

Meeting notes Oct 13th meeting of Noise Abatement Council (NAC):

By NAC Representative Edward McKenna

A report of noise complaints for 2nd and 3rd quarter was provided. The 3rd quarter included the time of RNC and higher numbers were observed in what would be during noise abatement hours. Over all operations were down from a year ago and it is expected construction at the airport being the main reason for this down turn.

The first order of business discussed during general discussion portion of the meeting was the fact that Willoughby Hills has 2 representatives (Mayor appointed Ed McKenna and Council appointed John Plecnik). Other communities represented only have one representative as indicated in the statement of organization of the NAC. We were directed to get this resolved by the next meeting (Jan. 12th). This needs to be done in fairness to the other communities involved. Options suggested ½ vote each or alternate represents, or decide on one rep.

I opened a question if the map provided to pilots included updates to account for the updates to the schools that have opened in WH in the recent years. The existence of such a map was unknown and the pilots present have not used it. Consequently, it would just be a busy work exercise to update school information on it.

Background info: The joint statement resolution indicates aircraft abide by National Business Aircraft Association (NBAA) noise abatement procedures. Page 3 of the NBAA Noise Abatement Program in item 3 d indicates the airport management should provide information for pilots and controllers including a general map showing surrounding area and marking schools and hospitals.

Discussion with the air tower operator after the meeting indicated presently there is no map.

I also opened the question if there was any tree removal planned as part of obstruction removal. This was deferred to construction update portion of the agenda.

Construction update indicates all of phase 1 including punch list is completed. Grants for phase 2 have been approved and bids for the EMAS to be used in phase 3 & 4 material are completed. Phase 2 construction of the runway resurface will start next spring with the dates to be determined. It is possible it might time table might be from Memorial Day to 4th of July.

The Richmond Hts. project of bridge replacement on Richmond Road (close to White Road) is being done independently from the airport phase 2 project. Both parties are aware of each other but there is the possibility of congestion.

The tree removal question was brought back to discussion. A new study needs to be done to see if trees need to be removed. With construction of the airport the dimension points of previous information would not apply. It will also be necessary to move the light towers to comply with these dimension points.

Background info: The master plan completed before option 23 was selected included appendix J. Appendix J detailed a large number of trees on residential in WH what would be obstructions to the airport plans. It indicates the residents being paid the trees being topped or removed or removed and replaced. I recall hearing that in the 60's there was an airport case the resulted in that eminent domain could not be used by Cuyahoga County to acquire property in Lake County. (I am not a lawyer so maybe this question should be forwarded.)

During public portion there was a great question of what would occur if the EMAS material was damaged and there is a year lead time for it? It was not exactly known but it was expected the airport would closed while the EMAS material was cleaned up, then a notice would be made the there was no operational EMAS material at that end until it was replaced.

A representative of Cuyahoga County restated it was required that WH needs to be limited to one representative.

I spoke to John Plecnik briefly afterwards. He provided his card and offered to meet to discuss what should be done. I indicated I would be happy with having a ½ vote. I do not know if I am able to authorize that or if that would be acceptable. I plan to give you a call to discuss.