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VISION - QUIETER SKIES FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

MISSION – UTILIZING PARTNERSHIPS TO REDUCE AIRPORT NOISE FOR THE BENEFIT OF NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES

1. <u>CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, and QUORUM:</u> The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.by Chair Brad Pierce. The following were in attendance:

Arapahoe County: Katy Brown Kathleen Conti Cherry Hills Village: Greenwood Village: Karen Blilie Arapahoe County: Jim Dawkins Douglas County: Jamie Hartig Lone Tree: Susan Squyer Douglas County: Alison Biggs ACPAA: Robert Olislagers Robert Doubek Aurora: **Brad Pierce** AOPA: Castle Pines: Melissa Coudevras CABA: Don Kuskie

Centennial: Candace Moon

Also present were Alternate Representatives for *Arapahoe County*, Thad Bagnato; *Aurora*, Porter Ingrum; *Castle Pines*, Maureen Shul; *Centennial*, Andrea Suhaka: and *ACPAA*, Mike Fronapfel. Further, APA Staff Dylan Heberlein and Ted Michalakes from the APA Control Tower were in attendance.

Those absent were:

Castle Rock – Brett Ford/Julie KirkpatrickFAA APA Control Tower – Constance Ritchie/Foxfield - Dave Goddard/VacantRon CurryParker – Ryan McGee/Bryce MatthewsFAA District Office - Linda Bruce/Kandace KrullCDOT Aeronautics Division – Todd Green/VacantFAA TRACON – Steve Martin/Bill Dunn

- 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: On the motion of Alison Biggs, the agenda was approved.
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
- 4. <u>CONSENT AGENDA:</u> The Consent Agenda included the December 7, 2016 Draft Minutes. The Treasurer's Reports sent out were dated October 28, 2016 and January 4th, 2016. Due to questions about dates, the Treasurer's Reports were removed from the Consent Agenda. On the Motion of Katy Brown, the Consent Agenda was approved.
- 5. <u>ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:</u> Following discussion, it was agreed the figures contained in the Treasurer's Report dated October 28, 2016 had not changed during the remainder of the year, so a report containing those figures would be considered as the End of Year report for 2016. The date on the Treasurer's Report of January 4th, 2016, would be updated to January 4, 2017; the report showed a beginning balance of \$10,000 and an expenditure for work on the CACNR website of \$750, with a balance of \$9,250. On the motion of Katy Brown, the two reports were accepted as amended.

9. OTHER REGULAR MONTHLY REPORTS:

B. <u>AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u> – As indicated by the email forwarded to CACNR, the Denver Metroplex Community Involvement Meetings were being scheduled to be held in April, 2017. Robert Olislagers reported he believed 90% of the design had been completed, although no details had been shared; he was hopeful there would be maps and clear information available by the time of the meetings. Of particular concern will be the routes planned for transitioning from the new Metroplex design down to the landing patterns of the involved airports. Question was asked exactly what airports were being involved; were there more than those in the RNAV project. Olislagers indicated he would check. He announced that Mark Phipps had been reassigned, ostensibly for 60-90 days.

Olislagers also indicated the airport would be paying for some modeling to be done once the FAA shares anything specific about its plan. Request was made for that information to be shared with CACNR, so that communities would be able to respond from knowledge when there was opportunity for the public to provide any reaction to the FAA's plan. Olislagers indicated he felt this might be available before the April meetings.

6. <u>UPDATE ON FAA REPORTED ACTION ON CACNR FUNDING BY ACPAA:</u> Everyone had received a memo from Robert Olislagers on January 28, 2017 containing a letter from the FAA's Office of Compliance and Management, and his summary of that letter (attached).

Numerous questions and observations were raised by various CACNR representatives. Among them were:

- ✓ The airport had been funding CACNR since 2009 and now that the communities were offering to chip in the FAA has made that action a requirement. Was that fair?
- ✓ Aren't noise mitigation efforts the responsibility of any airport?

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- ✓ Allowing the airport to only match whatever amount the communities contribute, up to a cap, again did not seem fair. For example, if the communities put in \$5,000, then the airport would only put in \$5,000, but if the communities put in \$12,000, the airport would only be allowed to contribute \$10,000. Fair?
- ✓ What other airports have received this kind of requirement ruling from the FAA, or is this unprecedented action by the FAA?
- Other airports fund their roundtables, most at a much higher amount that \$10,000.

