



MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JANUARY 12TH, 2021 AT 10:30 PM

Virtual Meeting Hosted – Zoom by RingCentral

Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Roseanne Bongiovanni

In Attendance: Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert, Counsel; Stephanie Ackley, Executive Assistant; Anthony Gallagher, Massport; Thomas Butler, Massport; Fred Massaro, former Massport

Welcome to the Virtual Meeting

The meeting commenced at approximately 10:40 AM, and attendance was taken by roll call. The Chair welcomed all guests to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes of December 8th, 2020

A motion was made by Mr. Zamore to approve the minutes from the December 8th, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Dougherty. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Treasurer's Update

FY21 Year-to-Date Spending and Projection

Mr. Dougherty provided the committee with an update the fiscal YTD budget. Massport approved our request for Q3 funding and transferred funds to Citizen's Bank for Q3 forecasted expenses. We are now managing to the COVID-19 transitional budget. As expected, administrative and legal have increased due to the open Executive Director position and Executive Director search.

Temporary Expense Reduction Update

Mr. Dougherty presented a draft budget reflecting an expense reduction at the request of Massport due to COVID-19. Mr. Carlon commented that we are all in this situation together and he supports the temporary reduction of the Massport CAC budget to the end of the fiscal year (June 30). There was a question regarding our Memorandum of Understanding with Massport and if it would need to be amended. Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert, counsel, stated that it was not necessary at this time. Mr. Zamore commented that by the end of June we should have more clarity on the situation.

The following motion was provided by Mr. Dougherty, Treasurer:

In response to the request from Massport's Chief Executive Officer to the MCAC to support the MPA budget reduction initiatives resulting from the COVID19 pandemic and to reduce the MCAC budget for the current Fiscal Year 2021 (ending on June 30, 2021) the MCAC hereby agrees not to exceed the Treasurer's current recommended remaining budget and expenditures for FY21 at a total of \$220,000. This reduction is for FY21 only and is shall have no impact on future MCAC budgets.

Motion by Mr. Zamore to accept the Treasurer's proposed motion and second by Mr. Falbo. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Executive Director Search Update

Alan Wright provided a brief update on the Executive Director search. The search is on hold due to the pandemic and will resume when Massport funding resumes.



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FY21 Goals and Objectives

Mr. Carlon provided an update on the upcoming goals and objectives survey. There will be a survey to members for their feedback and review the results at a general meeting. Mr. Carlon suggested that we may need a dedicated meeting to review the survey results and discuss goals.

Runway 4L Environmental Assessment Update

Mr. Dougherty provided a brief update. The comment period has ended and the FAA is reviewing the comments and the assessment would be completed sometime this year.

Environment and Health Subcommittee Update

Mr. Zamore provided an update. He expressed his desire for a regular meeting schedule. There are studies being done by Tufts, B.U. and Olin College. Mr. Zamore commented that several of the Logan Airport noise contour maps do not show noise below 60 DNL. There is a need to view health impacts holistically. Air pollution has increased dramatically over the past decade.

Airport Noise Residential Soundproofing

Mr. Fred Massaro provided an update on the SFO soundproofing program. Mr. Carlon discussed the need to know the cost of the program so the committee and others could advocate to elected officials for residential sound insulation. Mr. Butler, from Massport, commented that Massport is in support of a legislative solution. Mr. Falbo asked Massport when the updated contour lines will be available for the public. Mr. Butler commented that the FAA manages the process.

Mr. Carlon offered a motion to be presented at the general meeting to request Massport to conduct a study. There was discussion on the motion. Mr. Dougherty, along with counsel, offered the following amendment:

To request the Massachusetts Port Authority to forthwith conduct an assessment of existing noise mitigation conditions and needs as well as replacement or improvement needs of all real properties (whether or not soundproofed) within the DNL65 contour and expanded eligible areas, including but not limited to those properties receiving sound treatment prior to 1994 in order to provide noise mitigation to reduce the sound levels and resultant injuries/damage from airplane noise emanating from operations at Boston Logan International Airport; and further, to request that Massport or its consultants, agents or contractors commit to implement the latest acoustical technology and materials in order to provide optimum noise mitigation for all eligible properties.

Motion by Tom Dougherty, second by Maura Zlody. Voted unanimously by roll call vote.

Update from Massport

Anthony Gallagher from Massport notified the committee that Frank Iaconvino, Manager of the Massport Noise Abatement Office, has retired. The committee expressed their good will to Mr. Iaconvino in his retirement and commented on his long tenure, expertise, and professionalism.

COVID-19 Update

Mr. Gallagher explained that Massport is still facing significant financial challenges due to the pandemic.

RNAV Study Update

Mr. Gallagher provided an update on the RNAV Study. Dr. John Hansman and the MIT team are planning on a briefing to the full committee in the spring. There was discussion by the committee on the outstanding analysis to be completed. The committee is waiting for a revised Runway 33L proposed procedure from MIT and the FAA. Mr. Zamore commented that the I 93 corridor in Somerville is highly impacted with 75 DNL on the top level of the triple-deckers next to the highway. Mr. Carlon commented on the need for Massport and the FAA to brief elected officials on the proposed procedures. Mr. Carlon highlighted the proposed Runway 22 arrival procedure over the Nahant Causeway.



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New Business

Ms. Ackley reminded the committee that the Massport CAC mail being held at the CIC rental office needs to be pick up.

Mr. Carlon offered a motion for the January 14, 2021 general meeting agenda.

The MCAC requests Massport to immediately take steps to formerly advocate, encourage, recommend and/or direct all airlines to consider dispersion/scheduling of all flights throughout the day-time hours and to avoid the more disruptive nocturnal hours; and further to take steps to encourage or otherwise incentivize the use of newer model aircraft to further reduce noise and environmental impacts.

Mr. Carlon stated that low flight volume due to the pandemic provided Massport more flexibility to advocate for those impacted. There was a discussion by the committee that the motion would not be meaningful. Mr. Carlon responded that it was important for the committee to advocate for a reasonable request to consider impacts when re-scheduling flights. Motion by Mr. Dougherty, Alan Wright. Approved unanimous by roll call.

Public Comment

Cindy Christiansen, Milton – requested that the Massport CAC follow-up on questions from the FAA’s briefing to the Massport CAC on alternative noise metrics.

Gina Cassetta, Salem – expressed concern that the City of Salem would have representation at briefing provided by MIT. Mr. Carlon assured Ms. Cassetta that Salem would be represented at a briefing.

Cindy Christiansen, Milton – comment that briefings by Dr. John Hansman, MIT, should be open to the public.

Irene Walczak, Hyde Park, Massport CAC representative, responded to Mr. Zamore’s comment on environment and health impacts. Ms. Walczak stated that Hyde Park has rail transportation impacts and impacts from the City of Boston school bus depot located in Hyde Park.

Adjournment

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

Documents Associated with this Meeting:

Agenda

Draft Minutes from 12-08-2020 Executive Committee Meeting

MCAC COVID-19 Pro Forma Budget

MCAC YTD Budget

Draft Motions for 01-14-2021 General Meeting