

MEETING SUMMARY

Aviation Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 5, 2017
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
North Conference Room

<u>Aviation Advisory Committee Members</u>	<u>City Staff</u>
Sheila Brush	Michael Matthias, City Manager
David Clark	Tim George, City Attorney
Steve Edmiston	Susan Cezar, Community Development Director
Wendy Ghiora	Renee Cameron, Deputy City Clerk
Mark Proulx	

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

1. Update on Airport Aviation Committee Sea-Tac Stakeholder Advisory Roundtable (StART)
 - a. Representatives from Committee

City Manager Michael Matthias stated that the StART Committee will include the cities of SeaTac, Federal Way, Burien, Normandy Park, Des Moines, Alaska Airlines, Delta Airlines, Air Cargo, and FAA-Ex Officio. City Manager Matthias advised that at the November 30th City Council Meeting the City Council authorized City Manager Michael Matthias, Aviation Advisory Committee (AAC) member Brush, and community resident Ken Rogers as the City's representatives to serve on the StART.

2. Rep. Tina Orwall – Update on Ultra Fine Particle Study

Representative Tina Orwall provided an update on the Ultra Fine Particle Study and said the study will be a community driven process. She said the University of Washington (UW) is an expert on air quality study and the UW will be performing the 18 month air quality study, with a portion of the study paid for from the \$75K from the Port. She advised that the UW, Department of Ecology, Department of Health, subcommittees, technical groups, and researchers within the community will be involved in the study. She stated that the first step will be analyzing the raw data and reviewing the airport footprint. The second step will be literature research to include any changes to the federal level, mitigation, and comparison of jet fuels vs. biofuels. She stated that Congressman Adam Smith's Office is working hard on the issue, as well as Senator Karen Keiser, and they are all working hard together to bring attention to the issues and concerns. She said that teaming up with Senator Keiser helped with the proviso of the fully funded 18 month study through the UW. She encouraged the AAC to check out the Atlanta Study which focuses on concentration of jet fuel particles, which is part of a new movement. Committee Member Brush encourage Representative Orwall to research and stress the importance in the study of sulfur, lead in the jet exhaust monitoring system, and Dr. Witten's notes from the Santa Monica meeting. Committee Member

Brush stated that the sulfur research is much easier to “tease out” as it is only in airline fuel and not vehicle fuel.

Representative Orwall stated her, Senator Keiser, and Adam Smith’s office are working at the federal level to get the Port to be aware and take action. She stated that the AAC will participate in the research design and provide for the quality of the research content.

City Manager Matthias stated that there will be lots of movement coming forward from the Air Quality Study and that the City’s Community Development Director/SEPA Official Susan Cezar will be meeting with City Managers and SEPA Officials from neighboring cities to discuss strategy to review the SAMP and the City will be active in the process.

Committee Member Edmiston said no study ever says “Let’s keep flying, ‘cause it doesn’t hurt anybody.” He wants to know what to do with the research and association of the contamination. He asked for updates of Part 150 Noise v. Air Quality and Part 161, the Hush House. He said there needs to be review of jet fuel vs. biofuel so it can be mitigated. Which one is better, jet fuel or biofuel? Representative Orwall commented on the Hush House, in that knowing what the consequences of requested changes is important.

Representative Orwall briefly discussed air cargo at Sea-Tac and the possibility of Moses Lake or Boeing Field taking the majority of air cargo out of Sea-Tac. She also is concerned about the number of night time flights, and hopes to have those reduced significantly.

City Manager Matthias stated the SAMP needs to be politically acceptable, industrially acceptable and environmentally acceptable. He is concerned that the SAMP to the Port of Seattle means that their efficiencies increase.

The Committee thanked Representative Orwall for her work in this regard and will work with her schedule for the next meeting.