Olislager indicated some airports are under court orders as to how they deal with their roundtables, which does not apply here. He further indicated if CACNR wanted to tear up the proposed MOU, that would be fine.

By consensus, it was agreed the Study Group would meet to develop and bring a recommended response back to CACNR for its action.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. <u>COMMUNITY OUTREACH</u> Susan Squyer reported on the work being done to update the CACNR website. She anticipated having a demonstration of the site ready for review at the March meeting.
- B. <u>FLY QUIET</u> Chair Don Kuskie brought changes to the document as reflected in the November 10, 2016 record of the Committee meeting of that date. Question was ask if there needed to be an easier way for pilots to access the information, perhaps through an app or format for use with an iPad? Suggestion was made to "tweak" the grammar proposed for Panel 6 & &, and to correct the name of Lincoln Avenue. It was noted the extension of the Lone Tree noise sensitive area requested at an earlier meeting remained to be done; Susan Squyer would work with staff on that.

Karen Blilie moved to accept the concepts from the November 10, 2016 Fly Quiet meeting, and those discussed at this meeting. Motion seconded and carried. Airport staff would bring a final mock-up for approval at either the March or April meeting. The number to be printed remained to be determined, and the cost of the printing was requested.

C. <u>NOISE MONITORS</u> – Jim Dawkins reported the committee would be meeting after this meeting to discuss some possible changes in the reports CACNR receives. A request was made to correlate complaints to the frequency and decibel ranges at the noise monitors. It seemed there was a need to make more use of the knowledge available, as there is still a public perception that nothing changes regardless of the number of complaints which are lodged. It was noted the The Fly Quiet Committee would be looking at what some other airports do with the information they have, and would also be looking at information gathered in the old "Adopt an Airport" project which CACNR had done early in its existence. It was also noted that having dedicated staff to do this kind of background research would be extremely helpful, if the MOU project was ever able to be advanced.

Dylan Heberlein presented the noise report from November, December and year end, 2016. There had been 21,510 operations in December, down from 26,002 in November, 29,152 operations in October, 29,414 operations September, and 34,140 in August. Total operations for 2016 were 340,065, reportedly up 321 from 2015.

The twelve noise monitors had recorded 18.499 noise events in December, down from 20.418 in November.

Noise events by decibel range were provided: 13,602 in the 60 – 69 decibel range 4,221 in the 70 – 79 decibel range 62 in the 90+ decibel range

Total noise events in December (November) at each monitor were:

5,783 (6,395) events at the Golf Course monitor on airport property

3,375 (3,991) events at the Meridian monitor

2,126 (2,476) events at the Airport East monitor on airport property

2,018 (2,079) events at the State Park monitor

1,302 (1,366) events at the Grandview Estates monitor

1,270 (1,173) events at the Parker monitor

751 (872) events at the Lone Tree monitor

585 (678) events at the Greenwood Village monitor

513 (566) events at the Castle Rock monitor

421 (472) events at the Hunters Hill monitor

185 (196) events at the Castle Pines monitor

170 (154) events at the Sagebrush Park monitor

Correlations between noise events and noise complaints were not available.

773 total complaints from 57 households were shown during November, 2016; in December, there had been 495 complaints from 34 households. Year-to-Date, the November report indicated 9,690 complaints from 258 households. The 2016 Year-to-Date statistics indicated 10,185 complaints from 264 households. 2016 showed the second highest number of complaints in the previous 20 years, although the inclusions or exclusion of the top complainers may or may not have been consistent over those years.

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For December, in descending numerical order, complaints had come from Highlands Ranch, Greenwood Village, Unincorporated Arapahoe County, Centennial, Unincorporated Douglas County, Lone Tree, Aurora, Parker, and Denver." Castle Pines, Castle Rock, and Cherry Hills Village had lodged no complaints.

As reported in November, Year-to-Date, in descending order, complaints had come from Highlands Ranch (6,753 from 8 households); Unincorporated Arapahoe County (920 from 83 households); Greenwood Village (761 from 57 households); Unincorporated Douglas County (676 from 33 households); Centennial (363 from 31 households); Lone Tree (79 from 13 households); Castle Rock (47 from 5 households); Parker (33 from 5 households); Aurora (23 from 9 households); Denver (14 from 7 households); Other (12 from 3 households); Cherry Hills Village (9 from 4 households); and Castle Pines (0 from 0 households). Comparable figures for December, 2016, or end of year 2016 were not available.

