



MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 10TH, 2020 AT 10:30PM

Virtual Meeting Hosted – Zoom by RingCentral

Meeting Minutes

Present: Dave Carlon, Jerry Falbo, Thomas Dougherty, Maura Zlody, Wig Zamore, Roseanne Bongiovanni, Alan Wright

In Attendance: Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert, Counsel; Stephanie Ackley, Administrative Assistant; Anthony Gallagher, Massport; Fred Massaro

MCAC Committee Members: Irene Walczak/Hyde Park, Frank Tramontozzi/Quincy

Welcome to the Virtual Meeting

The meeting commenced at 10:37 AM, and attendance was taken by roll call. The Chair welcomed all guests to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes of September 8th, 2020

A motion was made by Mr. Carlon to approve the minutes from the October 6th, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Dougherty and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Treasurer's Update

FY21 Q2 Update

Mr. Dougherty provided the committee with an update. The Q2 deposit of \$75,000 was received. The departure of the Executive Director has created a surplus in the budget, and the expenses of Community Paradigm have added costs to Q2. Mr. Carlon had circulated the Memorandum of Understanding for the Committee for members to review to have a better understanding of how the funding works for the committee. We are expected to follow the rules and guidelines of the parent agency (Massport). Mr. Falbo explained that the only difference between the first MOU and the second MOU was the funding schedule. Ms. Bongiovanni joined the meeting following the Treasurer Update.

Administrative Assistant Job Title

Mr. Carlon explained that prior to hiring the Administrative Assistant that the committee drafted a job description with a temporary title. Ms. Ackley had made a request to change the title, as it has become obsolete. Mr. Carlon discussed the title change with Bernie Lynch of Community Paradigm Associates and have decided to change the title to Executive Assistant. Ms. Ackley added that the main reason for the request to change was due to the "Temporary" title and felt that at this time it is no longer a temp position. Mr. Carlon made a motion to change the Temporary Administrative Assistant title to Executive Assistant, which was seconded by Ms. Bongiovanni, and passed unanimously. Later in the meeting, Ms. Zlody asked if the committee needs to take any action in order to implement what the membership voted at the November 4th Annual Meeting regarding the salary increase for Ms. Ackley. Mr. Carlon explained that he would take it under advisement. He has discussed this with Bernie Lynch and will reach out to members to have an agenda item at our next meeting for Executive Session.

Executive Director Search Update

Ms. Bongiovanni provided an update on the Search Committee, and that they have met to review the position statement of the job. They have discussed the aspects of the job, and what is important to capture as part of the position statement. They have also discussed options for future scheduling, including when the job will be posted, when interviews will begin, and when the committee will begin to review candidates. The Search Committee has been asked to review the position statement and provide comments back to Bernie Lynch of Community Paradigm Associates. Mr. Carlon has reviewed the position statement and will offer some additional changes to modify it from the last Executive Directors position statement. He expects to hire a leader and advocate to be the voice of the MCAC. He wants to make the job clear according to the Enabling Act and lay out the expectations more clearly to the interested candidates. Mr. Falbo agreed, and added that he had also reach out to Bernie Lynch to make suggestions. Mr. Carlon explained that he understands the workload of this committee since he was doing the work prior to hiring the last Executive Director, and now that he is doing it again he feels that the new director may only be a part-time position. Mr. Wright appreciated the points Mr. Carlon raised, however he hoped to see additional data collection and analysis. He understands that this would be a lot of work, and the new director would need to oversee this. Mr. Falbo agreed with Mr. Wright, and that for many reasons, the position should be maintained as a full-time role. He explained that this individual should be available to meet with towns or communities and if you are going to do the job properly, the new director may even explore new avenues to achieve goals. Mr. Carlon explained that he never expected this committee to be doing the research Mr. Wright had suggested, and that we should be tapping resources to do these reports or analysis on our behalf. Ms. Bongiovanni explained that the Search Committee has had the conversation of what the job should be, and that it feels like the Executive Committee is interjecting into the process. She added that if members of the Executive Committee feel strongly enough about the role or details of the new directors position that they should consider being part of the Search



