

Office of Mayor Charlie Hales City of Portland

REPORT TO COUNCIL

DATE: February 28, 2014

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor Charlie Hales

SUBJECT: Citizen Noise Advisory Committee (CNAC) - PDX Noise Abatement & Outreach Report

I am pleased to submit for your consideration a report from the Citizen Noise Advisory Committee (CNAC) on the Port of Portland's Aviation Noise Management Program.

Portland International Airport (PDX) provides the Portland metropolitan region with passenger and cargo access to national and international markets. In 2013, 15 million passengers traveled through PDX with over 209,000 aircraft operations. While the economic benefit of the airport is positive, there are noise impacts from PDX aircraft overflights on neighborhoods under the flight path.

In 1990, the Port of Portland created the 15 member PDX Citizen Noise Advisory Committee (CNAC) to ensure community members had a voice in aviation noise management discussions. Eleven of the CNAC members are appointed by jurisdictions; and four are appointed by the Port and CNAC to ensure diversity in representation. The Portland Council has three neighborhood appointments to CNAC; three other Portland neighborhood representatives also serve on CNAC.

CNAC works in partnership with the Port's Aviation Noise Management Program, airlines, the military, and Federal Aviation Administration to manage aviation noise impacts on the community and educate and provide feedback from residents on aviation-related noise concerns. The Port Noise Office works closely with the City's Noise Control Program.

This briefing will provide a report on the work of both the PDX Noise Management Program and Portland CNAC members, and highlight resources for the community to access when concerned about aviation noise.

Sincerely,

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Charlie Hales Mayor of Portland





PDX Citizen Noise Advisory Committee (CNAC)

Mission Statement

CNAC seeks to limit and reduce the impact of aircraft noise related to Portland International Airport (PDX) in consideration of, and respect for, the community's environment, health and quality of life. CNAC also seeks to raise the community's understanding of aviation noise.

CNAC's Role

The Citizen Noise Advisory Committee (CNAC) is the official public forum for addressing community aircraft noise impacts associated with the operation of the Portland International Airport (PDX).

Established in 1998, CNAC is comprised of 15 members representing the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan area. Maintaining a balanced membership that reflects the diverse residential, environmental, and business interests of the region is vital. Eleven of the fifteen members are appointed by their respective local jurisdictions, the remaining four are appointed by the Port of Portland.

As an advisory committee, CNAC collaborates with Port staff on addressing aircraft noise and operations impacts and provides a forum for residents to address questions and concerns. CNAC members review and comment on airport projects, provide input related to the PDX Noise Management Program, and assist the Port with outreach and communication efforts which are an essential components in the Noise Management program.

CNAC's Charge

- Serve as the official forum for local jurisdictions to address PDX aviation related noise concerns of the community
- Review reported airport noise issues and suggest ideas and proposals for airport noise reduction plans
- Provide input to and collaborate with advisory committees involved in airport development and long-range planning
- Inform appointing jurisdictions and the Port Commission on CNAC's work
- Enhance citizen understanding of aircraft noise and airport noise management by supporting community outreach and education programs

CNAC Recruitments – Jurisdictional Appointments

11 CNAC positions are appointed by local jurisdictions and four (4) positions are appointed by the Port of Portland. Appointing jurisdictions include: City of Portland, City of Vancouver, City of Gresham, Fairview/Troutdale/Wood Village, Multnomah County, Clark County, Washington County and Clackamas County.

In the case of jurisdictional appointments, the appointing jurisdiction is responsible for managing their recruitment and application processes. Interested citizens are encouraged to notify the appointing jurisdiction directly. For general information about the Citizen Noise Advisory Committee or the Noise Management Program, you may contact the Port of Portland. Inquiries related specifically to jurisdictional appointments will be referred to the appropriate city or county staff.

CNAC Recruitments - Port of Portland (at-large) Appointments

Port of Portland at-large members are recruited by the Port. At-large positions are used to promote geographic balance and representation on the committee. Members are selected from the four-county region (Multnomah, Clark, Clackamas, and Washington counties). Residents interested in CNAC representation or involvement should contact the Port of Portland.

Committee Meetings

CNAC meets on the second Thursday of each month from 6:00-8:00 pm at PDX at the Portland International Airport (PDX). To expand our reach, one meeting each year is held in Vancouver (WA) and one in Gresham (OR). In an effort to enhance communication and interaction with the public, CNAC members and Noise Management staff attend neighborhood meetings and community events throughout the year.

