

DANE COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION
Noise Abatement Subcommittee
April 24, 2013
5:30 p.m.

Subcommittee Members Present: Rusk, Haight, Probasco, O'Loughlin

Staff Present: Livingston, Jensen, Butcher, Wright, Juffer

Technical Advisory Members Present: Dennis Vincent, FAA ATCT
Lt. Col. Steve Kensick, 115 FW
Jeff Davis, Wisconsin Aviation

Guests Present: Julie Louthier, Tim Wong, Melanie Foxcroft,
Colin Maitland, Mickey Kindley

- I. Call to Order.
Chair Rusk called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and introduced subcommittee members and airport staff. Guests and technical advisory group members introduced themselves.
- II. Public Comments.
None.
- III. Review of October 30, 2012 Noise Abatement Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.
Motion by Cmsnr. O'Loughlin, seconded by Cmsnr. Probasco moving approval of October 30, 2012 Noise Abatement Subcommittee minutes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- IV. Communication of Staff Including Any Items From Last Meeting.
None.
- V. Review of Noise Abatement Procedures.
Noise Abatement Officer Lowell Wright briefed the subcommittee on the airport's noise abatement procedures.
- VI. Review of Noise Complaint Activity.
Noise Abatement Officer Lowell Wright presented a review of the noise complaint activity for the last six month period. The airport recorded 58 complaints from 30 callers. Total aircraft movements for the past six month period were down 7.9%, compared to a year ago.

VII. Review Noise Audit Results.

Noise Abatement Officer Lowell Wright briefed the subcommittee on the noise audit results. Data was incomplete for the period due to the monitoring system being down. Audit information indicated 315 flights were able to utilize the airport's noise abatement procedures during the reporting period.

VIII. FAA – ATCT Discussion of Converging Flow Measures.

FAA Air Traffic Manager Dennis Vincent briefed the subcommittee on the FAA's new requirements regarding converging flow operations. Most significant change is the requirement of a ten-mile separation of aircraft to be able to conduct converging flow. Previous requirement was three miles. Airport Director Livingston asked Mr. Vincent for clarification of a complaint registered with Chair Rusk regarding air traffic control and pilot authority during periods when noise abatement procedures are able to be utilized. Mr. Vincent informed the group that the pilot in command of an aircraft has the ultimate authority in deciding the safest manner in which to arrive and depart an airport, regardless of noise abatement procedures being available or not.

IX. Discussion of Noise Related Concerns and Audience Questions.

Guest Melanie Foxcroft asked if it was possible to move more of the military flights elsewhere? (e.g. Camp Douglas/Volk Field). Lt. Col. Kensick informed the group that the 115 FW does deploy to Volk Field occasionally. Cmsnr. O'Loughlin further explained that there is a significant cost associated with the logistics and support package required to maintain the flying operations.

Guest Tim Wong inquired as to why the Air Guard unit couldn't be moved to Volk Field permanently? Cmsnr. O'Loughlin responded, explaining that the Air Guard unit injects over 89 million dollars a year into the Dane County area and provides over 1,000 highly technical jobs to people that prefer the quality of life in Dane County compared to Juneau County.

Guest Tim Wong inquired why only the F-16s can accept the 10 knot tailwind component for take off and landing. Dennis Vincent (FAA) informed the group it's an aircraft performance issue driven by engineered charts specific to each aircraft taking into consideration aircraft weight, engine power, runway length, and condition, wind direction, speed, and air departure, to ensure safe aircraft operation.

Guest Julie Louther thanked airport staff for researching and providing answers to her complaint and asked if there was a need for her to continue calling in a complaint. Chair Rusk and airport staff encouraged her to absolutely call the airport with issues she may have with aircraft flying near her home.

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X. Old Business.
None.

XI. New Business.
None.

XII. Adjournment.
Chair Rusk adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Rusk, Chair
Noise Abatement Subcommittee