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Committee, or that there should be a joint meeting between the two committees. She is concerned that having continuing discussion is not productive and is not an efficient use of committee members' time. Mr. Carlon created the charge of the Search Committee to identify 3 candidates, not to change the job description, and that it is the job of the Executive Committee to decide the job with input. He explained that the job description had been crafted based on Executive Committee feedback, He also spoke to over 20 General Committee members by phone to obtain suggestions for what they think would be important characteristics of the job. Ms. Bongiovanni explained that the Search Committee was reviewing the job description as members of the CAC and that the job description has not changed so radically from the initial version. Mr. Zamore added that he provided feedback to Bernie Lynch. He added that we do not have the budget to do significant meaningful research. He also explained that that it will be important for the new director to be able to speak to aviation impacts and to understand what political pathways to use to find resolution. Mr. Wright clarified that he was not advocating that the Executive Director do the research but that they have an ability to acquire and report on data. Ms. Bongiovanni agreed, explaining that it is important to develop relationships in academia. Mr. Falbo explained that we have only focused on aviation, and we have yet to review shipping or other aspects of Massport.

FY21 Goals and Objectives

Mr. Carlon discussed the Goals and Objectives, and that he has spoken to Bernie Lynch of Community Paradigm Associates. Bernie has been working with Ms. Ackley to create a survey for members. This will be dispersed to members to gather feedback and then the committee will have a dedicated meeting to discuss the results. Mr. Zamore explained that given the ongoing pandemic, he expects that this will give the committee an extended period to develop these goals.

Mr. Carlon explained that due to the ongoing pandemic, Massport's finances are dire and that furloughs are now turning into layoffs. It is unclear how soon the airline industry will rebound from this pandemic. Mr. Zamore added that he believes that if things stay on course and President-Elect Biden takes office normally at the inauguration date that there will likely be a large capital investment bill focused on transportation and infrastructure. The fate of each metropolitan areas transportation will be impacted by this. Mr. Wright understands that although there is uncertainty with Massport, that we should not let that change our perspective or prevent us from establishing our long-term goals. He expects that in a year or two, post-COVID-19, that Logan Airport will be operating above where it was in 2019. Mr. Carlon explained that there is uncertainty on how much, if any, funding will be available to the committee next year.

Massport Budget Review (Collins Center) Update

Mr. Carlon explained that there is no update regarding the Collins Center. They are in the process of conducting their surveys, and when they are completed, they will provide this information to the committee. Mr. Carlon will follow up with them.

Review of Massport Community Programs and Funding

Mr. Carlon explained that Massport has provided the committee with the report their Community Programs and Funding. He explained that Massport currently provides to the community \$22.8M, and that \$21M are direct community payments. There is \$1.8M in community funding, civic partnerships, community foundation and charitable giving. Mr. Carlon would like to understand the context and to compare this breakdown with other comparable airports like JFK or LAX. He will ask Ms. Ackley to run some analysis on this and follow up at a later date.

Runway 4L Environmental Assessment Update

Mr. Dougherty provided an update regarding the 4L Environmental Assessment, and that the comment period is ending in 10 days. There has been outreach to Milton, Mattapan, Dorchester residents to participate. The FAA has hosted two workshops as well. The comment period ends on December 20th, and the residents and select boards are working to develop their comments to the FAA. Ms. Walczak asked why the Massport CAC has not submitted a letter regarding this issue and explained how her community of Hyde Park has been affected, not only with Runway 4L, but also with Runway 27, and Runway 33 changes. She feels that Hyde Park's DNL was never calculated and if the DNL was calculated for Runway 33, it would have shown significant impact. Instead of doing an Environmental Assessment, they would have had to do an EIS, which they never do. She believes that the FAA has never found significant impact from an Environmental Assessment. She added that there are communities that are not represented on the MCAC will be affected by this and likely have not been included in any of the Environmental Assessment. Mr. Carlon explained to Ms. Walczak that the committee has indeed sent letters as a committee. Mr. Dougherty explained that at his request there have been 3 separate letters sent to the FAA explaining in detail why the 4L EA should be postponed. He added that Ms. D'Alessandro was specifically told that it is irresponsible to be going forward with the process. He further explained the contents of these letters, including their specific requests regarding the suggestion to delay the process. Mr. Carlon explained that Massport has supported our letters to the FAA. He also explained that the FAA had a briefing for elected officials at the state level, to ensure that they took notice of the FAA's announcement. Both of those meeting was well attended by state and local officials, and there was meaningful exchange during these meetings. The committee has also extended our assistance and resources to two specific state representatives. Ms. Walczak feels that this entire Environmental Assessment is and egregious attempt by the FAA. Mr. Dougherty explained that there will be a substantial amount of comments on behalf of the town of Milton.