For More Information

For more information about the PDX Citizen Noise Advisory Committee, if you'd like to speak with a CNAC member, or if you have questions or concerns about aircraft noise, please contact:

Port of Portland, Noise Management Department 7200 NE Airport Way Portland, OR 97218 Phone: (503) 460-4100 (OR) or (800) 938-6647 (WA)

Email: PDXNoise@portofportland.com

Or visit us online: http://www.portofportland.com/Noise Mgmt CNAC Home.aspx



Noise Management: Department Overview

What is the mission of the Noise Management Department?

Minimize to the extent possible, the noise impacts from aircraft utilizing airports operated by the Port of Portland. Encourage cooperation and collaboration with internal and external partners

What is the role of the Noise Management Department?

The Noise Management Department serves as the primary communications link between businesses and citizens who depend on access to reliable air service and passenger and cargo airlines, and other aircraft operators that use the Portland International Airport (PDX) and other Port owned airports.

The primary role of the Noise Management Department is to listen to the concerns of our community, implement programs and strategies that minimize community noise impacts, and support the aircraft operators and businesses that rely on PDX to conduct business while meeting the needs of the region. We focus on three main strategies: *Advocate, Collaborate, and Educate.*

We <u>advocate</u> for all stakeholders including aviation industry stakeholders including airlines, business aviation, and travelers who rely on these service for both business and recreation. We encourage <u>collaboration</u> with all of our stakeholders. We believe that through collaboration and cooperation, the goals and needs of all our partners can be balanced and met. And finally, we promote <u>education</u>; to us this means educating ourselves and our aviation partners about the impacts aircraft noise and operations have on the community while educating the community about the local and regional benefits of the area's airports and aviation services. We acknowledge that airport activities result in noise impacts. At the same time, we recognize that PDX serves close to 12 million passengers each year, most of whom are residents or visitors to the area.

What does the Port do to reduce aircraft noise impacts?

Aviation is a highly regulated industry with most of the authority maintained by the federal government. To minimize noise impacts, the Port works closely with FAA and industry partners including the airlines, the military, and other aircraft operators.

The Port of Portland is recognized as a leader in aircraft noise management. Examples of our work include:

- Responding to approximately 800-1000 resident inquiries related to aircraft noise and operations annually. This includes phone calls, emails, web submissions, and letters. Working with residents and addressing their concerns is a cornerstone of our noise management program.
- Each month, the Noise Management Team attends meetings in the community, makes presentations to neighborhood associations and meets with individual residents impacted by

aircraft noise associated with Port of Portland airports. Helping understand residents' concerns and addressing those concerns is in fact what we do.

- The Port of Portland built the third ground run-up enclosure (GRE) constructed in the United States. This facility significantly reduces the community noise impacts associated with aircraft engine testing which is required as part of aircraft maintenance;
- PDX was the eighth airport in the US to conduct a Federal Aviation Administration Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study which assesses airport noise conditions and identifies strategies for reducing community noise impacts.
- PDX was one of the first airports in the US to implement advanced satellite navigation technologies including Area Navigation (RNAV) specifically for the purpose of reducing noise impacts.
- In support of our collaborative efforts, the Port of Portland was the first (and currently the only) airport-member on the Helicopter Association International's Fly Neighborly Committee and the first airport-member on the National Business Aviation Association Airports Access Committee. Participation on these committees strengthens our relationships and collaboration with industry while offering the opportunity to educate operators and industry professionals on the noise impacts associated with aviation operations and ways they can help minimize these impacts.

What is the PDX Fly Quiet program?

The PDX Fly Quiet program will help strengthen our collaborative partnerships in support of reducing community noise impacts. The focus of this program is working with aircraft operators and the Federal Aviation Administration to encourage operational procedures and practices which minimize community noise impacts and providing recognition for those who support this effort.

The program has two main goals: (1) To advance participation in PDX noise abatement programs, which will minimize the noise impacts to residential communities in the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan region; and (2) To inform stakeholders, including the community about operator participation and the overall effectiveness of the PDX Noise Management Program.

What is the Citizen Noise Advisory Committee (CNAC)?

CNAC is made up of citizen volunteers who represent residents and jurisdictions surrounding PDX. The committee reviews the PDX noise program and works in an advisory role with the Port. CNAC's monthly meetings are open to the public, and anyone interested in the Port's noise management program or those with questions or concerns about aircraft noise impacts are encouraged to attend.

For More Information

For more information about the Port of Portland Noise Management Department, the Citizen Noise Advisory Committee, or if you have questions or concerns about aircraft noise, please call the Noise Management Hotline at: (503) 460-4100 (OR) or (800) 938-6647 (WA).

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