location since the Transportation Building has been impossible to book. Several potential location sites were discussed and Anthony was asked if there was anything that might be done to get more cooperation from the people that control the used of the Transportation Building.

The Fall Meeting of MCAC is tentatively set for October 12th Pending our ability to secure a suitable location.

8. Secretary update on attendance and new members.

Discussion on member attendance and new members. Maura handed out the new member list and attendance spreadsheet. Members discussed attendance and quorum issues. Myron thinks that a letter should go out to members stating the regional nature of the MCAC and that members should be told of the importance of attending whether or not the particular community is impacted. Pam agreed with Myron that this is a regional committee and participation is necessary. Pam stressed that the solutions are regional and members need to be present. Myron said that if a member has missed 2 out of 3 meetings then Maura should send a letter. General consensus that letter be polite and come from Dave. Consensus that before a letter gets sent Dave will send a reminder of the meeting dates and attendance requirements.

9. Treasurer update: Myron did not have anything new to report at this time. Myron said the MCAC is operating under the \$250k budget and the MPA agreement with respect to services

and administration. He and Jennifer spoke and the Liability and insurance info will go out to appointing authorities this week.

10. Aviation update from Dave: a meeting is to be scheduled in August and coordinated with MIT team. More to come on that.

11. Update from Environmental Sub-Committee by Wig. The member from Watertown has been helpful taking minutes and he is now trying to schedule regular meetings and focus on BLANS.

Discussion on getting back-data to 2003 for context. Wig discussed standardized reporting for baseline data; like flight patterns. Daily report on runway use and monthly report more will be more systematic and detailed. Wig wants an on-line mapping program where anyone can put in their address or community and see the flight patterns and various representative information. Dave agrees that education and comparison is key. Myron's thought on the reporting falls into 3 buckets: 1) increase daily/weekly/monthly reporting; 2) quarterly reporting with trends, percentages as part of a fly quiet program; and 3) focused procedural reporting valuable to specific communities that looks at runway configuration; nature of changes and other data that impacts people and the data needs to be reported with certainty.

Members discussed reporting details and education of members and the public. Dave said there needs to be a dossier on each runway with summaries. Wig discussed the use of social media to inform the public. Discussion of the Schultz curve and the order of magnitude of noise. Myron noted that the important thing is knowing what has changed; altitude, frequency, volume? Discussion of actual noise metrics. Wig said sensitivity and the order of magnitude data is real.

Dave discussed the issue around runway rotation plans and the use of them in Chicago. Wig wants to continue the discussion on runway use but people need to be more educated. Dave noted that it could be an opportune time to use it to benefit communities from time to time. Wig noted environmental issues are chronic. Pam stated that noise impacts do in fact effect health in various ways including sleep deprivation. Wig said people focus on noise annoyance. Pam said the 2 things overlap, because annoyance and health impact eventually overlap. Wig noted the environmental impact on mortality and he thinks it must be looked at long term.

12. Policies and Procedures redraft and lead time to review.

Pam noted that there should be more time for review for the members. Pam noted that EC members should try to be mindful of the MCAC members and their time constraints and ability to participate in a meaningful way. Dave discussed the difficulty with getting member interest and hopes that more members participate at the sub-committee meetings.

Myron agreed there are substantive issues, but reminded Pam that the EC meets every month for 3+ hours. Dave will review with Jennifer the members concerns and send out another draft in the fall.

13. Correspondence:

Dave noted the following correspondence was received:

Flavio Leo letter on AEDT. On this item, Wig noted the complexity of the model and the roll-out may take 5 years.

14. New Business: August 8,, 2017 is the next EC meeting. It was agreed to start at 10:15 a.m.

15. Adjournment 12:15 p.m. Motion by Dave, seconded by Jerry and unanimous vote.

Minutes Approved at the Executive Committee meeting on August 8, 2017

Minutes by:

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