November daytime complaints were 699 (904%); December showed 390 (78.8%). There were 74 November nighttime complaints (9.6%), and 105 nighttime complaints in December (21.2%).

With the complaints from the top complaining household removed, there were 169 complaints in December, down from 256 complaints in November. Year-to-Date, with the complaints from the top complainer removed, props were responsible for 47% of the complaints by aircraft type; jets were 21%; and helicopters were 11%. Departures continued to account for the most complaints, at 37%, with arrivals at 30%, training at 11%, overflights at 11%, and the remainder unknown.

The zone map, which shows the various zones around the airport and the complaints generated from each, was not provided. The Radar Track Density Map had been updated in December.

Question was asked if there should be a noise sensitive area in the Noise Abatement Guidelines for the Greenwood Village area. Following discussion of pros and cons, there was consensus CACNR would be agreeable to including or not including such an area in the guidelines, depending upon the comfort level of Greenwood Village.

8. FAA REPORTS:

- A. <u>DISTRICT OFFICE</u> None.
- B. APA AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER None.
- C. TRACON None.
- D. METROPLEX None.

9. OTHER REGULAR MONTHLY REPORTS:

A. <u>ARAPAHOE COUNTY PUBLIC AIRPORT AUTHORITY</u> – Jim Dawkins had represented CACNR at the December ACPAA meeting. There had been no January, 2017 ACPAA meeting.

Robert Doubek, ACPAA Chair, submitted the following report: "ACPAA BOARD MEETING NOTES – DECEMBER 8, 2016: A public hearing was opened and the 2017 Annual Budget and Resolutions 2016-08 and 2016-09 were approved. The 2017 Budget Revenue and Funds Available amounts to \$18,232,5000 with Total Expenditures of \$16,217,463 for a Carry Forward of \$2,015,037

"Also included in the Public Hearing was approval of the application of Raber Flight Services, LLC to conduct Air Charter Services. The applicant will use a Piper Seneca, which seats four, and plans to focus on charter flights for small groups. Jim Dawkins presented the Centennial Airport Community Noise Roundtable Update. Rjd /02/2017"

B. <u>AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT (continued)</u> – Robert Olislagers noted the new Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao is the wife of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell; her past experience in the Department of Transportation included working with the FAA. The new administration has asked for \$1.1 trillion for infrastructure, including airports, but there is no word if or how that might be implemented. There is apparently still interest in privatizing air traffic control, even though there are multiple factions opposed to the idea, and multiple concerns which have not been addressed. The fall-out from the hiring freeze instituted by the new administration remains to be seen.

He reported work is progressing on the new airport administration facility, being planned to have a joint use as a community facility. There will be a major runway project during the summer. He informed CACNR there will also be a charter school coming, beginning with grades 6 through 12 and then moving to K through 12, with a STEM emphasis. \$19 million has been raised for this effort so far. The exact school district to be involved is yet to be determined, but the plan is to open in 2018.

C. N.O.I.S.E. & NEXTGEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Brad Pierce reported he would be going to the next N.O.I.S.E. meeting in Washington, DC on March 13th, held in conjunction with the National League of Cities. His NextGen Advisory Committee meeting is February 22nd. The UC Davis conference is February 26 – March 1, 2017. He noted he and Alison Biggs would be returning from that meeting close to the CACNR meeting time, so Katy Brown would chair the CACNR meeting until they arrived. Jamie Hartig volunteered to serve as secretary if needed.

