

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

April 10, 2018

Location: Brookline Town Hall – Room 111

Members Present: David Carlon, Maura Zlody, Wig Zamore, Pam Hill and Myron Kassaraba

Members Participating Remotely: None

Others in attendance: Irene Walzak (Hyde Park MCAC representative), Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert, Esq.,
Cindy Christiansen, Milton member

MPA: Liz Dello Russo Becker and Anthony Gallagher

1. Public Comment

Irene on behalf of community in Boston under runway 27 early morning departure then 33 then 4. Almost 24/7 disruption. Problem is that people can't come to the meetings because they work and are during work hours. People can't take work off to attend the meetings. She would like meetings to be held at a more accessible time. 4L is a problem and it should be discussed. It's not clear on 4L and no updates. Time of meetings is a concern to increase community participation.

Dave noted that the MCAC is a state agency. He will poll members again on meeting times and locations. Perhaps we can alternate times and location.

Myron noted that some MCAC reps meet with community folks separately and then communicate their community concerns to the MCAC.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes from 3/15/18

Held until next meeting.

3. Update on Hiring Process for Executive Director

Search Committee convened 2 weeks ago to rescind moving forward one candidate and the other finalist took a job at the Convention Center. Search Committee will reconvene to look at preliminary candidates again and interview a candidate(s). Committee interviewed 7 preliminary candidates so far. This is now a fully funded full-time position, because the funding amendment to the legislation was passed. Wig was very pleased with the candidate pool and the work of the consultant, Bernie Lynch.

4. Update from Massport

A. RNAV Study

Liz Becker and Anthony Gallagher from Massport appeared to present an update.

Basics of RNAV. Article in the Boston Globe yesterday and also in Globe North last week about RNAV. Also, in March there was a Wall Street Journal article. The coverage will drive the process and results.

Aviation Sub-Committee meeting now scheduled for April 18th for the Block 2 study. This meeting will influence MPA further actions. There was some discussion as to where the meeting would take place at the Braintree Library or M.I.T. There was further discussion about location and transit and parking options. Other issues on location are technical for the purpose of Power Point presentations. Myron does not want to be reimbursed for parking. He believes that parking reimbursement is a benefit that should no longer be provided and members should find their way to the meetings. He does not think reimbursing members for \$40 parking costs is sustainable.

Maura noted some of the difficulty with rooms at Boston City Hall; such as availability, size and conflict with City Council hearings.

Liz and Anthony noted that the agenda for 4/18 meeting is for John Hansman to present information regarding Block 2. Then the group will provide feedback and recommendations and then bring recommendations back. This will not be the only Block 2 meeting. It was noted that this is preliminary ideas and concepts. Dave noted that members can make suggestions such as moving way points. Liz agreed, but noted that the suggestions should be related to RNAV. Myron noted that community in-put is by MCAC members and not the public. Liz agreed and noted that the larger public hearing will be conducted by Massport, and it is at this point the public would participate.

Irene noted that Block 1 was unacceptable to her because she couldn't participate or vote and no one talked about runway 27. Whatever happened in Block 1 should be revisited while Block 2 is ongoing. There are 750,000 people in Boston being impacted. There are only 9 people voting on the sub-committee. Irene does not believe the voting is fair based on the population of the community and the impact on each community. She believes her right to speak and votes of all residents are infringed. Irene noted her City Councilor passed the issue on to Capuano.

Liz noted that going forward this will be an iterative process and the Aviation Sub-Committee will report back to the MCAC so all members will have a vote. Irene noted that the 4 recommendations put forward were voted as a block not individually and on one algorithm and there was no basis for it.

Dave noted that going forward there will be more process and he requested FAA presence at the meetings. Liz said that MPA passed this request on to the FAA. Dave asked Liz that she ask the FAA to attend. Dave left a VM for Laurie West at the FAA. Dave asked if Laurie was still the FAA contact. Liz was not sure, but she will make the request. Myron agreed that the FAA should be present especially on procedure and design. The current appropriations bill has more funding for community outreach, so this may be helpful and it indicates that some of the money should be used for regional outreach personnel. Irene noted that Rep. Lynch put this bill through.

Dave noted the various media outlets covering airport and RNAV issues. Dave noted how we collect and disseminate information. He noted the WBUR radio story on runway incursions and the Massport study. Dave requested this study from Liz and Liz said she will provide it. Dave also noted the recent Chronicle story on Logan airport.

Wig, said first, will Block 2 result in an Environmental Assessment? Liz said yes. Wig noted that John Hansman is not qualified to do an EA, so was wondering if someone can be brought in to do this work in order to have an impact on the Block 2. It is important to have the EA discussion in parallel. Who will be doing this?

Pam asked is the Environmental Assessment sufficient or should it be a full Enviro Impact Study?

Myron noted that an EA may need to be done if flight paths are moved. Wig noted there are different parameters that will trigger the EA. Myron stated that the level of analysis will determine the potential environmental impact. Pam noted that an EIS will give you a lot more public involvement.

Liz noted that during the Block 2 iterative process it will inform the process. Wig's question is who is handling the EA and the importance of having the EA now or sooner rather than later. Aviation track models will be necessary and Hansman is not able to do these. There is no sense doing this after the fact. Whatever is put forth should be approvable from an environmental aspect.

Wig believes that the MCAC members who have the technical ability should have direct contact with the Hansman group.

Wig has a list of things he has requested from MPA.

Anthony Gallagher provided Frank Iacovino's noise study and sent it drop box to Dave. The soft copy was given to Wig.

Liz stated that the policies and procedures will be provided and/or what other agencies have that may be helpful. There are also other State laws applicable to the hire. Liz will speak to Jennifer later today. Discussion on policies and procedures that may be applicable to hiring

and paying the new Executive Director. Myron discussed some administrative steps to take with respect to payroll and banking.

