

Meeting Minutes
RMMA Community Noise Roundtable
February 13, 2023 - 9:00 AM
Approved at the March 2, 2023 Business Meeting

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The February 13, 2023 RMMA Community Noise Roundtable Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Deven Shaff at approximately 9:00 A.M. A quorum (at least 5 Members present) was Present, the roll was as follows:

Town of Superior	Jason Serbu, Trustee
City of Arvada	John Marriott, Councilmember
Boulder County	Ashley Stolzmann, County Commissioner
City and County of Broomfield	Deven Shaff, Councilmember
Jefferson County	Tracy Kraft-Tharp, County Commissioner
City of Lafayette	Tonya Briggs, Councilmember
City of Louisville	Maxine Most, Councilmember
City of Westminster	Bruce Baker, Councilmember

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

3. Approval of the Minutes for January 9, 2023 RMMA CNR Regular Meeting

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

4. Public Comment

Laurie Chin Sayres – Town of Superior
Paul Miller – Town of Superior
Noelle Roni – Town of Superior
David Segal – City of Boulder
Sarah Gillard – City of Boulder
Bri Lehman – City of Lafayette
Charlene Willey – City of Westminster
Elizabeth Heidl – City and County of Broomfield
Cathern Smith – City of Louisville
Joshua Cooperman – City of Louisville
Tamar Krantz – City of Louisville

5. Roundtable Agenda Items

a. Report and Discussion with the FAA

Leslie Lardie from the FAA Regional Administrator's Office kicked off a presentation from several FAA staff members that addressed questions from the RMMACNR that were submitted in advance. Justin Biassou, FAA Community Engagement Officer for the Northwest Mountain Region, addressed the role of community noise roundtables in the greater context of airport and airspace management. He emphasized that the FAA looks to noise roundtables to provide recommendations based on consensus among the many stakeholders at and around an airport.

Joseph Bert from FAA Flight Procedures then explained the process for reviewing potential changes in flight procedures. He also acknowledged that there are some standard procedures outlined in the Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM) that may present some restrictions to adjusting visual flight rules (VFR) procedures. Joseph Bert also explained the FAA's noise complaint process, which is sent through the Noise Complaint and Inquiry System before investigation and response. Justin Biassou noted that a number of airports have opted into accepting the noise complaints within five miles of a facility.

John Bauer from the FAA Office of Airports explained his role in the FAA, which includes managing the Airport Improvement Program and other airport planning and compliance programs. He clarified that the FAA Part 150 study involves modeling noise rather than measuring noise as some people seem to assume. A Part 150 study provides the data to show what areas might be eligible for noise mitigation measures.

Bruce Baker asked about the requirements for an airport master plan and how it relates to the five-year capital improvement plan (CIP). John Bauer responded that a master plan can inform the development of a CIP, and are typically updated every 10-15 years. Bruce Baker asked about the lifespan of an airport, such as when Stapleton was closed due to noise. John Bauer clarified that Stapleton was closed and a new airport was built due to capacity constraints at Stapleton. Furthermore, when Federal funds are used to purchase property for an airport, FAA grant assurances run with the land in perpetuity.

Ashley Stolzmann invited the FAA to attend on a regular basis and sought clarification on the appropriate points-of-contact at the FAA and in terms of what consensus means in the eyes of the FAA. She stated that the difficulty in achieving consensus now is that the communities did not achieve a consensus on the existing routes.

Jason Serbu mentioned the concerns over lead in the community, and asked whether there was a plan to transition towards an unleaded fuel. Leslie Lardie mentioned the recent progress on the FAA Eliminate Aviation Gasoline Lead Emissions

(EAGLE) with a goal of removing all lead by 2030. She suggested a presenter who could provide a more thorough presentation on the transition.

