



LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

Recap of The Meeting of March 14, 2007

Roundtable Members Present

John McTaggart, Chairman Representing LA County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe
Denny Schneider, Westchester /Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Council
Carl Jacobson, Councilman, City of El Segundo
Gary Parsons, Councilman, City of Hawthorne
Mike Cassidy, Representing Hermosa Beach City Councilman Sam Edgerton
Tammy Evans, City of Monterey Park
Roy Hefner, LAX Area Advisory Committee
Beverly Ackerson, PANIC
Roger Johnson, LAWA
Scott Tatro, LAWA
Walt Gillfillan, Roundtable Facilitator

1. Call to order

Roundtable Chairman John McTaggart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom, LAX

2. Discussion/Consideration of Recommendations from the Noise Subcommittee Regarding Alternative Noise Metrics and the LAX Noise Monitoring System Replacement Project – Denny Schneider

Mr. Schneider led the discussion of the Noise Subcommittee report to the Roundtable. He noted that the number of events above a defined level was of interest to the Subcommittee as was the use of grid points in defining noise impact areas. Mr. Hefner noted that the LAX Area Advisory Committee supported the Subcommittee's recommendations to the Roundtable.

Mr. Tatro noted that the new noise monitoring system will accommodate a wide range of application of noise metrics. He noted that noise cancellation efforts have been focused on small scale applications such as aircraft cabin interiors. The use of the portable noise monitors can be selectively used to study local areas and can provide the same information as a permanent monitor.

Action was taken to forward the recommendations noted in the Subcommittee's report to the Executive Director to be considered by the LAWA staff. These recommendations included:

- Use the portable monitoring capability to respond to community concerns
- Avoid using % statistics – use actual numbers instead
- Check new technology for possible noise cancellation capabilities

- Provide single event noise data in the form of daily and monthly averages
- Provide single event information in the form of:
 - SEL
 - L_{max}
 - Time Above
 - Number of Events Above, by time of day
 - C-scale noise events for low frequency noise

Mr. Nate Higbe of Lochard presented information on the current status of the Noise Monitoring System replacement program. He noted that there had been some delays in locating monitors, though twenty-two have been installed to date at LAX. Staff training is currently underway.

The Roundtable took action to write a letter of supporting the LAWA efforts to obtain the new system and to augment its capabilities.

3. Report On The 22nd Annual UC Davis Aviation Noise Symposium – Denny Schneider

Denny Schneider, Roy Hefner and Gary Parsons were able to attend the Symposium. Mr. Schneider reported the following highlights that he had noted:

- The CNEL metric, by itself, was not sufficient to identify community noise impacts
- The individual session were productive
- Interesting information about the accuracy of radar generated aircraft flight tracks
- The Chicago O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission summary was interesting

Councilman Parsons reported that:

- His interest in the Oakland International Airport/Community Form presentation
- The CNEL metric was not sufficient to identify community noise impacts
- Interested in the single event noise metrics, particularly number of event above
- Liked the Boeing presentation and the research on the “quiet aircraft”

Mr. Hefner reported that:

- In the issues involving compatible land uses, the FAA has no jurisdiction over local land use decisions
- Interested in the call for support of the FAA Reauthorization Bill currently in the Congress
- The regulatory aspects of the air quality issues as compared to the guidelines offered for noise

An action was taken to prepare a letter to the FAA in support of the passage of the reauthorization bill.

5. Status Update of the LAX Part 161 Study – Roger Johnson

Mr. Johnson noted that the aviation activity forecast was waiting for information from the LAX Master Plan Restudy results. It is important that the two sources are identical as the information will be input to the noise modeling for the Part 161 study.

6. Roundtable Member Discussion

Mr. Johnson noted that a previous action by the Roundtable had directed that a letter be sent to the Air Transport Association inviting a representative to rejoin the Roundtable efforts. ***The members directed that Mr. Gillfillan prepare a draft letter for the Chairman's signature.***

Mr. Johnson informed the Roundtable that he serves on the ICAO Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP). That committee recently adjourned to its next meeting in 2010 leaving two important actions for "future work". ***The Roundtable accepted his suggestion that Mr. Gillfillan prepare a background memo for its consideration.***

Mr. Gillfillan informed the Roundtable that the next UC Davis noise symposium is scheduled for March 2-5, 2008 at the Hilton Hotel in Palm Springs, California

Mr. Johnson suggested that it has been some time since the Roundtable's Work Program has been reviewed and updated. ***The Roundtable directed Mr. Gillfillan to prepare a status report on the Work Program and offer possible revisions for its consideration.***

7. Comments from the Public

None

8. Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the Roundtable will be convened at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, May 9, 2007 in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom, LAX.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. in memory of Councilman John Gaines, City of El Segundo with condolences to his family.