



MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

NOVEMBER 12TH, 2019 AT 10:30 AM

Boston City Hall – Conference Room 709, 7th Floor, Boston City Hall

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Jerry Falbo, Maura Zlody, Peter Navarra, Roseann Bongiovanni, Tom Dougherty, Wig Zamore, Jennifer Dipazo Gilbert, Counsel; Matthew Romero, Executive Director; Stephanie Ackley, Administrative Assistant; Anthony Gallagher, Massport.

Absent: Dave Carlon

Other attendees: Alan Wright

Welcome to the Environment Department, Boston City Hall

Approval of Minutes of October 8th, 2019

A motion to approve the draft meeting minutes from the October 8th, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting was made by Mr. Navarra and was seconded by Mr. Dougherty. The motion was approved by majority, while Mrs. Zlody and Mrs. Bongiovanni abstained, as they were not present at the meeting. Mr. Zamore added additional comments related to WHO Europe's work.

Mr. Romero pointed out that we will need to identify who the decisionmakers are, and work with them.

Mr. Zamore thinks it is up to us to chase them and that the Committee needs to work to find the leverage points, and the EPA is handcuffed.

Ms. Zlody added that it is a conversation worth continuing. She pointed out that she isn't sure we are going to get anything out of the conferences we plan on attending. Mr. Zamore suggested that we and other groups like us in North America need to be cognizant of the WHO standards and push that to the appropriate channels. Mr. Falbo suggested obtaining the information that is most pertinent to the noise issue. Mr. Zamore will condense it down, to make it more presentable. Ms. Bongiovanni asked if this is something that John Levy could do and Mr. Zamore says that he is unsure that John could take time to work on it. Mr. Falbo suggested that the information becomes a starting point for discussion, so that we can engage with Massport. Mr. Romero pointed out that he has followed up with FAA about the questions he asked. Mr. Zamore would like better engagement.

Executive Director's Report

Future meeting schedule

Mr. Romero explained that DCAMM is now RM Bradley Commercial Brokerage and Property Management. Staff has now secured future dates as of late last week and will send meeting updates moving forward. Mr. Romero pointed out the scheduling issue that would affect the Executive Committee in January and April. The Committee agrees to meet on the newly suggested dates, in order to continue the standing history of holding the Executive Committee meeting prior to the General Committee meeting. New meeting dates are January 7th, 2020 and April 9th, 2020. Mr. Gallagher arrived at 10:52am.

Subcommittee Update

Mr. Romero reminded the committee of his upcoming schedule/vacation.

He updated the member of a slight change to membership in the Environmental Health sub-committee, and indicated that Mrs. Bongiovanni has stepped down, given her new role on the Executive Committee. He added that we have reached out to others but have yet to fill the 5-member committee on Environmental Health.

MPA Annual Current Expense Expenditure Budgets Review Update

Mr. Romero reminded members of the Annual Current Expense Expenditure Budget Review as one of our requirements from our Enabling Act. The Collins Center is onboard, and he will meet with them later today. They have internal resources, and a larger ability to leverage. The subcontractor will provide more meaningful review. He added that we are looking forward to kicking off and expects March/April for completion. Mr. Zamore asked



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about surface transportation, and of the level of experience that the subcontractor has. Mr. Romero added that their principal worked with HMMH. Mr. Zamore pointed out that he has met with the founder, and she is sharp. He added that given his earlier comments, possibly having a European airport be reviewed in comparison, a sister airport, for future analysis. Counsel added that that was a great idea, and that they should highlight how they play differently. Mr. Romero suggested that we could highlight what we can't do in the U.S., and why, in an effort to identify the people that can make the change so that they can look at it. Mr. Falbo added that the questions Counsel is preparing will get us to that point.

Communication and Outreach Update

Mr. Romero had followed up with FAA, Regional Administrator and Ombudsman. They reviewed the list of follow-ups, and they are moving forward with them. Mr. Romero has an additional call next week and will have an update for the Executive Committee. He pointed out that this is a good sign that they are engaged with us, and it is moving forward. Mr. Falbo asked if Mr. Romero is keeping copies of what he is requesting, and Mr. Romero answered that he has emails, but once he has good answers, he will provide that to the Executive Committee. Kevin Lane is the principal for the BU/MIT study discussed at the general meeting, and would be easiest to reach at BU, Junior Faculty. Mr. Zamore pointed out that they have not made much progress. Eric Walker is doing noise study in Chelsea and John Durant is the best in fine particulate.

