

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

December 11, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Location: Brookline Town Hall

Executive Committee Members Present: David Carlon, Wig Zamore, Myron Kassaraba, Andrea Adams and Jerry Falbo arrived at 11:00.

Members not present: Pete Navarra

MCAC members present: None

Members Participating Remotely: Maura Zlody joined by phone at 10:45.

Others in attendance: Matt Romero, Executive Director and Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert, Counsel

MPA: Anthony Gallagher

1. Approval of Minutes

November 13, 2018 EC draft minutes discussed. Maura was present at the November meeting so the minutes will be amended to reflect that and also a request was made to add Matt Romero as present. Motion to approve as amended by Myron Second by Wig, unanimous approval by roll call vote; Dave, Wig, Myron, Andrea and Maura voted in favor. Jerry had not yet arrived to the meeting.

2. Treasurer Update

Myron provided an update on the budget. For the month of November the spending excluding payroll was \$5,853. The MCAC spent \$20k in November. There is \$72,000 or 3 months of funding remaining. An official report will be made to MPA and another disbursement will be requested.

Myron noted that the SEP for retirement benefits requires employment for 3 years and so there must be a formal 401k set up in order to provide the retirement benefit to Matt and any other hires. The implications of going with the 401k are: monthly fee \$320 per month and \$12 per month per employee. The \$320 includes all of the paperwork for the 401k plan. The 401k can only be offered to all employees in the same non-discriminatory manner. Matt was offered 10% contribution rate. January 1st Matt will start on the 401k, but the MCAC will then need to offer any other full-time employee the same rate.

The proposal is to authorize Myron to work with ADP to set up the 401k and any future full-time employees would also get 10% retirement contribution when they become eligible for the 401k plan which is one year after hire.

Under the proposed motion Myron will incur \$332 per month for the service fee and he would be authorized to enter into and execute the 401k policy agreement on behalf of the MCAC.

Wig, asked who controls the investment? Myron said the participant controls it through Vanguard. Wig asked if there were other administrators than ADP. Myron said maybe, but for efficiency it doesn't make sense to bring in a separate administrator at this time. Wig thought the fee was high, but he agrees with Myron on the need for efficiency and a smooth transition at this time. Myron noted that our accounting firm has a relationship with ADP and they understand the status of the MCAC as a quasi-public agency.

Dave made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to incur the monthly fee for the administration for ADP for the 401k fund, second by Wig, approved unanimously by roll call vote; Maura, Dave, Wig, Andrea and Myron voted in favor.

Motion by Dave to authorize the Treasurer to enter into the 401k policy agreement subject to counsel's review of the policy as to form, second by Maura, approved unanimously by roll call vote; Maura, Dave, Wig, Andrea and Myron voted in favor.

3. Massport Update by Anthony Gallagher.

Anthony discussed a draft document from the Hansman group on fly quiet programs and a draft presentation that will be provided to Matt Romero. He welcomes comments and feedback. Flavio Leo will review comments and questions upon his return from bereavement leave.

The draft document will be given to Matt Romero when updated.

Jerry Falbo arrived at 11:00.

Dave asked for a presentation of the fly quiet report at the next MCAC meeting in January. Wig asked whether MPA expects immediate feedback and Anthony said no.

Dave said there will be feedback provided both from the sub-committees and the full MCAC.

Myron's view of the fly quiet report is that the draft report should be refined and presented at the meeting in January and then taken up by the sub-committees and members for presentation in March to the full MCAC to vote on. Dave agrees that March should be the goal to vote a final plan. Dave wants discussion of a draft with the full MCAC in January. There was general consensus with this schedule.

Anthony updated on the noise monitor issue in Medford. Medford had put their own monitor on a school and then co-located with MPA on a pole. The data is now being reviewed and

feedback from Medford will be provided. There is an effort to address any discrepancy and the variables that cause the discrepancies.

Wig thinks that this is terrific and it should help MPA because it ties evidence to evidence. Somerville has also done its own noise monitoring and it has helped.

Myron asked how MPA sees this information being shared; as a case study? Presented to a health sub-committee? Anthony, said best case scenario would be to finish the study and have Medford agree that the data is correct and the methodology and functioning was correct. Having consensus would be beneficial in so far as other communities learn from the process.

Anthony discussed the update at the State House yesterday by the Hansman group. John Hansman did find some better data that was incorporated in the slides. It changes some of the data slightly. There was discussion on the path forward and how to come to a recommendation on winners and losers and this was a difficult conversation. Generally, it went well. Dave noted that the key representatives for the south shore were there. Dave provided his thoughts on the meeting. Wig noted that the hit will be in Allston and Cambridge. Members discussed who was present at the meeting.

Anthony noted that RNP for 22 departures will be put in place by Hansman, but no guarantee for Block 1. He is still refining the over the harbor flights. Hansman discussed Block 2. Speed modulation was being reviewed. Members discussed the RNP options that Hansman reported on. The hot spot is at the Nahant causeway. Jerry asked if there was objection from Nahant. Anthony said no. Members discussed the 33 dispersion and there was no difference. On the 27 dispersion Hansman presented some options, but keeping the ROD. The Chelsea representative had asked for noise monitoring in Chelsea. Members discussed the work of John Hansman and the questions raised by various State Representatives at the meeting.

Myron believes the challenge is that we are trying to undo or remediate something that happened in the past i.e. 33L RNAV moved and shifted flights from higher population density areas to lower population density areas, and this was done to make the numbers look good. The EA showed a 65,000 population benefit. Now to go back would mean to shift back and this would negatively impact the numbers. He noted you basically get a penalty if you live in lower population density areas. If there is a positive number associated with an RNAV it will push planes over lower population density areas.

