

TACOMA NARROWS AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING NOTES
JANUARY 29, 2004

Members Present:

John Howell, Facilitator

Larry Bielstein	Catherine Mitchell (ex-officio member)
Dennis Cunneen	Hugh Morgan
Carl Geist (via phone)	Ras Nielsen
Mark Hoppen	Marge Pearson
Terry Lee (ex-officio member)	Rob White
Paul McCormick	Ann Whittaker
Andy Markos (ex-officio member)	James Depew (ex-officio member)

Others Present:

Jay Derr, Buck & Gordon, Presenter	Carol Key, FAA
Deena Turmo, Tacoma Narrows Airport Manager	Cayla Morgan, FAA
Chip Vincent, Pierce County Staff	Mary Vargas, FAA
Pete Philley, Pierce County Prosecutors Office	Lee Beizgmann, pilot
Cheryl Carlson, City of Tacoma Attorney	Don Pearson, pilot
Cynthia Stewart, ADR Options Consulting, Inc.	George Masurier
John Shambaugh, WSDOT	Scott Duncan

ISSUE: PROCEDURES

The following housekeeping items were discussed.

- Additional training on conflict resolution and communication will be offered at the March 6 meeting. About an hour and a half at the beginning of that all-day meeting will be provided to continue the work done in the January 10 session.
- It was noted that the beginning of each meeting will include comments on the notes of the preceding meeting. No changes were made to the notes of the January 10 meeting.
- No changes were made to ground rules developed at the January 10 meeting following a brief discussion of the amount of time that some members might be absent or participating by telephone. A matrix of Commission members and meeting dates was circulated to capture the anticipated attendance for future meetings.
- Meetings are being taped for those who miss the meeting. Mike Kruger, county staff, will have copies of the tapes.
- Because the initial meetings of the Commission are designed as training sessions and the Commission will not be making decisions at these meetings, public testimony will be accepted in writing, including by email, until the meeting on February 26, when public testimony will be part of the Commission's agenda.
- It was noted that this is an advisory group, providing recommendations to elected official decision makers.

ISSUE: FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL REGULATIONS

Jay Derr, an attorney from the law firm of Buck & Gordon, who was retained by the City of Tacoma, gave a presentation summarizing the information provided in advance to the Commission in a briefing paper. The paper was developed jointly in coordination with the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney and city and county staff. It was intended to provide a “neutral” description of the legal framework within which the Airport operates and the Commission is being asked to work on Airport-community land use plan solutions. The discussion was designed to avoid advocacy by the parties at this session. Later meetings will include information related to the city and county perspectives on the sometimes conflicting legal framework. Mr. Derr also referenced supporting documents provided to the Commission in their background briefing notebook.

Following the presentation, there was a question and answer period. After some discussion additional information was requested on several topics, including the following:

- How is the noise metric (day-night average level, “DNL”) established? How does the integrated noise model (“INM”) work? How is noise measured? How do Tacoma Narrows Airport noise levels compare to other known (i.e. common) noise levels?
- What is the background of the Watland land use plan amendment request?
- What is the history of airport operations at this site, including phases of development, any resolution of previous conflicts, old legal issues, etc?
- What are the potential consequences of non-compliance with the FAA grant assurances? What are examples of consequences from other locations where non-compliance has occurred?

It was noted that the FAA grant assurances related to the Tacoma Narrows Airport are located in tabs J and K in the large briefing notebook. Commission members should review that information and determine if they would like any additional information about the grant assurances.

A commission member asked if other members would like to take an air tour of the facility. It was suggested this would enable everyone to see the site from the air, and experience the flight patterns at the airport. The consensus of the group was that such a tour would be helpful. The flights will need to be coordinated at a later time.

Following the discussion of Federal, State and local regulations there was a discussion of what commission members would like to see on their airport tour on February 7th, and the information they would like to discuss.

ISSUE: TOPICS TO BE COVERED IN FEB. 7 AIRPORT BRIEFING

- What data and assumptions were used in establishing the Airport Master Plan demand forecast? What has been the actual demand, compared to the forecasted demand when the plan was prepared? (i.e. updated operations data)
- How does the 65 dnl noise contour relate to the Tacoma Narrows Airport?
- Understanding of flight patterns
- Review of Master Plan Alternatives 1, 2 & 3
- Current and projected airport revenue and expenses, including trend lines over last several years
- All four corners of the Airport boundary
- Land shown on Airport Layout Plan (“ALP”) as to be purchased that is near Paul McCormick’s house
- Location of airport area of influence
- Location of Watland property
- What can be seen from various homes

MEETING EVALUATION

+ (Liked)	D (Should Change)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information in advance • Briefing paper on federal, state and local regulations clear and concise • Positive nature of discussion • Soliciting comments on coming meeting agendas • Presentation on federal, state and local regulations referenced materials in briefing notebook • Presence of FAA and WSDOT staff • Accommodating members who could not be present with phone hook up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should have name “tents” for all commission members, including ex-officio members

NEXT MEETING

The next Commission meeting will be held on February 7, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Gig Harbor Community Center. Agenda and directions will be sent in advance.