ESPR Meeting Update

Mr. Romero discusses the public meeting at Logan Airport, that it was well attended, and the audience was very vocal. Mothers Out Front Advocacy Group was present at the meeting. Some comments were helpful and a couple of meaningful requests were made. Senator Boncore attended and was looking to work with MPA. Representative Madaro was more pointed about the growth, and the accuracy of their predictions and impacts. Mr. Falbo asks if the CAC is going to send comments to the ESPR. Mr. Romero said that we are taking a position of a standing state agency and will provide feedback to Massport outside of the formal comment period. Ms. Zlody added that we should copy MEPA on that feedback. Mr. Romero will submit general questions as the Executive Director and will be very general. Mr. Zamore added that Mothers Out Front has emerged as community advocacy and was surprised at how Chris Markey spoke. He made a heartfelt push to work with Massport. They have done a lot of surface transportation, and by taking on Uber and Lyft, this is a big issue for East Boston. They always ignore climate impact, and cutoff at 3k feet, exclude it from their environmental report. They misrepresent things. They don't do any UFPs. Ms. Bongiovanni added that this is an important step for the CAC, this would be an opportunity to ask more robust comments. Mr. Romero wants the BU/MIT presentation to help educate the average CAC member on air quality impacts and research, and use Mr. Zamore's expertise to get the right people in the room to further educate members on the details. There was discussion that East Boston should have a regular member, separate from Mr. Nucci's role on the Massport Board of Directors. Ms. Zlody doesn't think that anything would preclude the mayor from appointing someone new from East Boston. Mr. Gallagher added that Massport wouldn't push back if the CAC moved in this direction. Counsel will look into the option of having a separate East Boston CAC rep and Board of Directors member.

Mr. Romero added that his anniversary date was in October, and Mr. Carlon has not yet locked down a review format with Counsel. Executive Committee members will have review and January Executive Committee meeting will include an Executive Session.

Treasurer's Update

Mr. Dougherty discussed the change to the budget. Mr. Romero added more specifics, and why these changes would happen.



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Mr. Romero presented a motion to approve a transfer \$700.00 from Office Rent to Office Equipment (previously approved line item). Adjusted after transfer: Office Rent Line item \$11,250 reduced to \$10,550, and Office Equipment \$2,200 increased from \$1,500. Mr. Falbo made the motion to approve this transfer, Mr. Navarra seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Request for HMMH Benchmarking Report Information – discussion and possible vote

Mr. Romero discussed how this benchmarking study was done for Saint Paul Minnesota, and that we would like to formally request this from Massport and HMMH. Mr. Falbo made a motion to approve this request, Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

FY20 MCAC Goals and Priorities Review and Update

Mr. Romero discussed the FY20 goals.

Block 2 RNAV: Mr. Romero continues to do outreach for the North Shore and has met with legislators. We still do not have CAC representatives in some of these communities. In the meantime, concerning the 22L arrivals that Dr. Hansman has in the study, we want to make sure all people who are affected by the arrivals are in the room when Dr. Hansman makes his presentation. We are working to make folks aware, similar to the 33L groups. Citizens could ask Dr. Hansman questions, and we continue to move forward. Mr. Gallagher added that this is primarily to get some buy in of the overwater concept, flying over the Nahant causeway. He pointed out that Dr. Hansman has revised his study and gone more granular. It previously was over Swampscott. He is very confident in this maneuver, and had he had this information for Block 1, he would have recommended it then. Mr. Romero added that legislators from Nahant were concerned with what this means for them. Mr. Romero asked Mr. Wright about Runway 27 communities, and he mentioned it had been difficult to bring people together. Ms. Zlody asked if at the Regional briefing, was anyone from Allston or Brighton present? Mr. Romero responded that area legislators were there, and Mr. Zamore added that there was an EA that resulted in the RNAV, and this will increase the noise in the region. Mr. Gallagher agreed that there would be an EA but they can't have a recommendation without the formal analysis. If there was a recommendation, and an EA took place to identify alternatives, it would identify a net loser. He doesn't know if their road map would be during their review process or not. Ms. Zlody added that by the time you decide its worth doing an EA, you would have had to discuss with stakeholders. Mr. Dougherty pointed out that if the MCAC is a state agency, and is presenting for EA, as a recommendation, the predicate is that there needs to be an informed consent by the affected communities.

Fly Quiet Report: Mr. Romero discussed the Fly Quiet Report, that publishing was a goal, and the priority is to get it published so it is out there and doing its job. Massport will continue to take our feedback, and move forward with future iterations. We can build a program to get the airline to change their behaviors without the data/report. Mr. Zamore asked if it is ready to go. Mr. Gallagher answered that it is in a very good place, and it would be industry leading, good if not better than reports from comparable airports. He pointed out that it needs to be easy to understand. Mr. Zamore asks if we need to ask Ralph his opinion, and Mr. Gallagher mentioned that Massport already has the feedback from the Aviation Subcommittee and Mr. Dormitzer.