B. FAA Website

Anthony looked in to the FAA information website (IFP Information Gateway). Anthony discussed the information the FAA website, including specific to Logan and the RNAV. He noted that these postings were not related to the MPA RNAV study. Anthony noted that the FAA site was not for public in-put.

Myron clarified, MCAC wants information and updates on procedural changes in the cue. Myron wants the MCAC to be informed of FAA procedural changes if those changes will impact communities. Right now there are 3 under development and 9 pending that relate to Logan. Myron wants to know about them before they are published, unless they are all perfunctory. Myron believes these FAA communications worked during BLANS and he wants that again in the form of a quarterly report. If there are things that require comment the MCAC should know.

Dave would like a motion to include in the MPA reporting to MCAC that all information on upcoming changes at Logan be brought to the attention of the MCAC in the MPA briefings. Dave noted the Delta Airlines expansion was aspirational, but MCAC should still know about it.

Pam said she had asked for these milestones at the very beginning. She opined that the MCAC can't function without this basic information and she asked for this two years ago. A very benign approach would be a quarterly report of issues of interest to the CAC. She understands that this is complicated but she is mystified that we are still discussing this.

Myron wants to bifurcate the motion.

MOTION: MPA shall facilitate or request the FAA to facilitate no less than quarterly reports to all procedural changes at MPA facilities published by the FAA on the Information Gateway regarding the nature of such pending procedural changes.

Jerry called the question. Motion to move the motion fails. Myron, Dave and Jerry in favor. Maura, Wig and Pam against. Motion failed. Further discussion.

Dave noted that Tom Glynn and John Nucci said they need specific requests from MCAC in order to respond. Massport wants MCAC to be more prescriptive. Wig does not want glossy reports.

Pam and Wig disagree. Pam wants more clear requests for information. Pam wants a more generally crafted request but with a specific template with all the information identified.

Pam said a full Executive Committee dedicated to creating a template of the types of all information desired from MPA.

Motion to reconsider by Dave, second by Jerry

In favor Myron Jerry and Dave opposed Pam, Maura and Wig. Motion to move question fails.

Myron noted that there are 4 procedures that might be implemented in July that could be significant and we have no information. Wig believes that these would not be substantive.

Dave decided to move on to the next agenda item.

Motion

Discussion – Pam would wrap this into a larger motion for quarterly written reports on all milestones including but not limited to Myron’s request. Wig agreed. Wig wants this information to not be piecemeal and how to facilitate individual requests. He wants systematic flight information posted each day using a simple spreadsheet and he wants the information by day and hour, because it can be rolled-up to weekly and monthly. Members discussed the types of information. Myron understands the spirit of everyone’s comments but he believes the reason we have not been successful is because the information requested is not specific enough.

Discussion

Dave wanted to move on to next agenda item.

5. Discussion of Massport CAC By-laws

Specific to the by-laws, Dave noted that this will be discussed with the Executive Director. By-Laws will need to be amended or reviewed in light of the steps to hire and any required policy references.

6. Discussion of MCAC member engagement

Discussion on reaching a quorum and failure to get a quorum at the MCAC March 15th meeting.

Members discussed community representatives that have not been participating and how to engage representatives. Dave discussed the steps he has taken, calling, emails etc.

Members discussed an outreach plan via email or letter to all members and their appointing authorities which would include general news. Then after that letter another communication to those communities that have not participated.

Jerry wants a copy of the communication to go to State representatives.

Dave discussed the difficulty of being a public body and the discretion of appointing authorities as well as the discretion of members to attend or not. Further discussion of the complexities of the various members and their interests.

Maura handed out the attendance list. Myron noted Weymouth Canton and Randolph have noted attended and they are under major flight paths. Myron is not sure we can function as a representative body without these towns participating. Myron thinks the attendance sheet should be posted. Jerry agrees, but he thinks that 2 notices should be sent first.

Members further discussed this attendance issue and how to best handle it.

MOTION by Myron – anyone not attending 3 or more of the last quarterly MCAC meetings they and their AA and rep be so informed.

Second Jerry

Unanimously passed roll call.

Discussion – Jerry wants a second letter if no response then post attendance on website.

7. MCAC Website Update

Dave stated 1) we need a report on statistics and 2) we have made an effort to post information. Also, when people sign up it will require more information about the person signing up, in order to eliminate SPAM. This will allow data on distribution list and where they are from and number of folks signed up for meeting notices. Discussion of notices of meetings.

Anthony noted that MPA is still maintaining the BLANS website. MCAC is not going to host it, but all data has been requested from the FAA. MPA will keep BLANS up and maintain it until we here from FAA as to whether we can copy all of the documents on the BLANS website. Wig does not understand this because it is public information. Myron clarified that it would just be simplified by having FAA download and provide all the information.

8. Correspondence

Milton BOS correspondence to FAA and MPA making a request noted. MPA's response providing flight track data is KLM data and it is visual representations (4 pages). Anthony provided the snap shot visual data. The KLM data was provided to Milton and now the MCAC

has it and it will be posted to the MCAC website along with the 4 images. It was noted the KLM data is raw data. Suzanne Knight, Milton resident sent a letter and comments which were noted and distributed.

Discussion on correspondence and flight tracks.

Wig said there are outstanding requests from Cindy that has been out there for 6 months and Medford has requested information for December 28th. Anthony noted that Cindy's request was for specific monitor settings and it is being vetted by others at MPA. Wig and Anthony discussed process on how to get the information.

9. New Business

None.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dave, second by Wig, unanimous roll call.

Minutes by J. Dopazo Gilbert

Approved on October 18, 2018