John Marriott made a motion to reopen public comment to allow additional attendees to speak, seconded by Tracy Kraft-Tharp. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment (continued)

Michelle Gazarik – Town of Superior
Brad Walker – Town of Superior
Audra Dubler – Greenwood Village
Jim Howel – Town of Superior
Dustin Clymer – Town of Superior
Laura Page – City of Louisville
Heather Hansen – City of Lafayette
Danielle Davis – Town of Superior
Kevin Ryan – Town of Superior
Mike Hillary – Town of Superior
Bridget Wagner – Town of Superior
George Backus – Skyestone
Tim Martin – Town of Superior
Bill Buriyah – City and County of Broomfield
Lynn Mitton – Town of Superior
Rachel Stanton – Town of Superior

5. Roundtable Agenda Items

b. Confirm 2023 Meeting Dates/Times

i. 1st Thursday of the month from 6pm-8pm

Deven Shaff mentioned that the 1st Thursday of the month seemed to be the best option for a regular meeting date for the RMMACNR.

John Marriott made a motion to approve the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:00pm as the regular meeting date and time for the remainder of the 2023. The motion was seconded by Tracy Kraft-Tharp. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7, 2023

c. Vice Chair Election

Tracy Kraft-Tharp nominated John Marriott as vice-chair for the RMMACNR. Maxine Most nominated Ashley Stolzmann as vice-chair for the RMMACNR.

Tracy Kraft-Tharp and John Marriott voted FOR John Marriott as vice-chair. Ashley Stolzmann, Bruce Baker, Jason Serbu, Maxine Most, Tonya Briggs, and Deven Shaff voted FOR Ashley Stolzmann as vice-chair.

d. Executive Session Request – RFP for Consultant to Assist RMMACNR

John Marriott made a motion to enter into executive session to continue the evaluation of proposals received in response to the Aviation Consultant RFQ, under 24-6-402(4)(c), confidential matters, due to the requirements of Jefferson County's Purchasing Procedures, and 24-6-402(4)(e), determining positions relative to negotiations. The motion was seconded by Maxine Most. The motion passed 6-2 with Bruce Baker and Tonya Briggs voting No.

The executive session was postponed until after Committee or Board Member Reports (below).

6. Committee or Board Member Reports

Tracy Kraft-Tharp mentioned her concern over reports of retaliation by pilots at a nearby airport following the submission of noise complaints. She clarified that in the case of RMMA, the personal data from a noise report is not made publicly available. However, the data would be subject to a Colorado Open Records Act request.

Maxine Most stated that she is currently researching noise applications and will bring forward options at a subsequent noise roundtable meeting.

Ashley Stolzmann brought forward the concerns about harassment and retaliation. She suggested the roundtable draft and publish a statement that condones harassment of any form. Deven Shaff recommended that Ashley Stolzmann work with any other interested members on the roundtable to draft a statement to be reviewed at the next meeting. Tracy Kraft-Tharp suggested that the statement reference the standards of decorum as discussed at the January roundtable meeting.

Jason Serbu thanked the members of the public for their attendance and input. He also requested that the roundtable be open to discussing the lead concerns as well. John Marriott suggested that the roundtable at least engage an expert on the status of aviation fuels.

Bruce Baker wanted to remind the public that the RMMACNR has no authority or legal-standing. The roundtable can serve to provide recommendations to the airport, Jefferson County and the FAA.

Deven Shaff mentioned a recent trip to Washington DC where they met with local US representatives. Aviation was one of the topics discussed. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is studying aviation concerns along with some local health departments. The RMMACNR will continue to discuss and schedule quarterly town halls.

7. Future Agenda Items

- a. FAR Part 150 Noise Study (does CNR wish to make any formal recommendations to Jefferson County/RMMA to pursue an FAR Part 150)

- b. Panel Discussion with Flight Schools, Pilots, and ATC on practical noise mitigation strategies
- c. Aircraft Landing Fees (what general aviation airports use them and why)
- d. Discussion re: Remaining Recommendations from ABCx2 Report & RMMA Response (does CNR wish to make further recommendations to RMMA as proposed by ABCx2)
- e. Review of requested additional data/visualizations related to the RMMA aircraft activity “heat map”
- f. Guest Speakers:
 - i. National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), re: energy storage; electric aircraft
 - ii. Bye Aerospace - re: development and marketing of electric aircraft for flight training
- g. Development of App for noise complaints

8. Adjourn

Deven Shaff adjourned at 11:03 a.m.