

Airport Community Roundtable

Approved Summary Minutes: August 16, 2017

Attendees:

Bob Cameron, Chair, Davidson
Frank Headen, Vice Chair, County 4
Brian Cox, Charlotte
Patreece Lanier, City 3
Benjamin Miley, City 4
Bobbi Almond, City 5
Richard Sims, City 7
Sayle Brown, Cornelius

Calvin McGuirt, County 3
Denise Davis, County 5
Bob Petruska, County 6
Richard Klein, Matthews
Jill Taylor, York
Stuart Hair, City of Charlotte (ex-officio)
Mark Clark, Federal Aviation Administration
(ex-officio)

Summary Minutes:

- Meeting started at 6:08 PM
- Roll Call
- Klein motioned for approval of 7.12.17 meeting minutes; Headen seconded. Minutes of 7.12 approved – 12 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstain; (1 absent for vote).
- Special Priority Item: Presentation from FAA (Mark Clark and Bob Szymkiewicz) on FAA Air Traffic Control and Metroplex. (See presentation for detail).
 - Metroplex is part of FAA's nationwide initiative to enhance the operational safety and efficiency of the National Airspace System using existing systems and technology
 - FAA examined 8 metroplex regions across the country to identify what improvements could be made
 - Overview of why FAA pursued Metroplex in Charlotte region and how it was undertaken. Attempt to correct some of the noise impacts that had arisen from the RNAV program.
 - Changes in arrival and departure patterns at CLT as part of Metroplex (images available in the PDF of the presentation).
 - Use of NEPA assessment in project and how environmental specialist contributed to the changes
 - Report feedback from the community about the time aircraft fly.
 - RNAV off the ground was the cause of many noise complaints before Metroplex
 - CLT noise abatement procedures were put in place in 1996. Noise exposure maps were updated in 2007 and show a decrease in the contours so no changes in noise abatement procedures were recommended.

- Overview of Day-Night Noise Level measurement and how it is used to calculate noise. Noise abatement measures available to those who live within 65 DNL.
- Questions and Comments from Committee Members:
 - ACR members have noticed changes in noise and frequency since April 2017. Why is this happening if Metroplex occurred prior to this?
 - Requested FAA to look into controller or pilot changes that are impacting altitude particularly since April
 - Feels as though less dispersion with NextGen than there was before the changes, particularly in the area near Southpark
 - Request slide of traffic on a given day within the next month to see if there are changes from the slides shown in the presentation
 - Did City Council approve these changes? Who asked for dispersion?
 - Are there minutes, agendas, or attendance of public meetings related to Metroplex?
 - Members feel noise abatement program is dated due to the growth Charlotte has experienced.
 - Why does FAA conduct noise studies independent of EPA? How can you verify results?
 - Would like stronger understanding of DNL and how it is calculated
 - Are there current runway closures impacting flight operations?
 - What changes have been implemented that are causing more planes to fly lower over Carowinds?
- Special Priority Item: Presentation from CLT Staff on Expectations and Outcomes
 - Transparency
 - Contact Information placed online
 - Precedent
 - Research process
 - Future Topics Overview
- Calendar – no changes made. Will proceed with 2017 – 2018 as outlined.
- Open Table Discussion
 - Discussed how contact information is shared
 - Requested copy of the FAA presentation to be shared by email with members
 - How much influence and power does American have on decisions related to air traffic control operations?
 - Requested AA representative to attend next meeting
 - Can ACR view an overlay of district map(s) over noise maps?
 - Is Metroplex the right strategy? Does ACR get to make real change or just small adjustments?

- Klein motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:19 PM. Taylor seconded. Motion to adjourn approved. 13 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstain.