



Special SeaTac Airport Committee Summary Minutes

Monday, November 14, 2016

6:00 PM

City Hall - Council Chambers

Committee members present:

Michael J. Siefkes, Chair; Peter Kwon, Erin Sitterley, Craig Baker, Doris Cassan, Douglas Hill, Roger McCracken, Joel Wachtel, Craig Baker

Staff: Acting City Manager Joseph Scorcio, Acting CED Director Jeff Robinson, Asst. City Attorney Mark Johnsen, Exec. Assistant Lesa Ellis

Councilmembers in Audience: none

TOPIC	ACTION
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM.
Public Comment	None
Approval of the October 17, 2016 Minutes	Motion to approve the minutes as written by Erin Sitterley and seconded by Roger McCracken.
Quiet Skies Coalition	Jeff Robinson stated that the City invited the members of the newly formed Quiet Skies Coalition of Burien to see how we might work together. The four members introduced themselves: Larry Cripe, President (former pilot); Debbie Wagner, Burien City Councilmember; Walt Balla, former FAA employee and pilot; and John Pardis, VP (construction lawyer).
	Mr. Cripe is the spokesperson for the group. He stated that he went to the City of Burien as a concerned citizen and was told by the mayor she was powerless to help him, so they formed a non-profit. Their main issue is the noise and negative health effects of pollution of the Q400 Turbo Prop western departures turning at 1,500 feet over Burien town square.
	He stated that they worked with Burien Interim City Manager Tony Piascki and get a meeting with the Port and FAA. Alaska Air who owns about 90% of the planes declined to participate. The City hired a moderator for the meeting held October 25. The FAA has stated they cannot respond to their concerns until December 30.
	Mr. Cripe said he has information on how the decision was made at the FAA to allow this, but will not reveal it to the public unless forced to by non-action.
	Mr. Balla shared additional information on the FAA's decision made in July. He explained that Q400 aircraft are slower and 7-3's are faster in the stacking order - feels environmental review should have been done (NEPA assessment).
	Ms. Wagner also addressed NextGen which reduces the minimum so planes will be able to arrive at the same time.

	She gave DFW and Atlanta as examples.
	Mr. Pardis outlined their game plan: Collect information, persuasion – reaching out to find a solution, and if not found, may lead to litigation, and getting the word out – they have hired a public relations specialist.
	Mr. Bella commented that planes are only under the FAA while in the air, once they are on the ground it's the Port. He said thrust reverse is not allowed at Sea-Tac between the hours of 10 PM and 7 AM, but it is not being enforced.
	Chair Siefkes explained that the SeaTac Airport Committee was formed to gather information and make recommendations to the City Council. The Committee is still in the information gathering phase and preparing for the expiration of the ILA with the Port of Seattle on February 16, 2018. He further explained that the City gave up permitting and the Port doesn't pay traffic impact fees, pay only a portion of SWM fees, but has many impacts to the community.
	Chair Siefkes continued to explain that the City does not have a staff person dedicated to focusing on airport issues. The City is interested in forming a regional group of affected cities to discuss noise, pollution, and traffic impacts and have the Port pay their fair share to mitigate negative impacts.
	Ms. Wagner stated she has been a community activist in the area for many years and remembers when the Highline Forum focused on airport issues, but has gotten away from that. There are also Quiet Skies Coalitions in Des Moines and Beacon Hill. She added that Quiet Skies focuses on the citizens. Mr. Cripe said the mission of Quiet Skies is to inform, educate, and empower.
	Acting City Manager Scorcio commented that they appear to have a narrow issue that should be able to be remedied. Noise and health impacts of the Port are a regional issue.
	He further stated that the Port is actively setting up a SeaTac Coalition with cities like Seattle and Bellevue with lobbying power to defeat the issues raised by little cities and designed to ensure support for the state economy. He encouraged all to sign-up to stay informed to what the group is doing.
	It was agreed by the Quiet Skies Coalition and the SeaTac Airport Committee that there is strength in banding together.
	There was further comments that a successful airport is also needed to support local businesses that depend on the airport. Some would like to see more cooperation before litigation.
	Acting City Manager Scorcio stated the city has an obligation to stay factual and truthful and stay data-based when dealing with the Port.
	A member of the audience with the Des Moines Quiet Skies of Puget Sound spoke. She reminded Council that she spoke about NextGen at our last town hall meeting. She said their organization does not have the support of the Des Moines City Council.

	<p>There was more discussion of inviting cities to the January SeaTac Airport Committee. ACM Scorcio also explained the e-notification feature on the website to subscribe to meeting notices. Mr. Cripe will share the instructions with the Quiet Skies group. He asked for any help SeaTac can provide and thanked the Committee for inviting them.</p>
	<p>Chair Siefkes called on Mr. Wachtel. Mr. Wachtel shared that he made an information request and obtained emails between the FAA and the Port. He stated they covered for each other on the tree removal issue of the Corridor Flight Safety Program. He has 30-35 emails and 80 documents.</p>
	<p>ACM Scorcio asked members to turn-in their list of three top issues to present to the FAA so a list can be compiled. The FAA has agreed to come to a meeting; most likely December or January.</p>
	<p>ACM Scorcio distributed the 2017 City of SeaTac legislative agenda priorities.</p>
	<p>At the November 28 meeting, we will discuss the FAA list and finish the map exercise.</p>
<p>Action Items brought forward from previous meetings</p>	<p>Invite: FAA, Alaska Airlines, Delta Airlines, Boeing, local city officials to future meetings. Update: FAA has been invited.</p> <p>Poll Committee for additional meeting date before end of year. Update: Done. November 28 is the additional meeting date.</p> <p>Research Federal regulations regarding access to an international airport (essential facility). Update: Mark Johnsen explained that the EPF statutes are not specific in regard to access. City has authority for access to our roads and the Port has rights of access to their property. He said there are guidance documents, not authoritative. As we go, he will be able to obtain more specific information.</p> <p>Letter to Port asking them to open south access to the Park-n-Fly shuttles. Update: Received clarification from the park n fly owners that they would like to ask the Port about allowing car rental? shuttle buses to use the tunnel off of air cargo road to ease congestion. The tunnel is currently being used for employee buses. Tunnel access was closed following 9-11. Mr. Dantzler stated that the Port may push back as they wish to have the cruise ship buses use the south access tunnel, however that would only be during the summer months.</p> <p>List of City's powers over the airport. Update: None at this time.</p>
<p>Round Robin Comment/Question</p>	<p>Mr. McCracken said Uber is congesting the off-ramp to their facility. He would like a meeting on access. Jeff has the trip</p>

Opportunity	data provided by Mr. McCracken. Mr. Dantzler said Uber and Lyft are generating individual trips, where the shuttles carried multiple passengers.
	ACM Scorcio reported the City and Port have an agreement for a jointly funded study for the S. 160 th traffic situation.
	Councilmember Kwon suggested a letter be written to our state representatives requesting an update to the 1997 Airport Impact Study.
Next meeting	Decided at last meeting to hold two meetings in November. The next meeting is November 28.
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Meeting Handouts:

Agenda
Draft 10/17/16 Minutes
2017 Legislative Priorities
Quiet Skies Coalition flyer (provided by QSC)

Handouts emailed following the Meeting: