

Meeting Minutes
RMMA Community Noise Roundtable
July 11, 2022 - 9:00 AM
Approved at the August 8, 2022 Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The July 11, 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
City of Arvada	John Marriott, Councilmember
Boulder County	Matt Jones, County Commissioner
City and County of Broomfield	Deven Schaff, Councilmember
Jefferson County	Tracy Kraft-Tharp, County Commissioner
City of Lafayette	
City of Louisville	Kyle Brown, Councilmember
City of Westminster	

2. Approval of the Agenda

John Marriott moved for approval of the agenda, seconded by Tracy Kraft-Tharp. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes for June 13, 2022 RMMA CNR Regular Meeting

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

4. Public Comment

Bri Lehman, City of Lafayette
Charlene Wiley, City of Westminster
Brad Walker, Town of Superior
Joshua Cooperman, City of Louisville
Lou Ramos, Town of Superior
Robert Rankin, City and County of Broomfield
Elizabeth Heidl, Skyestone
Greg Boom, City of Arvada

5. Roundtable Agenda Items

A. Update on City of Westminster's Withdrawal from CNR

Mark Lacis noted that the City of Westminster has sent a letter indicating their intent to withdraw from the RMMACNR with 30 days notice. RMMACNR members discussed how to better detail the progress and future direction of the roundtable. However, it was also noted that the by-laws and adopted work plan set the goals, expectations and future activities of the

B. Airport Director Update

Airport Director Paul Anslow provided a noise update with 2nd quarter noise complaints for 2022. He also provided a comparison between Centennial Airport and RMMA, both in terms of typical airport characteristics as well as in addressing noise impacts. Centennial Airport and RMMA are similar in terms of their size and fleet mix, but Centennial has had significantly higher operations over the past twenty years.

Centennial was also eligible for FAA funding for a Part 150 Noise Study due to existing residences being located within the 65DNL noise contour. The funding for this study allowed Centennial to launch an extensive noise monitoring system with monitors located throughout the surrounding communities. Both airports have staff who respond to noise complaints, with Centennial having a dedicated noise officer while RMMA operations staff share the duties among three separate staff members.

Paul Anslow also provided a clarification on the projected economic benefits of RMMA, including some of the significant tenants that create jobs and services for the region.

C. RMMACNR Financial Update

Airport Planner Ben Miller stated that invoices for 2022 dues would be sent out in July. Staff time for the roundtable in June was approximately 13 hours.

D. Local Area Land Use Presentations

i. Arvada

Rob Svetana, City Planning and Development Manager for the City of Arvada, reviewed recent land use growth and future plans for portions of Arvada adjacent to RMMA's airspace. The most significant area that could be impacted by airport operations is the still developing Candelas development, with a mix of commercial and residential housing.

RMMACNR members noted that there has not been a history of complaints from areas in Arvada. John Marriott noted that he did not have concerns over future noise impacts for proposed developments in Arvada. Tracy Kraft-Tharp suggested that future residents might still benefit from being notified of the potential for airport impacts. Some members discussed whether there was an appropriate mechanism for providing notice about airport impacts. Other members noted that

the airport impacts have grown overtime, to the point that long-term residents are now impacted. The pros and cons of aviation easements were also discussed.

ii. Boulder County

Andrea Vaughn, Long Range Planner with Boulder County, reviewed the land use trends and future plans for unincorporated Boulder County. She emphasized that, Boulder County has intentionally planned for future growth to occur in the municipalities, partially through the use of 35 acre minimum lot sizes throughout most of unincorporated Boulder County. In combination with the significant amount of county-owned open space, Boulder County does not anticipate significant new development that would be impacted by airport operations.

iii. Town of Superior

Mark Lacis provided an overview of the recent and upcoming development projects occurring in the Town of Superior. Most of the new development that will occur in Superior will be along the US36 corridor, to include Downtown Superior with up to 1,400 new residences. Along with these new developments, the Town of Superior also expects to see the rebuilding of neighborhoods impacted by the Marshall Fire.

There was some discussion over development referrals to the airport, and what requests and comments could be accommodated as part of the development review process.

E. *Discussion -- Arrival/Departure Flight Path Changes*

Mark Lacis stated that he would like to restart the discussion over VFR arrival/departure procedures and wanted discussion over what would be possible to achieve without hiring a consultant. Paul Anslow stated that he saw two problems. The first is the City of Westminster's withdrawal from the roundtable and still needing to seek and show consensus on routes. The FAA stated that they would want to see regional consensus prior to them studying any potential changes. The airport does believe that it can work with the previously formed noise task force to identify a local solution that would steer pilots over certain routes, with the cooperation of air traffic control.

The second problem is that the most frequent suggested solution is to identify routes that avoid residential areas by overflying open space, which may not be supported by some members of the roundtable. The airport would then be in a position of requesting time and buy-in from task force members only to potentially be told no by the roundtable.

Mark Lacis suggested that informal discussions among the noise task force would be a good starting point with a potentially high-return while the RMMACNR still pursues longer-term work products. Kyle Brown asked how this work product could be developed in a transparent manner. Paul Anslow responded that in order to publish routing, the airport understands that the roundtable would need to come to a consensus on proposed routes prior to review by the FAA. The consultant approach appealed to airport staff so that the arrival/departure procedures are developed through a process that is most likely to be approved by both the roundtable and the FAA. The airport does believe they could help

develop an unpublished, informal, and voluntary procedure that may be used by local pilots.

Deven Schaff made a motion to call a meeting of the VFR arrival/departure procedure subcommittee. Seconded by John Marriott. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Committee or Board Member Reports

Tracy Kraft-Tharp acknowledged Mark Laci's great job as facilitator of the roundtable, and was disappointed by the personal attacks during public comment. She also requested that members need to continue to seek and respond to the facts as the RMMACNR continues to work.

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. August Meeting

1. City of Lafayette
2. City of Louisville
3. City and County of Broomfield
4. Jefferson County

8. Adjourn

Mr. Laci adjourned at 11:20 a.m.