

MINUTES
DANE COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION
NOISE ABATEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 30, 2012
7:00 p.m.
Robert B. Skuldt Conference Room

Subcommittee Members Present: Paul Rusk, Chair
Dennis O'Loughlin
Sally Probasco

Technical Advisory Members Present: Col. Jeff Wiegand, 115 FW WIS ANG
Lt. Col. Steve Kensick, 115 FW WIS ANG
Lt. Col. Steve Watkins, 147th AVN BT WIS
ARNG
Aline Trussoni, FAA, Supervisor, MSN Air
Traffic Control Tower
Jenna Geiser, FAA, Controller, MSN Air
Traffic Control Tower

Staff Present: Livingston, Jensen, Butcher, Wright, Juffer

Guests Present: Colin Maitland
Ann Tigan
Don Robbins

- I. Introductions.
Chair Rusk called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., introduced subcommittee members, Airport Commissioners, airport staff, and asked others present to introduce themselves.
- II. Public Comments Not On This Agenda.
None.
- III. Review of April 26, 2012 Noise Abatement Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.
Noise Abatement Officer Lowell Wright reviewed the April 26, 2012 Noise Abatement Subcommittee meeting minutes with no changes.
- IV. Communications of Staff Including Any Items From Last Meeting.
Answering a question from the last meeting, staff briefed the group that Air carrier departures to the South were 66 percent and F-16 departures to the south were 15.5 percent.
- V. Review of Noise Abatement Procedures.
Noise Abatement Officer Lowell Wright briefed the Subcommittee on the Airport's noise abatement procedures.
- VI. Review of Noise Complaint Activity.
Noise Abatement Officer Lowell Wright presented a review of the noise complaint activity and reviewed the noise abatement audit results for the last six months. The airport recorded 80 complaints from 23 callers. Total aircraft movements for the past six month period were up 3%, compared to a year ago. Audit

information indicate 2,399 flights were able to utilize noise abatement procedures and avoid departing to and arriving from the south.

VII. Review of Noise Audit Results.

Local FAA Air Traffic Control Tower representatives discussed the converging flow (opposite direction aircraft traffic, both landing from and departing to, the north) moratorium recently issued by the FAA. The moratorium is a result of a safety related incident at Washington Reagan Airport involving improper separation of two air carrier aircraft during converging flow operations. The FAA suspended converging flow operations at all air traffic control towers throughout the nation until a revised national policy is developed. However, the Madison air traffic control tower has reinstated converging flow operations through interim measures approved by FAA. These measures require ten miles of aircraft separation, additional staffing surveillance and limit the application of periods during which converging flow may be used. Additionally, airport staff believes that converging flow operations would be removed at Madison permanently if a new noise compatibility plan is developed due to the reduction of treatable noise contours which are now located on Airport property.

VIII. Discussion of Noise Related Concerns and Audience Questions.

Guest Anne Tigan asked for clarification of the number of complaints in August.

IX. Old Business.

None.

X. New Business.

Eken Park Neighborhood Association invited airport staff to conduct a noise presentation at their meeting on Thursday, December 6.

The County Executive replied to a letter received from a neighborhood association regarding noise concerns. County Executive and Airport Staff will conduct a meeting open to the neighborhood associations to discuss our responses to the over sixty questions that were received.

XI. Adjournment.

Chair Rusk adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Rusk, Chair
Noise Abatement Subcommittee

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