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Environment and Health Subcommittee Update

Mr. Zamore provided an update regarding the Environment and Health Subcommittee, and that he will work with staff to reestablish the subcommittee and develop a more regular schedule. He explained that we are working to schedule a presentation from Kevin Lane from BU School of Public Health. Mr. Carlon explained that the virtual meeting setting will allow the members to participate more easily.

Airport Noise Mitigation Discussion – Fred Massaro

Mr. Carlon introduced Mr. Massaro, formerly of Massport's Noise Mitigation Office. Mr. Massaro reviewed his presentation. Mr. Falbo thanked Mr. Massaro for his presentation and asked about a specific group of homes that were eligible due to loss of funds and shrinkage of the contour. Mr. Massaro explained that when the 1998 contour was established, they concentrated in South Boston because it was newly added to the contour. 300-400 homes in Winthrop were set aside, but the grant for the 1998 contour ran out of funding. Mr. Carlon asked Mr. Gallagher where Massport's response to the FAA's position of retreating specific pre-1994 homes. Mr. Gallagher explained that this issue has been severely impacted by the current revenue constraints due to the pandemic and will follow up. Mr. Falbo asked to see the updated contours. Mr. Gallagher is happy to get any information the Massport has on this. Mr. Carlon added that there should be a program in place that shows the cost, despite the question of Massport's funding issues. This would allow us to see what the program is, how much it costs, and that once there is a financial recovery, we might be able to pursue at a more appropriate time. Mr. Falbo explained that now is the time to establish the contours and have a program in place. Ms. Dopazo-Gilbert asked Mr. Massaro what he thinks the next step would be to move this forward and he suggested that we continue to ask for updates. Mr. Falbo added that what was previously told to us was that the pandemic has delayed the contours. Mr. Carlon suggested that we follow up with Massport to request the contour map, review the requirements on when it should have been established, and to request a program be developed, adding that if we are going to advocate to our elected officials, we need to be able to advocate for something specific, so we will need this information. Ms. Walczak explained that all of the studies were done prior to RNAV, and if it is possible to make information available to people living under the flightpaths, and if there could be rebates for homes installing new windows or insulation. Mr. Massaro explained that they attempted to work with local inspectional services to promote and establish an initiative but it was never implemented.

Update from Massport

COVID-19 Update

Mr. Gallagher explained that Logan Airport is doing rapid testing and antibody testing for COVID-19 at Terminal E. The passenger numbers are lower than they have been since the mid-1970's, and the financial situation is dire.

RNAV Study Update

Mr. Gallagher explained that he is happy to facilitate anything that will help get the RNAV Study closer to the finish line. Mr. Carlon explained that each potential solution has next steps, and they all differ. Dr. Hansman has given guidance to not act until January, after our next General Committee Meeting. Mr. Wright has gotten a letter of support from two city councilors, Michelle Wu and Ricardo Arroyo. Mr. Zamore added that the over-water solutions look much more appropriate but expects that other communities will be sensitive or surprised. Mr. Carlon explained that the Runway 22 Arrival communities will have working groups with elected officials and Massport. Regarding Runway 33 Departures, Dr. Hansman will be refining his analysis on two of the options which may align with specific requirements, and the communities will have to try and reach a consensus. Runway 4R Arrivals Communities are reviewing the dispersion options, Milton has approved 3 of the options, and will be engaging with other communities and officials. Mr. Tramontozzi will be submitting a letter on behalf of Quincy, they are opposed to what Milton has presented, and their letter will represent this.

New Business

None

Correspondence

Letter from Mayor's Office – Braintree

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Falbo, seconded by Mr. Zamore and approved unanimously by roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned.

Documents Associated with this Meeting:

Agenda

Draft Minutes from 10-6-2020 Executive Committee Meeting

Fred Massaro Presentation