



# **PDX COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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## **Annual Report 2013**





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## Background

The 30-member Portland International Airport Community Advisory Committee was created as a result of the 2008-2011 PDX Airport Futures planning process. The committee includes 20 voting members and 10 ex officio members representing diverse, bi-state, regional interests. The committee meets quarterly. Members serve two- or three-year terms.

A list of PDX CAC members is listed at the end of this report and their bios are found at:

[http://www.portofportland.com/PDX\\_Cmnty\\_Advsry\\_Cmt\\_Mbrs.aspx](http://www.portofportland.com/PDX_Cmnty_Advsry_Cmt_Mbrs.aspx)



## PDX CAC Mission

The PDX CAC mission is to:

- Support meaningful and collaborative public dialogue and engagement on airport related planning and development;
- Provide an opportunity for the community to inform the decision-making of jurisdictions/organizations related to the airport; and
- Raise public knowledge about the airport and impacted communities.

A key focus of the committee is to work toward assuring that PDX and the Airport Plan District become the most sustainable in the world in recognition of the long-term, critical interconnection between economic development, environmental stewardship, and social responsibility.

## PDX CAC Charge

The PDX CAC focuses on five functional areas related to PDX and its impacts on surrounding communities:

1. Review and comment on airport related **planning and development** projects, studies, and design of future master planning processes.
2. Monitor **sustainability** goals, strategies, initiatives and projects and policies related to PDX and recommend refinements to programs.
3. Monitor implementation of **Airport Futures City-Port agreements** on sustainability, transportation mitigation, natural resource mitigation, noise issues, the PDX CAC, and other community issues.
4. Promote two-way **communication and information sharing** related to the airport between all stakeholders and play an active role in PDX public involvement activities.
5. Provide **policy recommendations** on aviation and land use issues, an annual evaluation of PDX CAC accomplishments, and a report to PDX CAC sponsors and other jurisdictions/organizations appointing members to the PDX CAC.



## 2013 Year in Review

The committee hosted four meetings at the Port of Portland Headquarters at Portland International Airport in 2013. Each meeting had a special topic of focus. All meetings included PDX business overviews, sustainability updates, member roundtable, and public comment opportunities. The Port engaged committee members in three new ad hoc stakeholder committees this year: review of annual Environmental Objectives and Targets, review of Stormwater Master Planning process, and discussion of Social Equity Opportunities.

### 2013 Meeting #1: January 16, 2013

#### Meeting Topics:

- PDX Air Quality Overview
- Colwood Golf Course Rezoning
- PDX CAC Annual Report

This meeting focused on air quality and provided information about planning related to Colwood Golf Course.

PDX has seen 27 months of positive passenger growth and seat capacity has increased 5 percent. Updates were provided on construction projects that are part of the overall airfield rehabilitation program, including taxiway rehabilitations where asphalt was replaced with concrete, full rehabilitation of the North Apron and repairs to the South Runway. Other updates included: parking guidance system installation in the long-term garage, stormwater master plan, ticket lobby concept plan, food donation program, tree planting, and the Oregon National Guard lease.

The air quality presentation, in collaboration with Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, focused on air quality at PDX, and how it compares to federal and state standards. While the airport is in compliance with state and federal rules, committee members commented they would

like to hear more about how PDX influences areas beyond its direct control – clean fuels, lead-free fuels and other policy issues.

A representative from the Trust for Public Lands presented information on the status of their work to rezone a portion of Colwood Golf Course from industrial to open space zoning. The committee discussed job density on the industrial zoned property, protection of the open space and the possible eventual use of a portion of the land as a park.

The PDX CAC annual report was discussed and the committee was invited to a community tree planting event which would implement PDX CAC recommendations.

Based on the PDX CAC recommendations from the September 2012 meeting, awards for Airport Futures Natural Resource Program funding were made for 2013 projects. Award agreements were completed with the Multnomah County Drainage District #1 for the Elrod Slough Restoration Project (\$30,900) and Friends of Trees for the Elrod Slough Tree Planting (\$20,600).

**Actions Taken:** Mike Sloan and Cam Gilmour were approved as co-chairs for the upcoming year. The PDX CAC Annual Report was approved, with pending review from Mike Sloan and Cam Gilmour.



### 2013 Meeting #2: April 5, 2013

Meeting topics:

- Regional Economic Impact of PDX
- Port Small Business Program
- Discussion of PDX Long Range Forecast
- Discussion on Government Island Mitigation

In keeping with the committee's triple bottom line focus, PDX's regional economic impact and the Port's Small Business Program were discussed. Cam Gilmour and Mike Sloan also reported on their presentation to the Port of Portland Commission on the first year of the committee. The committee reviewed the PDX Long Range Forecast, and noted the deep declines in air traffic during the recession and the recovery underway now. The committee discussed mitigation on Government Island and next steps for increased collaboration.

