

ACAT Meeting Minutes from the May 10, 2016 Regular Meeting

Call Meeting to Order: 10:05 A.M.

ACAT Members Present: Kathryn Rohlf
Kent Hoopingarner
Chris Gage
Leigh Golden
Lisa Krueger

ACAT Members Absent: Joe Polverari

Staff Present: Hardy Bullock, Director Aviation and Community Services
Mike Cooke, Aviation and Community Services Manager
Marc Lamb, Community Relations Manager
Jill McClendon, Aviation and Community Services Project Coordinator

Public Present: 2

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Aaron Vanderpool, Incline Village resident, said he gave a presentation on how noise affects low income areas to his class at Sierra Nevada College. He attended the April 12, 2016 ACAT meeting and said it was a positive experience and he is interested in learning more about noise monitoring at the airport.

CONSENT ITEMS

- Approve Minutes: April 12, 2016 – Regular Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION #1:

Member Hoopingarner made a motion to approve the Minutes: April 12, 2016 – Regular Meeting. Chair Rohlf seconded the motion. Member Hoopingarner, Rohlf, and Gage voted in favor of the motion. Member Golden and Krueger abstained. A quorum was not reached and the motion failed to pass.

RUNWAY 29 NOISE MONITOR

Mr. Cooke gave a presentation discussing the runway 29 noise monitor. He stated that most airports that use noise monitors usually have a purpose in mind. Currently the Truckee Tahoe Airport does not qualify for federal money for noise monitors. Any money dedicated to noise monitoring would come from the Airport budget.

With the current flight tracking system that was established in 2011 and arrival cameras that were added in 2014, the airport is currently in a better position to do more noise monitoring than in the past. The key is to discuss the goals and what specifically could be achieved by collecting the data from the noise monitor.

The current noise monitor has been up and running since November 2015. At that time we were identified as a test site for Vector. If the Airport wants to keep the noise monitor going forward it will need to begin paying a monthly fee of \$800.

Member Golden asked if there would be times when having the noise data might be useful. Mr. Cooke stated that since November there have been two incidents when the data from the system proved valuable.

Mr. Bullock discussed that while noise is a very complicated subject there are three factors that bring a noise event together – frequency, duration, and intensity. Member Hoopingarner stated that you can provide valid data to an individual and if they don't want to hear it they won't. Their perception is often their reality.

Chair Rohlf expressed concern that if the public knows the airport is spending a lot of money on this they may have expectations of how that will change what they experience. Member Krueger felt that from a community standpoint it shows that the Airport is taking noise monitoring seriously.

ACAT members discussed postponing the decision until the end of the summer and that there could be value to gathering noise data across the busy summer season.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Jack Armstrong stated that noise is subjective and it certainly was subjective when a plane was flying over someone's house prior to a flight tracking system being installed. At what point does the Airport try to satisfy someone's subjectivity.

MOTION #2:

Member Hoopingarner motioned to keep the current noise monitor equipment until November 1, 2016 at a cost of \$800 per month. Chari Rohlf seconded the motion. Members Hoopingarner, Rohlf, Gage, Golden, and Krueger voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

AWOS SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Squaw Peak has been identified as a possible location for a mountain tip AWOS. Goal is to add a FAA certified weather station to enhance flight safety. This was identified a year-and-a-half ago and is on the 2016 project list for completion. A frequency request has been submitted, but no response has been received yet. If the frequency request is approved, the next step would be to begin the paperwork process. If it is denied, staff will see work with Vaisala to see what can be done as far as support for the current system.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Staff is currently waiting on report from Auerbach Engineering.

None to report

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

LAND USE SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

None to report

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Mead & Hunt was formally hired to conduct the community outreach meetings. The Board requested the meetings be held during the peak summer season. Staff is in the process of finalizing meeting dates.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

STAFF REPORT

None to report

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MEMBER REPORT

Welcome to new member Lisa Krueger.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Vanderpool stated that sound is really complicated issue and it can be very subjective and emotional. He started a petition that is open to anyone. He also mentioned the quiet communities act (HR 3384) that is currently going through legislation.

ADJOURN

MOTION #3:

Member Hoopingarner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Golden seconded the motion. Members Hoopingarner, Rohlf, Gage, Golden, and Krueger voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

At 12:01 PM the May 10, 2016 regular meeting of the Airport Community Advisory Team adjourned.