

Meeting Minutes
RMMA Community Noise Roundtable - Regular Meeting No. 9
September 13, 2021
Approved at the October 11, 2021 Regular Meeting No. 10

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The September 13, RMMA Community Noise Roundtable Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mark Lacin at approximately 9:00 A.M. XXX called the Roll. A quorum (at least 4 Members present) was present, as follows:

Town of Superior Mark Lacin, Mayor Pro-Tem
Town of Arvada John Marriott, Council Member
Boulder County Matt Jones, County Commissioner
City and County of Broomfield Deven Shaff, Council Member
Jefferson County Tracy Kraft-Tharp, County Commissioner
City of Westminster Kathryn Skulley, Councilor
City of Louisville Jeff Lipton, Council Member

2. Approval of the Agenda

Agenda approved unanimously

3. Approval of the Minutes for the August 9, 2021 RMMA Community Noise Roundtable Regular Meeting No. 8

Minutes Approved unanimously

4. Public Comment:

Chairperson Lacin opened the Meeting for public comments. He noted the comment period is limited to 30 minutes and 3 minutes per speaker.

Brad Walker, Superior
Jen McCallum, Arvada
Mike Sutton, Stanley Lake
Connor Efran, Erie County
Charlene Willey, Westminster
Kate Antil, Westminster
Michiataka Onizuka, Broomfield
Kostantin Azarov, Louisville
Bri Lehman, Lafayette
Marj Wake, Westminster

****John Marriott moves to open the floor to accommodate five additional people for public comment. Kathryn Skulley seconded the motion and it was approved.****

Tina Francone, Littleton
Jim Shima, Superior
Joni Inman, Golden
Parker Brown, Westminster
Jay McBurney, Countryside

5. Roundtable Agenda Items

A. RMMA Presentation on Strategic Business Plan

Nick Johnson (Johnson Aviation) and Paul Anslow (Airport Director) presented RMMA Strategic Business Plan. Mr. Anslow started by noting that even though the FAA does not require airports to have master plans, RMMA has a master plan, and has for decades, that it updates regularly in coordination with the FAA. The next update to the RMMA Master Plan is scheduled for 2028.

Mr. Anslow noted that in the Spring of 2018, the Airport Advisory Board (AAB) was created to refine the airports mission, vision, and goals; a part of which was to design the developmental framework for determining the highest and best use of available land to develop. Mr. Anslow then reached out to Johnson Aviation for help in developing a strategic business plan.

Mr. Johnson began by highlighting the airport goals as laid out by the AAB:

- Ensure safe airport operations through well-maintained airfield and trained and responsive staff
- Leverage RMMA resources and unique community assets to foster energy transition innovation. in advanced aviation technology, to support environmentally sustainable development and operations.
- Drive growth in diverse aviation sectors to achieve sustainable airport revenues and economic development for the region.
- Invest in infrastructure that supports the long-term strategic growth of the airport.
- Develop airport property that maximizes airport resiliency and that is compatible with existing airport uses while engaging the surrounding communities.

Mr. Johnson presented slides of the airport's capital improvement program illustrating previous investments in the north side of the airport and on runway improvements noting that because the north side of airport is largely built out, the focus of future development of the airport property will be in the southwest quadrant.

Two general focuses for the use of this area were described - a commercial service focus (commercial passenger facilities, parking, roadway infrastructure to terminals) and a general aviation focus (larger hangars, smaller hangar area, manufacturing support facilities).

Mr. Johnson reviewed the development evaluation matrix used to rank and rate different types of uses against one another. This tool helps to weigh development proposals against each other by looking at the different noise profiles that may accompany different uses.

Mr. Johnson outlined 6 recommendations for RMMA.

- RMMA should preserve adequate airfield-adjacent space on the southside of the airport for commercial passenger service development.
- RMMA should preserve adequate space for corporate hangar/flight department development space on the southside of the airport.

