

Meeting Minutes
RMMA Community Noise Roundtable
June 13, 2022 - 9:00 AM
Approved at the July 11, 2022 Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The June 13, 2022, RMMA Community Noise Roundtable Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mark Lacis at approximately 9:00 A.M. A quorum (at least 5 Members present) was Present, the roll was as follows:

Town of Superior	Mark Lacis, Mayor Pro-Tem
Town of Arvada	
Boulder County	Matt Jones, County Commissioner
City and County of Broomfield	Austin Ward, Councilmember
Jefferson County	Tracy Kraft-Tharp, County Commissioner
City of Westminster	Nancy McNally, Mayor
City of Louisville	Kyle Brown, Councilmember
City of Lafayette	Tonya Briggs, Councilmember

2. Approval of the Agenda

Tracy Kraft-Tharp moved for approval of the agenda with the modification that the Centennial Airport presentation be brought forward to begin immediately after public comment. The motion was seconded by Austin Ward. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes for May 9, 2022 RMMACNR Regular Meeting

Tracy Kraft-Tharp moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Mark Lacis. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment

Charlene Wiley, City of Westminster
Bri Lehman, City of Lafayette
Brad Fountain, City of Westminster
Brad Walker, Town of Superior

5. Roundtable Agenda Items

- D. *Presentation from Centennial Airport Noise Roundtable*
Executive Director of Centennial Airport, Mike Fronapfel, provided an overview of Centennial Airport and activities related to aircraft noise impacts. Centennial Airport is the 2nd busiest general aviation airport in the country, with over 300,000 operations from a

fleet mix similar to that of RMMA. Centennial is managed through an airport-authority appointed by Arapahoe and Douglas County Commissioners.

As a busy general aviation airport in the Denver area, Centennial is both familiar with aircraft noise impacts and has undertaken several efforts to address them. The airport began a Part 150 Study in the 1990s in response to both a changing traffic mix and residential homes located within the 65DNL contour. The study process was delayed due to a loss in Federal funding related to a violation of the airport's FAA sponsor assurances.

When completed in 2008, the study included twelve recommendations to address aircraft noise impacts. These recommendations included the formation of a community noise roundtable, implementation of a Fly Quiet Program, installation of a noise monitoring system and noise abatement office. The Centennial Airport Noise Office has an annual operating cost of approximately \$201,000, with the most significant costs being noise monitoring software subscriptions and staffing. Centennial Airport has sought to seek a balance between addressing aircraft operations through a voluntary noise abatement program with compatible land use and planning.

Tracy Kraft-Tharp asked how Centennial was able to transition to a non-adversarial roundtable where members work together towards a common purpose. Mike Fronapfel acknowledged that the roundtable was not always uncontentious, but that the Part 150 study and resulting recommendations allowed the airport and roundtable to focus on seeking solutions. He also cautioned that the Part 150 study did not resolve noise complaints but allowed progress around the edges.

Matt Jones asked whether the noise monitoring program has resulted in any changes. Mike Fronapfel stated that the noise monitoring program is not allowed to be used for enforcement procedures, but staff has used it on occasion to follow up with individual aircraft tenants. The program also effectively validates noise and/or operational complaints by allowing staff to research actual noise levels and/or altitudes related to a specific aircraft complaint.

Mark Lacis asked about the details of the Centennial Community Noise Roundtable budget. Mike Fronapfel stated that the budget is relatively consistent, with predictable ongoing costs related to the noise monitoring system and airport noise roundtable. The airport provides \$10,000 in funding for the roundtable, matched by \$12,000 by the participating communities. Airport staff support the roundtable, while the FAA and CDOT Division of Aeronautics are always invited to attend and participate. Centennial aims to complete another Part 150 study in 2023.

Mike Fronapfel also stated that the roundtable's most effective contributions has been towards working with airport staff to communicate airport impacts and implement the noise monitoring program rather than in working towards actual operational changes.

RMMACNR members further discussed their takeaways from the Centennial presentation, including the role of the Centennial roundtable and the goals of the airport.

