

Minutes Logan Community Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, January 15, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.

MOVED and seconded that the current officers be reelected by acclamation.

President – Sandra Kunz

Vice President – Jerry Falbo

Vice President – Wig Zamore

Vice President – Darryl Pomicter

Clerk – Declan Boland

MOTION AGREED TO – ONE ABSTENTION

COMMENT by Irene Walczak:

Questioned the validity of the Runway Use test because of runway closures during the test period and lack of metrics and weather data.

INFORMATION by Sandra Kunz and Jerry Falbo:

The organization of the new Massachusetts Port Authority Community Advisory Committee will occur on February 5, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at the Massport Executive Office Building, 1 Harborside Drive, E. Boston. Currently no Boston representatives have been appointed. Additionally, the original legislation that created the Massport CAC failed to include some communities that now participate in the Logan CAC. The recommendation is that those communities appeal to their representatives to amend the legislation to include them.

The FAA is experiencing thousands of complaints nationwide regarding concentration of flights under RNAV routes, exacerbated by the introduction of noise in communities that heretofore have not had overflights. The FAA is considering modifications to the RNAV program including dispersion of flights.

DISCUSSION:

As part of the Noise Study, a Noise Abatement Committee is to be formed with participants from the CAC, Massport and the FAA the function of which is to monitor compliance with agreements pursuant to the Noise Study. Numbers of members and membership criteria have not been defined but could include communities that are listed as Logan CAC members and may not also be Massport CAC members. Recommendation from the Hull representative and others that the CAC and individual communities seek the support of their federal and state representatives and that the representative be regularly informed of the noise issues affecting their community. Important that these requests be supported with specific recommended actions.

MOTION:

MOVED and seconded by John Stewart, Darryl Pomicter and others that the FAA (with technical assistance from Massport) update the radar flight track analysis of the runway 27 departures for 2014 with respect to RNAV way points and gates. Include analysis of standard deviation of the radar tracks and compliance with the Runway 27 ROD.

MOTION AGREED TO UNANIMOUSLY

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Moved by Darryl Pomicter and seconded, that:

The Logan CAC requests Massport provide basic Logan Airport noise abatement information:

1. Runway Use (Arrivals and Departures Operations) by Runway End.
2. Noise (Exposure and Impacts) by Runway End.
3. Noise (Exposure and Impacts) by Community from Runway End.
4. All aircraft (not just jets).

MOTION AGREED TO UNANIMOUSLY

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Moved by Wig Zamore and seconded that a subset of interested CAC members work up on a proposal (or variations on same) to use existing radar and flight track information to create a systematic and queryable online map based tool that any interested citizen could use to look up flight path (and noise information) at a wide array of spatial and temporal scales. For example by census tract or block group, by hour, day, week, month, etc. Any proposals worked up by the subgroup would be brought back before the full CAC for consideration and suggestions of refinement before any move to implement.

MOTION AGREED TO UNANIMOUSLY

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MOVED and seconded that Massport and FAA representatives attend the next CAC meeting to discuss availability of real time data, queryable data, graphical data and/or reporting standards regarding aircraft arrivals and departures that includes multiple variables including runway use, wind direction, altitudes, flight track locations, numbers of planes etc.

MOTION AGREED TO UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED and seconded that the communities of Arlington, Belmont and Watertown request through the CAC that the FAA re-examine Runway 33L RNAV SID, implemented in June of 2013, in light of the significant increase in noise complaints and negative feedback from communities since implementation and that alternatives or modifications be considered.

MOTION AGREED TO, ONE VOTE IN THE NEGATIVE

COMMENT:

Wig Zamore recommended that the CAC comment on the Massport Environmental Data Report as a body in addition to comments by CAC members or their communities.

Adjourn – approximately 8:15 P.M.

Submitted: Ralph Dormitzer 1/16/15