

SUMMARY
AIRPORT NOISE WORK GROUP
Wednesday, October 7, 2009
3030 25TH Street SE, Salem, OR
6:00 PM

Members Present	Members Absent	Guests
Stacey Cochran	Cindy Ford	None
Jim Graham	Steve Larsen	
Patrick Hall		
Major Mark Ulvin		
Mary Ann Lebold	Staff Present	
Ken Hetsel	Alan Alexander	

Alan Alexander, Airport Administrator, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

He reported that Bill Smaldone, Chair of the South East Salem Neighborhood Association, will put more effort into finding a work group representative.

Mr. Alexander distributed copies of the airport operations report through the end of September which shows a slight increase in operations.

He reviewed the Noise Complaint and Bird Strike Report for September. Airport administration received a number of “curiosity calls,” not considered to be noise complaints, because of increased military operations. The pilots of these flights purchased fuel and patronized the airport restaurant and local motels benefiting our community. There was one possible bird strike. Since the geese fly-away season starts next month, airport personnel will be taking action to discourage the geese including the use of propane canons. Mr. Alexander asked that airport administration be notified if there are complaints about the propane canon noise.

Airport construction projects include the final phase of runway fog overlay project, scheduled for October 17 and 18, requiring runway closures. Aircraft will be using a single runway for short periods briefly increasing traffic and noise over some neighborhoods.

Phase 1 of the Airport Master Plan update has begun and will focus on use and capacity. Public involvement will be encouraged during the second phase of the update.

Work to obtain an aviation easement in the Fairview development continues. Mr. Alexander is anxious to have the easement signed since it will be an example to other communities that border the airport like Lakeside Village and Paradise Island, manufactured home communities immediately east of the airport.

Ms. Lebold reported that the Lakeside Village management does not notify perspective residents of the park's proximity to the airport. Park management believes that, since the park is directly across the street from the airport, this should be obvious and there is no reason to mention the park's proximity to the airport. He has received complaints from residents in the southwest corner of the park about aircraft noise. Ms. Lebold encouraged park management to refer complainants to airport administration since pilots are generally willing to make changes in flight patterns when they are made aware of problems. The management of Paradise Island has not responded to her inquiry whether perspective residents are notified of Paradise Island's proximity to the airport.

Graham Aviation projects only two night training flights during October. Mr. Alexander has spoken with Steve Larsen who said his flight school is doing a minimal amount of flight training.

Patrick Hall reported that Leading Edge Aviation (LEA) will be doing only a small number of night flights. Although there were over 3000 helicopter rides at the state fair, there seems to be no long-term problems resulting from the noise complaints regarding these flights. LEA will be doing Christmas tree operations from mid-October to the beginning of December with most of the operations west of Salem.

Major Ulvin reviewed the National Guard training schedules and activities for October. The new National Guard Operations Center is expected to open in February 2010.

Mr. Hetsel and Ms. Cochran have received no comments or concerns from the residents of the neighborhoods which they represent.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 4, 2009.