3. Proposed strategy for review of Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP) Environmental Impacts
 - a. Background of process for commenting on Environmental Reviews
 - Community Development Director/City SEPA Official Cezar

Community Development Director Cezar presented the AAC with a PowerPoint slide show regarding the State Environmental Policy Act and National Environmental Policy Act EPA/NEPA, including a comparison of the two processes, and the requirements and timeline of the processes. Director Cezar stated that both NEPA and SEPA compliance will be required, however, the particular process has not yet been determined. She also reminded the AAC that airports are “essential public facilities.”

City Manager Matthias said it was interesting that at the November 7th Meeting the Port of Seattle's Senior Director of Environment and Sustainability, Elizabeth Leavitt would not commit to an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of the SAMP, but referred more toward an Environmental Assessment (EA). City Manager Matthias stated that the consultant that will be hired will be here to help the City and the AAC with the review and commenting throughout the environmental review process, including any Scoping, Draft EIS, and the Final EIS. Director Cezar said it was interesting that the Port is not committing to an EIS at this time, but that an EA can precede an EIS.

City Manager Matthias talked about comments from the City prior to the scoping period and stated he does not want to be premature in our comments. He believes the City will continue to get updates on the SAMP status from the Port, however updates of modeling have been revised and changed, as the Port have moved modeling of the SAMP to a capital improvement project. He said the SAMP Update has "gone dark" as they Port continues working on their updates. He advised he will get the last PowerPoint Presentation from the Port, which he believes was in October 2016, and have it available for the next AAC Meeting.

Community Development Director Cezar advised that the Port SEPA policies include an administrative appeal of the adequacy of a final EIS, heard by a hearing examiner, and any appeal of the Hearing Examiner decision and NEPA document would be a court appeal.

4. Committee Member update/previous meeting follow-up
 - a. Dollars for academic articles
Committee Member Edmiston advised that he will provide the articles for the next AAC meeting.
 - b. City letter commenting on Washington Aviation System Plan (WASP)
City Manager Matthias advised he will provide the WASP letter to the AAC and asked them to please comment.
5. Public Comment
 - J.C. Harris stated he believes the engagement with Quiet Skies and the airport community has quieted down. He said he feels the AAC's process is undemocratic about their goals and achievements and wants the AAC to be more sensitive about the goals and concerns.
 - Candace Urquhart stated her concerns about the Port's EIS process and how they are/may be navigating around the process. She is concerned that the Port is stripping away part of their process. She would like to see the City ask to enter into a "Good Neighbor Agreement" to work together at the table with the Port's overall plan. She stressed the importance that the Port's 2034 Plan include rail, and multi-modal options.
 - Doreen Harper asked if the Port is able to piece meal their process to avoid SEPA/NEPA. City Manager Matthias stated that Port Aviation Division Managing Director Lance Lyttle's letter states that nothing will be outside of the SAMP. City Attorney George advised that some projects have been "piece meal," however, those projects have not been challenged/appealed.

- Rick Johnson stated that the Port of Seattle has a lot of pull and believes they had input regarding the redevelopment of Key Arena vs a new stadium in the SODO District. He said the City and AAC needs to have solutions, not questions when dealing/working with the Port. Mr. Johnson said he was pleased to see all of the work being done by the AAC and City staff.
6. Next Report to Council
- a. December 7, 2017. The AAC agreed that they would like to provide an update to the Council at the next Council meeting, rather than waiting until mid-January 2018. Committee member Ghiora agreed to present the update to the Council at the December 7th City Council Meeting.
7. Next Meeting Dates
- a. Poll members for availability for 2018
 - City Manager Matthias said he will work with the AAC to determine meeting dates and times for 2018.
 - Committee member Edmiston stated he would like to see a featured article regarding the AAC and updates about the progress from the AAC in the Spring edition of the City Currents.
 - Committee member Brush said she would like to include an article from the Port from January 2016 regarding cargo expansion, and that Sea-Tac was never designed for cargo.

*Materials provided to the AAC are available for review in the City Clerk's Office.

Adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Cameron, Deputy City Clerk