The presentation on the regional economic impact of PDX covered the study methodology and results, including jobs, wages and salaries, business revenue and taxes created by activity at PDX. Committee members appreciated hearing about the types of jobs created and a comparison to other employers in the region. The Port's Small Business Program presentation and discussion highlighted achievements in Minority Women Emerging Small Business Development, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, FAA Concession Programs, and the Port's Mentor-Protégée Program.

**Actions Taken:** Committee members were given PDX CAC Annual Reports and asked to share with their appointing organizations. Committee members requested a focus on clean water and clean air in the upcoming Environmental Management System discussion. Additional meetings of the natural resource subcommittee and City of Portland staff were requested to discuss Government Island mitigation.

### 2013 Meeting #3: June 7, 2013

Meeting topics:

- PDX Environmental Management System and Environmental Objectives and Targets
- PDX Stormwater Master Plan
- Capstone Development Project in Portland International Center

This meeting focused on the PDX Environmental Management System and Environmental Objectives and Targets, as well as the PDX Stormwater Master Plan. Information was also presented by Capstone Development regarding a future distribution and logistics development in Portland International Center.

The PDX Business Update discussed the consistently full aircraft at PDX and the fact that passenger demand outpaced seat capacity this month. The trend of larger, fuller planes has continued. Airfield rehabilitation projects continued, and the south runway repair neared early completion, ending the temporary increase in air traffic over neighbors south of the airport.

The presentation on the Environmental Management System and Environmental Objectives and Targets covered the Port's environmental policy, management system, programs, objectives and targets, and gave examples of how the objectives and targets are created. The committee discussed the value of the Port seeking ISO 14001 third-party certification of Port operations, as the Port is already operating as though the ISO standard applies. The Port requested volunteers from the committee to assist in giving input on future Environmental Objectives and Targets.

The Port Stormwater Master Plan was presented by staff and discussed by the committee. This plan will affect PDX in terms of operations and environmental management and is an important element in ensuring a sustainable future for the airport. The complex stormwater system at PDX was built in stages over many years.



Some pipes are quite old and need repair soon; some are inaccessible; and some of the network needs more investigation. Changes and repairs would be phased over a number of years. The Port asked for PDX CAC members who would like to assist in the public outreach component of this plan.

**Actions Taken:** Because the committee's former chair Cam Gilmour relocated to Washington, members voted for Mike Sloan to replace Cam as Chair, and Stacey Triplett as Vice Chair. Committee members requested information about how the airport plan district is functioning as a land use tool. A smaller group of committee members volunteered to meet separately to give the Port guidance on future environmental targets. The Port will seek members who would like to give input on the PDX Stormwater Master Plan. A Social Equity Opportunities ad hoc committee to meet in the fall was formed, consisting of Stacey Triplett, Tony De Falco, Joe Smith, Karen Gray and Jane Van Dyke.



## 2013 Meeting #4: September 18, 2013

Meeting topics:

- Value of Airport Plan District as Opposed to Previous Airport Zoning
- Proposed Improvements to Columbia/Alderwood/Cully Intersection
- PDX Travel Center (with Required Public Comment)
- Natural Resource Topics: Government Island Fire, PDX Tree Obstruction Removal Project, Government Island Grassland Mitigation Report
- 2014 Columbia Slough Enhancement and Urban Tree Canopy Project Recommendations

This meeting began with updates on the Capstone Development in Portland International Center and the work of three ad hoc stakeholder groups. The City of Portland provided a brief update on the good value realized so far from the Airport Plan District, compared to the previous Conditional Use permit. The committee also discussed proposed improvements to the Columbia/Alderwood/Cully intersection with City of Portland and Port transportation planning staff. Committee members had comments about the alignment of Alderwood and Cully, signalization and safety. The PDX Business Update noted that PDX experienced its busiest summer ever, with most active days exceeding 50,000 travelers. Other updates included a description of the Aug. 19 fire on Government Island, a description of the fall tree thinning in the Economy Parking Lot, a mention of the new customer facility charge for rental cars, new art in the terminal, and the prior PDX Citizen Noise Advisory Committee meeting.

One presentation was about the proposed PDX Travel Center—the first airport development project to be heard as part of public notice requirements. The travel center will be located at Northeast 82nd and Alderwood, and will host fuel service, convenience store, cell phone lot and a convenient food venue. Members had questions about mitigation, pricing, fuel service, traffic impacts, signage, environmental controls, security and minority contracting.

A number of natural resource topics were also discussed: PDX Tree Obstruction Removal Project, Government Island Grassland Mitigation report and the 2014 Slough Enhancement and Tree Canopy project recommendations. The 2014 Natural Resource subcommittee recommendation is that the Port consider developing project ranking criteria and adopting an Airport Action Plan, with some multi-year projects. Suggested selection criteria were reviewed and discussed.



Recommendations for 2014 are \$30,000 for enhancement to the Columbia Slough Watershed through a multi-year Combined Turtle Habitat Enhancement Project and \$25,000 to Friends of Trees for multi-year neighborhood tree plantings in impacted neighborhoods. Friends of Trees is looking at two three year core projects: the Children's Arboretum, working with Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center to employ at risk youth and working with landlords in Woodlawn, Concordia, Sumner, Cully and Parkrose neighborhoods.