A. *Airport Director Update*

B. *RMMACNR Financial Update*

Airport Planner Ben Miller stated that invoices for 2022 dues should be sent out either later in June or July. Staff time for the roundtable in May was approximately 16 hours.

C. *Update on RMMACNR Meeting Facilitation Consultant Search*

Ben Miller stated that the airport staff sent out a request for quotes to meeting facilitators in the region on May 10th. The airport received no responses by the due date of May 25th.

E. *Consideration and Adoption of Dues for 2023*

Mark Lacis stated that the RMMACNR needs to set the dues for 2023 by July 31st in order to comply with the by-laws, while a 2023 budget needs to be set no later than November 30th. The recommendation being considered is to set the dues at \$12,000 per member for 2023. The increase in funding would allow the roundtable to engage an aviation consultant and allow the roundtable to advance it's work program.

Tracy Kraft-Tharp stated that she would like to see the RMMACNR stay at the \$3,600 per member until there is a better understanding of the budget. Mark Lacis suggested that the roundtable was not obligated to spend the additional funding if dues were increased, but that having the funds in place would allow the roundtable to set budgets and tasks based on a majority basis. Tracy Kraft-Tharp agreed with this method of moving forward.

Austin Ward stated that he would prefer that the dues are retained at \$3,600 until a clear direction is set by the roundtable. Mark Lacis suggested that the adopted work plan has set the desired direction for the roundtable, but that consultant support is required to advance some of the work program items. Kyle Brown also stated that he thought it was a priority for the City of Louisville to adequately fund the roundtable in order to make progress. Matt Jones stated that he would need to be clear about what an increase in funds would be used for prior to seeking approval of the increase with Boulder County. Nancy McNally stated that she would also need further information prior to seeking an increase with the City of Westminster.

Matt Jones noted that the Centennial presentation indicated that the airport contributes \$10,000 towards the roundtable while other members contribute a total of \$12,000 annually. In addition, Centennial Airport funds a full-time environmental planner. Tracy Kraft-Tharp responded that RMMA also provides many of the same services as Centennial while providing economic benefits to the region. Matt Jones responded that the Centennial Airport suggests a different potential model for the RMMACNR.

Mark Lacis and Tracy Kraft-Tharp requested a comparison between Centennial and RMMA, and a clarification on what airport revenues can be used for. Airport staff also observed that the RMMACNR are seeking ways to fund items that were funded primarily by the FAA at Centennial due to their eligibility for a Part 150 study. There was further discussion over how the 65DNL contour for eligibility is determined.

Kyle Brown stated that the RMMACNR needs to get past the funding issue so that the RMMACNR can begin discussing the substance. Kyle Brown made a motion to set the RMMACNR dues for 2023 at \$12,000 per member, seconded by Tracy Kraft-Tharp. Mark Lacis stated that his understanding of the by-laws is that this action sets the dues of the RMMACNR for 2023, which will subsequently be invoiced to the member governments without the need for individual action by the members. The City and County of Broomfield, Jefferson County, City of Lafayette, City of Louisville, and Town of Superior voted for the motion. Boulder County and the City of Westminster voted against the motion. The motion passed 5-2.

6. Committee or Board Member Reports

Tracy Kraft-Tharp mentioned the JAA Fly-In and Commemorative Air Force event that recently occurred at RMMA.

Nancy McNally stated that she cannot guarantee that the City of Westminster will approve the increased dues.

7. Future Agenda Items

a. Local area land use presentations

Each member government be prepared to answer the following questions:

(1) In next 5-10 years, what areas are anticipated to be developed? (2) What are the current land use designations of those areas? (3) What mitigation strategies have been used thus far? (4) What mitigation strategies are going to be employed going forward?

i. July Meeting

1. Town of Arvada
2. Boulder County
3. City and County of Broomfield
4. Jefferson County

ii. August Meeting

1. City of Lafayette
2. City of Louisville
3. Town of Superior
4. City of Westminster

8. Adjourn

Mr. Lacis adjourned at 11:08 a.m.