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10. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. <u>CONGRESSIONAL QUIET SKIES CAUCUS</u> Nothing new on follow-up to the invitation letter to Congressman Ken Buck. Brad Pierce and Susan Squyer were attempting to accomplish this.
- B. <u>FOURTH QUARTER LAND USE REVIEW</u> —This report was presented by Dylan Heberlein. Thirty referrals had been reviewed by airport staff between 10/1/2016 and 12/31/2016. Of these, five were approved as submitted; sixteen were subject to comments; and nine were not recommended. Seven of the latter were located in Parker; one in Douglas County, and one in Centennial. There was discussion of the differences in definitions between the airport and some of the involved jurisdictions, such as that between a hotel and an extended stay facility. Proximity to the ends or edges of the runways in restricted development areas causes great concern for the airport. Airport staff does attend meetings where such developments are being considered, to express that concern to those who give final approval or disproval of them. The safety of and to-be-anticipated noise complaints from eventual residents of those areas are also factors to be considered during those deliberations.
- C. <u>CACNR 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE AND REPRESENTATION TO ACPAA MEETINGS</u> Candace Moon agreed to represent CACNR at the February 9, 2017 meeting of ACPAA. The months of May, June, August, September, October, and November remained to be filled.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. <u>CACNR and OPEN RECORDS LAW</u> A response had been received from the airport's Director of Administration to the question of whether or not CACNR falls under the Open Meetings Law. The Chair asked if it would be possible to get an answer specific to CACNR from the airport's attorney. Robert Olislagers indicated he would ask for that clarification.
- B. <u>NOTICE FROM SECRETARY RE CACNR WORK PROGRAM REVIEW</u> The Secretary provided the following notice in compliance with the bylaws requirement: From Bylaws, "Article VIII.c. The CACNR Work Program shall be reviewed annually, for notation of work completed, the need to revise any portion thereof, or the need to add or delete goals for the coming year. Such review shall take place at the March meeting, with notice provided by the Secretary at the February meeting of each year."
- C. <u>NOTICE FROM SECRETARY RE ELECTIONS</u> The Secretary provided the following notice in compliance with the bylaws: From Bylaws, "Article IV.a. The Officers of CACNR shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, elected from the voting membership by a majority of the voting representatives present at the meeting when elections are held. All officers will continue to hold voting rights during their terms. Terms of office shall be one year. Elections shall be held at the March meeting of each year and officers will serve from April through March of the year following. There shall be no term limits."
- 12. <u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u> Kim Gibbs from unincorporated Boulder County was present. She is involved with Citizens for Quiet Skies which had filed a lawsuit against a skydiving company in the Longmont area for negligence and the nuisance factor by flying unusually loud planes over their homes. The lawsuit had been lost, and the group was determining whether or not to take the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. Factors to be considered included such things as advocacy for the numbers of individuals bothered by the noise; the number of citizens who were asking what they can do now to get some relief from their problem; the FAA's use of the 65 DNL versus a 55 DNL which has been recommended by a variety of groups; and whether noise abatement guidelines should/could be made more than voluntary. She was thanked for updating CACNR on her group's efforts, as noise roundtables throughout the country share many of the same basic concerns on behalf of their citizens.
- Question was asked if there was more to the airport's Land Use Guidelines as provided on the Land Use Review document. Categories included the Airport Influence Area; Restricted Development Area; Buffer Zone; Approach Area; and Runway Protection Zone. Robert Olislagers indicated the airport also uses guidelines from Arapahoe County.
- Question was asked about the cost of the room used for CACNR meeting at the Ramada Inn and Suites. Robert Olislagers indicated the hotel sits on airport property, and until recently had been free of charge. Apparently, a fee of \$150 is now being charged. There was a volunteer to secure other space for CACNR meetings if that would become necessary or desired, an offer which was appreciated.

13. NEXT MEETINGS:

- A. CACNR Mar 1, 2017 6:30 p.m. Ramada Hotel & Suites, 7770 South Peoria Street, Englewood, CO Apr 5, 2017 6:30 p.m. Ramada Hotel & Suites, 7770 South Peoria Street, Englewood, CO May 3, 2017 6:30 p.m. Ramada Hotel & Suites, 7770 South Peoria Street, Englewood, CO June 7, 2017 6:30 p.m. Ramada Hotel & Suites, 7770 South Peoria Street, Englewood, CO
- B. ACPAA March 9, 2017 3:00 p.m. Wright Brothers Room, Centennial Airport, 7800 S. Peoria Street, Englewood, CO (Jami Hartig representing CACNR)
 - April 13, 2017 3:00 p.m. Wright Brothers Room, Centennial Airport, 7800 S. Peoria Street, Englewood, CO (Andrea Suhaka representing CACNR)
 - May 11, 2017 3:00 p.m. Wright Brothers Room, Centennial Airport, 7800 S. Peoria Street, Englewood, CO (?? representing CACNR)
- 14. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Alison Biggs, Secretary

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