Increase Communication with other bodies: Mr. Romero has gotten in contact with SFO and O'Hare. Ms. Bongiovanni asked if their roundtables are like the MCAC and Mr. Romero explained their roundtable setups and how they are different from the MCAC. He has a call scheduled with SFO and points out it has been a little challenging to get them but wants to learn from what they have done successfully.



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Reviewing Logan Growth Impacts: Mr. Romero is working with Mr. Gallagher to bring people in. Mr. Zamore asked about the growth. Mr. Romero added the impacts and knowing the potential impacts is important for mitigation. Mr. Gallagher added that Massport would love to know what the future will hold. Mr. Wright pointed out that we keep asking of growth, and that we shouldn't care what measure, but we need to know the specifics, all measures of growth. Mr. Romero added we need this data before we can advocate. Ms. Bongiovanni suggested we look at ancillary concerns like parking, bridges, etc.

Air quality initiatives. BU MIT Study: Mr. Romero plans to work with Mr. Zamore and the Environmental Health Subcommittee to develop this further.

Consider adding additional Subcommittee: Mr. Romero mentioned that he is looking into this further, and seeing which members would be interested, and what their focus would be. That said, the focus is currently on filling the existing subcommittees and getting them on a regular meeting schedule to handle their charges.

Update from Massport

Runway Use Report Excel Data Motion Update

Mr. Gallagher explained to the Committee that this information would be published when they publish the Fly Quiet Report. Mr. Zamore wants to discuss this data and would like to have that data made available. A simple daily excel spreadsheet, runway use, hourly. Compile to weekly, monthly, yearly. This would create systematic data. Mr. Romero asked if he is looking for hourly use, and points out the study we have been building, to provide an example to Massport.

Real-Time Noise Monitoring/Additional Noise Monitors Motion Update

Mr. Gallagher discussed that Massport is currently implementing, updating and fixing monitors. As the system updates, they will be able to view real time noise model and view actual data. Our request is being reviewed. Mr. Zamore trusts the model and that the monitors work for checks. Somerville has never had monitors, and is the second most populated impacted community, and not having monitors is concerning. Mr. Romero added that we wanted to take a look at that in advance, so there is baseline data. Mr. Navarra asked if the Noise Office could interact with us, and Mr. Gallagher believes the answer is yes. Mr. Romero asked if the Noise Office would provide an update at the January Executive Committee and Mr. Gallagher agrees.

RNAV Study Update

Mr. Gallagher notified the Committee that in addition to HMMH attending the January General Meeting to discuss the Fly Quiet Report, Dr. Hansman will also attend to provide update on status. Ms. Zlody asked what is causing the delay in his report and Mr. Gallagher is explained that the community meetings and waiting for feedback from the communities has caused the delay. Mr. Dougherty added that for several years we have looked for the pre-RNAV comparator. Slides from Dr. Hansman's presentation show change, using 2017 data. This is not a comparison of what was there prior to RNAV. He believes this is a disbenefit and that we are impacted adversely. He would rather see a comparator and thinks it's essential. Mr. Wright agrees, but if we have pre-post measures, they need to reflect data.

Noise Insulation Update – Massport CAC Counsel

Counsel provided updates regarding the Noise Insulation, and that she is pleased at the candor we have received from Mr. Doucette. She has prepared 9 follow up questions for him, thanks to the Committee for their feedback. Counsel explained that at this point, there are 200 households that are benefitted, but aren't included. Mr. Gallagher pointed out that in many cases, changes of ownership or residents' actual needs are what impacts this, and many do not want it. Ms. Bongiovanni asked for specific data for how many homes and where, and she wants to ensure that residents are aware of the program.



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Cape Air Seaplane Discussion

Ms. Zlody provided an update, and that she has been trying to get in contact with the Senior Vice President of Cape Air since July. Pier 4 was a potential location to land/dock. She has made attempts to call, and has left voicemails, but still has not heard from them. Pier 4 doesn't want them there, and a possible location could be Boston Water-boat Marina at Long Warf, but that is not set in stone at this time. No one has clarified to her the approval for taxi and at this point there is no place to dock. Mr. Romero added that this has been discussed at the Massport Board of Directors meetings and that it will not impact Logan's operations. They will use the 4L approach.

New Business

Mr. Gallagher briefly mentioned that there is an ongoing issue with local communities and drone operations, specifically parks located in the area surrounding Logan Airport. There have been several near misses involving drones and aircraft and this is causing a stir. If there are communities that require "No Drone" signage, that they can reach out to Massport for this.

Correspondence

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Zlody and passed unanimously.

Documents Associated with today's meeting:

Agenda

Draft Minutes from 10/8/2019 Executive Committee Meeting

Motion for approval

Updated Meeting Schedule

Draft Letter - Massport CAC Follow-up Questions on Noise Mitigation Funding to Mr. Doucette

Budget Transfer/Adjustment Motions

MCAC FY20 Initiatives