Jennifer asked whether this impacted the discussion around equity. Myron and Wig noted that it does and this must be looked at as well.

Wig noted that the concentration of flight paths always increased the noise levels. The other issue is equity and inner city stressors are not just airplane noise. There are other factors. Wig also noted the complexity with FAA and federal regulations.

Myron noted again his repeated request to test these options with MEPA. The MCAC should be aware of MEPA and the federal regulatory scheme and the many variables that must be

included in the analysis. Dave agreed and wants this environmental issue moved in to the forefront.

Myron confirmed with Anthony that a similar update was provided to the federal delegation several weeks ago. Anthony said yes it was done.

4. Massport 101 Training

Matt gave an update on his outreach to members and the preferred dates for training. Dave wants members polled as to what they want for training, when, where and how long. The details and logistics were discussed. Matt will draft a specific poll for discussion in January.

5. MCAC framework for Priorities

Dave noted that Matt is meeting with Executive Committee members and then will reach out to the general members to get feedback for priorities. Dave suggested that Matt continue meeting with members and those who had also served on the Logan CAC for a full understanding of the history.

6. OML and Conflict Training

MCAC must use the on-line State Ethics training test. Matt will coordinate and follow-up with the members to get certificates done. Liz Becker has the old folder, but newer appointees may have already done the test. Matt will send the link to members so they can take the test. The Certificate is good for 2 years.

7. MPA Annual Current Expense Expenditure Budgets Review Update

Matt gave an update on outreach for MPA budget review. He reached out to the Dukakis Center, PPC UMass Dartmouth, Collins Center at UMass Boston and the Volpe Center. All were interested in performing budget review, but some are too busy at the moment.

He discussed the 3 possible studies: marketing and fees, mitigation and noise. He is awaiting more formal proposals from the entities he has reached out too. Once he receives them back he will bring to the committee for further review and discussion.

Myron asked whether Volpe would have a conflict since they get money from the FAA. Matt will check in to that whether it be a perception or actual conflict.

Myron asked if there are any independent consultants we can reach out too. He would like an independent consultant to compare to the academic institutions. Dave noted there is a Boston consultant that reviews budgets. Jennifer will also reach out to a former colleague. Wig noted that there are also mid-size airport consultants that might be available. Rob Adams may be interested at Landrum and Brown. Matt to follow-up and report back.

8. Massport CAC meetings and locations

January 10, 2019 is the general MCAC meeting at 4:00 and it was decided the EC would meet the same day at 3:00. The meeting will be at the Mass DOT building.

Members discussed the general meeting schedule for 2019.

9. New Business. Jerry discussed the new noise issue in Winthrop. About 3 weeks- a month ago the neighbors advised him of the problem. At the same time the Speaker was negotiating a PILOT agreement increase for Winthrop from Massport. The neighbors at Point Shirley are very concerned about the increase in funding and how will it be allocated and where. There seems there is not sufficient funding for noise mitigation due to the incremental nature of the payments so noise mitigation was not available for these residents. Jerry noted the letter from Vice Chair of the Winthrop Board of Health to the Editor of the Winthrop Transcript dated December 10, 2018. Jerry wants to ask MPA to attend a meeting to address this Winthrop issue and noise mitigation measures. Jerry said we as the MCAC owe a duty to this Point Shirley neighborhood. This is a unique situation, because the noise is 70dbL and this is a drastic change.

Wig wants to focus on all line of sight communities. Myron noted that at the last meeting the EC discussed the community complaint process which he proposed over a year ago. Myron and Jerry discussed the complaints and the increase in noise. Jerry noted the noise was 70-80 dB at Point Shirley. Jerry has talked to Frank Iacovino and Anthony. Jerry wants a meeting with MPA on these issues in Winthrop next month. Myron wants to see the validation of the noise increases first. Jerry said the noise levels have been validated.

Dave noted that the formal request was made at the last meeting to MPA to understand the process for noise mitigation and air infiltration and to make a presentation for all line of sight communities, but to use Winthrop as the current example. MPA has made an offer to catch-up on noise mitigation funds, but where the money goes, specific fund or general fund is a political question.

Anthony acknowledged the noise issues in Winthrop and the communications with Winthrop and the Point Shirley residents. The windows are old and there is some degradation of the windows. MPA is discussing repairing the windows and where the funds will come from.

Myron thinks this is a political and complicated matter in Winthrop and he does not agree that the MCAC should involve itself with what is a Winthrop issue. Jerry clarified that he wants an MPA presentation on this issue of noise mitigation to a sub-committee of the MCAC. Myron noted that he can support a request for MPA to address noise mitigation in all communities like Winthrop that would allow residents to assess the situation. Jerry noted that is what he is asking for at the moment.

Members discussed various sound proofing programs and the related issues involved with funding.

There was general consensus that MPA needed to do a briefing and that it could be done at the health and environmental sub-committee meeting. Members discussed timing and logistics of this particular presentation on noise mitigation programs. Wig noted that the other narrative is that noise has been increasing over the past few years generally.

Motion by Jerry to have the Environmental Sub-Com arrange a meeting with MPA to make a presentation and provide information on noise abatement programs for qualified residents, the funding sources and implementation. Second by Myron, voted unanimously by roll call vote; Myron, Dave, Jerry, Andrea, Wig and Maura voting in favor.

10. Public Comment. None.

11. Motion to adjourn by Dave at 12:30 p.m. Second by Myron, unanimous approval by roll call vote Myron, Dave, Jerry, Andrea, Wig and Maura voting in favor.

Documents:

Meeting Agenda

Draft Minutes for EC minutes for November 13, 2018.

Winthrop Transcript Letter to Editor December 10, 2018 (2 pages)

Minutes by J. Dopazo Gilbert

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