**Actions Taken:** Jane Van Dyke, Randy Jones and Bob Sallinger were identified for a Stormwater Master Plan stakeholder group, which will meet twice in October. Other environmental interest groups will also be participating in the discussion. For the Environmental Objectives and Targets stakeholder group, Stacey Triplett, Erwin Bergman and Walt Evans will join Joe Smith and Jane Van Dyke for a meeting in November. The Social Equity Opportunities ad hoc committee will continue to meet in 2014. As suggested by Karen Gray, staff will provide a presentation from the PDX CAC to the City of Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission. The committee voted to support the Natural Resource subcommittee recommendations for funding.

## Additional Activities

In addition to the four PDX CAC meetings, related activities included:

- Two PDX Sustainability Tours
- Two Meetings and Other Discussions with the Natural Resources Subcommittee and Other External Stakeholders
- Two meetings of the Social Equity Opportunities Ad Hoc Committee
- Two meetings of the Stormwater Master Plan Stakeholder Group and Individual Meetings with PDX CAC Members to Discuss the Storm Water Master Plan
- One Meeting of the Environmental Objectives and Targets Stakeholder Group
- Two Meetings with Interested Parties Regarding Support of Cully Park

Port staff conducted a focus group with committee members and the PDX International Air Service Committee regarding the PDX ticket lobby, seeking their opinions about how the passenger experience is evolving. PDX CAC members were also sent information on upcoming airport tree thinning projects and invitations to Port-sponsored community tree planting events.



Elrod Slough restoration planting

## 2014 Meeting Dates and Topics

Meeting Dates and Topics for 2014 (subject to change)

- January 15, 2014 – PDX CAC Annual Review Discussion, Ameriflight Relocation, PDX Wildlife Hazard Management Program, PDX Capital Program Update
- April 2, 2014 – Streaked Horn Lark Update, PDX Activity Level Forecasts, Rental Car Quick Turn Around, Northside Redevelopment Project, 33rd/Marine Drive Warehouse Development
- June 25, 2014 – Ticket Lobby Concept Plan, City of Portland and City of Vancouver updates, Terminal Concessions Program Update, PDX Waste Management Program
- October 22, 2014 – Getting to PDX, PDX Customer Experience, Natural Resource Program update: Urban Tree Canopy and Slough Enhancement Recommendations

## Meeting Evaluations

Evaluating 2012 meetings, PDX CAC members suggested specific improvements, including: increasing the amount of discussion at meetings, and continuing the use of a facilitator and support more conversation in the roundtable part of the agenda. The sponsors of the committee have worked to increase discussion through more use of discussion questions and more time and suggestions for the roundtable part of the committee agenda. A facilitator is used to lead the meeting.

In written evaluations provided throughout the year, committee members had a number of positive comments about the meetings and associated public process. These included: overall appreciation of Port chief operating officer's information regarding business activities at PDX, satisfaction with meeting pacing and documents, and positive comments on the quality of certain discussions. Some suggestions for improvement are: improving certain logistics regarding the meeting (break time, document print size), including follow-up to topics in subsequent meetings, and including context for complex presentations.



## Committee Membership

### Voting Members (20)

**Erwin Bergman**

Central Northeast Neighbors

**Alan Lehto**

Multi-modal Transportation

**Beverly Bruender**

Portland Citywide Land Use Group

**Lt. Col. Stuart Matthew**

Military

**Tina Burke**

Airport Employee

**Robert Pinedo**

General Aviation

**Steven Cole**

Northeast Coalition of Neighbors

**Alesia Reese**

East Portland Neighborhood Office

**Tony DeFalco**

Environmental Justice

**Bob Sallinger**

Environmental/Wildlife/Natural Resources

**Walt Evans**

Business Organization

**Currently Vacant**

Passenger Airline

**Karen Gray**

Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission

**Martin Slapikas**

North Portland Neighborhood Services

**Alan Hargrave**

Clark County Neighborhoods

**Mike Sloan (Chair)**

Vancouver Neighborhoods

**Ahmad Abed-Rabuh**

Cargo

**Joe Smith**

Airport Noise Interest  
(PDX Citizen Noise Advisory Committee)

**Randy Jones**

East Multnomah County Neighborhoods

**Jane VanDyke**

Columbia Slough Watershed Council

### Ex Officio Members (10)

**Nick Atwell**

PDX Wildlife Committee

**Vince Granato**

Port of Portland

**Chad Eiken**

City of Vancouver

**Kelly Sills**

Clark County

**Larry Ellis**

Multnomah County

**Andrew Singelakis**

Washington County

**Bruce Fisher**

Federal Aviation Administration

**Deborah Stein**

City of Portland

**Barbara Cartmill**

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Government Island mitigation site preparation in progress

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