



AGENDA

Burien Airport Committee

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

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NOTE: In accordance with [Governor Inslee's Safe Start - Washington's Phased Reopening Plan \(from May 29, 2020\)](#), the City is temporarily prohibited from holding in-person meetings. Starting April 6, 2020, all public meetings will be held virtually using Zoom Webinar software. We want our community to continue to be able to watch and participate in public meetings. Please see the link to the [Zoom Webinar Meeting](#) in the header of the Agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVE DRAFT MINUTES

- a) Approve the minutes for the October 20, 2020 Burien Airport Committee (BAC) meeting. 3 - 5
[October 20, 2020 BAC Draft Minutes](#)

3. BUSINESS AGENDA

- a) Follow-up on research of other Airport Roundtables. 7 - 9
[Comparison Chart of other Roundtables](#)
[Reagan D.C. Airport Working Group Charter](#)
- b) Review draft letter to Port of Seattle. (Committee members Debi Wagner and Sharyn Parker) 11
[Draft Letter to Port on Covid mitigation](#)
- c) Other updates.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There are three ways to provide public comment: Email (preferred) Text, or Online. Public comment shall be limited to two minutes per speaker.

1. **Email (preferred):** You can provide a public comment in advance by sending an email to AirportCommittee@burienwa.gov. The Staff Liaison will read your comment aloud during the meeting. Cutoff for emails will be at 4:45 p.m. on the day of the meeting.
2. **Text:** Send a text to AirportCommittee@burienwa.gov (simply enter the email

address in the “To:” line of the text) and the Staff Liaison will read your comment aloud during the meeting. Cutoff for emails will be at 4:45 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

3. **Online (Zoom):** If you are unable to provide public comment via email or text, and would still like to provide public comment during the meeting, you will need to login to the Zoom meeting that begins at approximately 6:00 p.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Councilmember Nancy Tosta, Chair; Mayor Jimmy Matta;
Councilmember Sofia Aragon**

Larry Cripe; Jeff Harbaugh; Sharyn Parker; Javier Tordable; Debi Wagner

Ex-Officio Member: Brian Wilson, City Manager

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MINUTES - Draft
Burien Airport Committee
Tuesday, October 20, 2020
Zoom Webinar

PRESENT: Councilmember Nancy Tosta (Chair); Mayor Jimmy Matta; Councilmember Sofia Aragon; Jeff Harbaugh;; Javier Tordable; Debi Wagner; City Manager Brian Wilson; Management Analyst Lori Fleming

ABSENT: Larry Cripe; Sharyn Parker

GUESTS: JC Harris; Dave Kaplan

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. APPROVE DRAFT MINUTES

The minutes from the September 15, 2020 Burien Airport Committee (BAC) meeting were approved. It was requested that after discussion of agenda items, any action items be specifically listed in the minutes; and the draft minutes be provided to the Committee members about a week after the meeting.

3. BUSINESS AGENDA

a) Discuss direction from Burien City Council on exploration of airport roundtables in other cities.

i. Review criteria in draft matrix exploring other airport roundtables.

At the September 21, 2020 Burien Council meeting, the Council directed the Burien Airport Committee to examine successful airport roundtables nationwide and bring back possible structural changes to ensure worthwhile community participation no later than December 31, 2020. Discussion occurred on what criteria are important and the difficulty of determining if that roundtable is effective. The possibility of having an alternative forum, such as the Highline Forum, was discussed, but restructuring would be needed.

ii. Identify additional roundtables to examine.

The Burien Airport Committee members were tasked with researching various roundtables to help complete the comparison chart started by Chair Tosta. A suggestion was to virtually attend the meetings of those roundtables.

ACTION: The following Committee members agreed to research the listed airport roundtables:

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Chair Tosta – Chicago O’Hare; and to get roundtable information previously gathered by Sheila Brush and JC Harris.
 Jeff Harbaugh - Reagan National Airport, near D.C.
 Debi Wagner – Boston and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)
 Javier Tordable – May be assigned one if a roundtable contact can be provided.

b) Discuss next steps for SeaTac Airport Stakeholder Advisory Round Table (StART).

Since the Burien City Council directed Burien to rejoin StART, City Manager Wilson has attended a StART meeting and both the federal policy and noise working group meetings. He has seen Port of Seattle support in addressing some of the requested changes to the meetings. The process to appoint the two Burien community representatives to StART is underway.

c) Discuss Interlocal Agreement for 5 cities to work with University of Washington on "School Resilience to Air Pollution" Study.