- RMMA should preserve adequate space on the southside of the airport for aircraft manufacturing and similar aeronautical businesses.
- RMMA should preserve adequate space on the southside of the airport for an additional fixed base operator (FBO), or expansion of an existing FBO.
- RMMA should preserve aeronautical research and development space on the southside of the airport that can allow for aircraft access to future taxiway system.
- RMMA should prioritize T-hangar development on the southeast quadrant development area in the near term.

Mr. Johnson highlighted several common themes that emerged in their feedback from the public participation in the process. He concluded his presentation by saying that RMMA is now ready to consider development proposals.

Jeff Lipton stated that he liked the general direction of the strategic business plan and then asked a clarifying question about the development evaluation matrix in the strategic business plan. Mr. Lipton voiced a concern about the matrix as an inadequate tool for guiding decisions because of potential manipulation of the weighting of the criteria.

Mr. Lipton asked if environmental impact criteria included noise considerations.

Mr. Johnson noted the unique development challenge facing RMMA because of the residential development that has occurred in the nearby community.

Mr. Laci echoed concerns about using the matrix as an evaluation tool because of the difficulty in fairly and appropriately weighting the matrix categories. Mr. Laci requested that the strategic business plan going forward consider prioritizing seeking businesses that will have less noise impacts on the surrounding community.

Matt Jones raised concerns that preserving open space and mitigating noise was not being considered enough within the strategic business plan. Mr. Jones stated that the airport development framework and the roundtable to mitigate and reduce noise are “fundamentally at odds.” He said that he thinks “we’re going in the wrong direction” with regard to the strategic business plan because there are not sufficient considerations about the noise impact. He concluded by reminding the group that “our job is to mitigate and reduce” noise.

Commissioner Kraft-Tharp thanked Mr. Johnson and Mr. Anslow for their presentation and availability.

Ms. Skulley thanked Mr. Johnson and Mr. Anslow for their presentation and time.

Mr. Laci asked Mr. Johnson to circulate his powerpoint presentation from the meeting to the roundtable members and Mr. Johnson said he would work to get it online as well. Mr. Laci noted that public comment is open until September 15.

B. RMMA Response to ABCx2 Recommendations and Report on Implementation of Recommendations.

Mr. Lacin noted that the roundtable was past time. He asked Ben Miller if he preferred to go into item 5B at this meeting or push it to October's meeting. Mr. Miller recommended pushing it to next month. Mr. Lacin moved to table agenda item 5B for next month's meeting if there were no objections. There were no objections.

C. Consideration/Discussion of Hybrid Meeting Options

Mr. Lacin recommended tabling agenda item 5C and 5D. Mr. Lacin suggested making an ask to the roundtable's counsel to present them with the legal mechanics of allowing an additional member to the roundtable so they can consider what the rules and requirements are to add a new member.

Kraft-Tharp asked Mr. Lacin if it took a change in the bylaws or the IGA to be able to add a new member. Mr. Lacin responded by saying that is what he would want the county attorney to weigh in on.

Kraft-Tharp asked if the roundtable could have a larger discussion around changes to the IGA that they'd like to make. Mr. Lacin said he was open to that.

Mr. Lacin moved that agenda items 5B, 5C, and 5D be moved to the October meeting. There was no objections.

D. Discussion of Lafayette Request to Join RMMMACNR

6. Committee or Board Member Reports

City of Arvada - none

Boulder County - none

City and County of Broomfield - none

Jefferson County -

- Commissioner Kraft-Tharp noted thanked the airport staff for their help with recent tours and shared upcoming noise training opportunities and learning more about a noise study.
- Commissioner Kraft-Tharp requested a financial update on the roundtable.

City of Louisville -

- Mr. Lipton shared that at its last city council meeting, the City of Louisville had a presentation of flight path and visualization of flights coming over the community showing over 5,000 flights during the month of June 2021.

City of Westminster - none

7. Future Agenda Items

8. Adjournment

Mr. Lacin adjourned at 11:22 a.m.