Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Airport Commission - Noise Abatement Subcommittee

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Robert B. Skuldtn Conference Room at the Airport

A. Call To Order

Chair Rusk called the meeting to order at 5:31pm

Airport Staff in attendance: Livingston; Jensen; Stephens; Wright; North, and Langhart

Technical Advisory Group Members in attendance: Larry Darling, FAA-MSN ATCT Manager; Col. Jon Kalberer, 115th FW WIANG; and Lt. Col. Mike Dunlap, 115th FW WIANG

Members of the Public: Mike Wisniewski; Steven Schulenberg; Marie Jacobson; Fred Fass; Finn Ryan; Mary Sanderson; Mary Jo Walters; Jeff Schumann; Ross Ivanova; and Erik Metner

Present  2 - Supervisor DENNIS O'LOUGHLIN, and Chair PAUL RUSK

Absent  2 - WILLIAM HAIT, and WILLIAM F. WHITE

B. Introductions

Chair Rusk introduced subcommittee members, staff, and the Technical Advisory Group.

C. Review and Consideration of April 24, 2017 Noise Abatement Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

1. 2017 MIN-054

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Attachments: 2017 MIN-054

A motion was made by Supervisor O'LOUGHLIN, seconded by Supervisor RUSK, that the minutes from the April 24, 2017 meeting be reviewed and approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

D. Review of Noise Abatement Procedures
Noise Abatement Officer, Wright presented a review of noise abatement procedures.

Discussion centered around the early morning arrivals and departures of Federal Express (Fed Ex) aircraft. Wright explained that these arrivals and departures take place before the Airport Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) opens and due to winds and pilot discretion, they coordinate their flight patterns with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Chicago Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC). In addition, overnight pre-selected use of the Instrument Landing System (ILS) for Runway 36 is a contributing factor.

Wright will also gather arrival/departure data from Fed Ex. Director of Operations and Public Safety, Michael Stephens will also contact the Fed Ex Flight operations office to discuss noise abatement procedures.

ATCT Manager, Larry Darling described the arrival/departure procedures here at the Airport.

E. Review of Noise Complaint Activity

1. Commercial

2. Military

Wright presented a power point of the complaint activity.

Wright explained the change in Military Operations due to the closing of Runway 18-36 for runway repairs in September and the increased use of Runway 3-21, in which increased activity took place over the city of Madison. He explained the Runway 18-36 closure and the displacement of F-16s due to the deployment to South Korea. There was also an additional increase in large military type aircraft used to transport troops and equipment, as well as humanitarian relief to Puerto Rico due to hurricane Maria. Citizens requested to improve notification of future meetings rather than just via newspaper. Wright will look into other avenues of notifying citizens of future meetings, such as e-mail notifications.

F. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

An enthusiastic discussion took place regarding the potential arrival of the F-35.
G. Review of Noise Audit Results

Upon completion of the F-35 discussion, Rusk requested that Wright continue with the powerpoint presentation detailing the noise audit results.

H. Discussion of Noise Related Concerns and Audience Questions

There were questions from citizens concerning military noise specifically related to the F-35. Military detailed the Environmental Impact Study process and notification to area residents. An "open house" is scheduled at Madison Area Technical College, Thursday, January 11, 2018 to provide more information concerning the Environmental Impact Study. Additional complaints were raised regarding the increase in F-16 noise. Military representatives described area safety and arrival procedures. The FAA ATCT and the Air National Guard have scheduled to discuss F-16 arrival patterns.

I. Old Business

The Noise website has been updated to include aircraft arrival/departure information. An additional powerpoint slide was added to exhibit outlying noise complainant information in a more realistic format.

J. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

K. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor RUSK, seconded by Supervisor O’LOUGHLIN. Motion carried by a voice-vote. Chair Rusk adjourned the meeting at 7:09pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Director of Operations and Public Safety, Stephens, and Noise Abatement Officer, Wright, on behalf of Chair Rusk.

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