The Burien Airport Committee supports the City’s participation and funding of \$12,500 for the Interlocal Agreement related to the University of Washington “School Resilience to Air Pollution” study.

d) Discuss 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities.

The Committee reviewed Burien’s proposed 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities.

ACTION: Proposed changes to Burien’s 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities to provide to Council include the following:

Reduce Airport Noise and Emissions:

- Promoting and supporting a regional “Coalition of Electeds” ... *This bullet was proposed to be deleted since was suggested over a year ago and is no longer relevant.*
- Support HR 2351, known as the Aviation Impacted Communities Act... *HR 2351 is an incorrect bill number and should be corrected to HR 6038.*

Climate Action

- Add a bullet related to strengthening aviation greenhouse gas emissions legislation.

The Committee reviewed Burien’s proposed 2021 State Legislative Agenda and discussed a 2021 State Budget Provision related to purchasing and outfitting a van to do mobile air quality monitoring.

ACTION: City Manager Wilson will contact the City’s State Lobbyist about adding language to Burien’s proposed 2021 State Legislative Agenda on the mobile van to do air quality monitoring.

e) Report on meetings with Congressmen Adam Smith and Rick Larsen.

Chair Tosta has met with Congressmen Smith and Larsen and they have been responsive to the City’s airport noise concerns.

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f) Other items?

The Committee discussed sending a letter to the Port of Seattle on the increasing flights over Burien. The Committee was reminded that impacts should be addressed during the SAMP process, which is scheduled to occur in 1st quarter 2021, but may get extended.

ACTION: Committee members Debi Wagner and Sharyn Parker will draft a letter to the Port for review at the next Burien Airport Committee meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

JC Harris – He has looked at other roundtables and recommended focusing on the desired changes. He was asked to provide his roundtable research to Chair Tosta to pass on to the Committee members.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

The next Burien Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via a Zoom webinar.

To hear Committee’s full discussion of a specific topic or the complete meeting, watch the video-stream available on the City website, www.burienwa.gov.

COMPARISON OF RESEARCHED AIRPORTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES OF MEMBERSHIP, RECORDING, AND INVITED EXPERTS - (Rev 11/12/20)

Explanation: BAC members and other cities’ airport committees identified some specific issues concerning StART deliberations. The Bylaws of each were reviewed and the comparison below is extracted from those documents.

SPECIFIC ISSUES	CHARLOTTE-DOUGLAS AIRPORT IN NC	Reagan National Airport near D.C.	LAX AIRPORT IN CA	Boston	CHICAGO O’HARE	StART INCLUDES?	BAC COMMENTARY
BAC member assigned:		Jeff Harbaugh	Debi Wagner	Debi Wagner	Chair Tosta		
Chaired by							
Membership by elected officials.	23 members from 14 city council districts (7 elected); 9 from local county districts (6 elected); plus alternates.	Community representatives; and two airline representatives. FAA to join as needed.	Electeds from city, county, state, or federal jurisdictions preferred, with alternates approved; +FAA, LAX & airlines; one at-large member.	Not an even distribution of representatives.		No.	High priority.
Audio-visual recordings made.	Printed summaries provided.	Written summaries provided.	Recordings of meetings are available to the public.			No recordings for public.	Highest priority.
Agenda-setting and motions.	Super-majority (2/3 of membership) required to adopt new recommendations directed to FAA. Officers set agendas.	Airport Authority serves as facilitator. Majority of Working Group needed for approval.	LAX has a facilitator; majority rules.			No; POS determines with contracted facilitator.	No steering committee; prefer citizen co-chair.
Advanced notices and materials.	Emailed or mailed in advance without specifying how many days in advance.		Notices at least 72 hours in advance; materials as soon as possible.			Yes, POS has agreed to this condition.	High priority.
Inclusion of expert witnesses or speakers at meetings.	Public is welcome at all meetings and subcommittees and are invited to comment. Mute on the question of speakers or expert witnesses included.	FAA and airlines to join meetings as needed on technical issues. Elected officials and their staff are welcome at meetings.	Public is welcome at all meetings and subcommittees; invited to comment. Two methods of inclusion: 1) Recognized organizational representatives; 2) “Members of the public with relevant skills to advise...on possible measures” pending action.			No, POS will not agree.	High priority to have inclusion of expert witnesses.

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport Community Working Group Organizational Charter for 2017

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority serves as sponsor and facilitator for the Reagan National Airport Community Working Group, created in response to community concerns regarding aircraft noise affecting residential areas in the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland along the Potomac and Anacostia river flight corridors.

The Working Group includes community representatives from the Washington, D.C., communities of Georgetown/Foggy Bottom (Ward 2), Palisades/Foxhall (Ward 3), Southwest Waterfront/Navy Yard (Ward 6), Benning/Kenilworth/River Terrace (Ward 7) and Anacostia (Ward 8); from the Virginia communities of Crystal City and Rosslyn/North Arlington in Arlington County; the Old Town community in the City of Alexandria; and the Fairfax County Supervisor Districts of Dranesville and Mount Vernon; and from the Maryland communities of Bethesda; Potomac and Glen Echo/Cabin John in Montgomery County and the Accokeek and Fort Washington communities in Prince George's County. Appointing officials are the Mayors of Washington, D.C., and Alexandria, Virginia; the County Chairs of Fairfax and Arlington counties in Virginia; and the County Executives of Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland, for communities in their jurisdictions. The Working Group's voting membership also includes two representatives of airlines serving Reagan National Airport.

The Working Group will be joined at its meetings by representatives of the Federal Aviation Administration, as needed for technical consultation, and airlines operating at Reagan National, as well as representatives of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and its Noise Information Office. Elected officials who selected the Working Group members, as well as members of the elected official's staff, also are welcome to attend Working Group meetings.

The Airports Authority convenes Working Group meetings and serves as facilitator for the group's meetings and its formulation of recommendations and will provide written summaries of meetings, to be approved by the Working Group membership and posted on the Airports Authority website, along with other key materials from meetings. The Airports Authority and FAA serve as non-voting advisory members of the Working Group, which conducts meetings using Robert's Rules of Order. The Working Group meets regularly to share ideas, discuss potential strategies and evaluate potential ways to mitigate the impact of aircraft noise, in consultation with the FAA and other participants. Recommendations approved and endorsed by a majority of Working Group members (when a quorum of at least three representatives from each major political jurisdiction – Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia – are present) will be forwarded periodically by the Airports Authority to the Federal Aviation Administration or other applicable entities for consideration.

The Working Group is designed to inject broad-based community input into noise-related discussions, and to move the noise discussion beyond the airing of individual and neighborhood complaints toward a cooperative effort to identify practical solutions and recommend those solutions to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for submission to the Federal Aviation Administration or other applicable entity for consideration. Therefore, the Working Group's meetings will be technically focused working sessions rather than public participation forums, with discussion participation limited to the Working Group's membership and official advisers, as outlined above.

(12/12/16)

Mr. Stephen R. Metruck
 Executive Director, and
 Port Commissioners
 Port of Seattle
 P. O. Box 1209
 Seattle, WA 98121

DRAFT

Dear Mr. Metruck, Commissioners Bowman, Calkins, Cho, Felleman, and Steinbruck:

We acknowledge the concern of the Port Commissioners regarding the terrible effects of the Covid 19 Pandemic on our society, economy and health. Some notable efforts are being made to alleviate suffering. One high risk group however, remains completely ignored. We would appreciate hearing from the Port of Seattle and Commissioners how they intend to address the residents living around Sea-Tac Airport who were already suffering deteriorating health effects from noise and emissions before the arrival of Covid 19.

Many of us have read multiple articles describing the citizenry hardest hit by Covid 19 which includes people of color and the elderly with underlying medical conditions. Burien has a large minority population and growing number of retirees already plagued by health disparities typical of airport communities such as sleep deprivation, diabetes, asthma, lung disease and cancer. What is notably **missing** from the Airport's web pages describing their Covid 19 safeguards for travelers is what mitigation is planned for the vulnerable environmental justice population and others with compromised health conditions in Burien. Of course, the City is concerned about all of its residents, but knowing that some people are more susceptible to higher morbidity and mortality due to the virus **because** of these **existing** conditions should compel some action.

The principles of protecting the most vulnerable are already codified in Executive Order (EO) 12898 Environmental Justice, the same EO recognized by the State Board of Health in 2001 as necessary to apply to residents that are disproportionately affected by pollution from Sea-Tac Airport and at much higher average risk.

https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/apr/07/air-pollution-linked-to-far-higher-covid-19-death-rates-study-finds?CMP=share_btn_fb

Although infection rates are higher for several south county cities than the average in King County, Burien has one of the highest rate of Covid infections and hospitalizations.

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/daily-summary.aspx>

Because Burien is disproportionately vulnerable with pre-existing health disparities and less likely to survive Covid 19, Burien City Councilmembers, along with our Burien Airport Committee members, would very much like to have a conversation with Port Commissioners and staff to share ideas about this timely topic of mitigating these risk factors.

Sincerely,