

Paine Field Community Council

May 10, 2011
Meeting Minutes

Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tour

Attendees

Council Members representing

Barbara Earl – Chairperson – Off Airport Business
Russ Keyes – Pilots
Harold Quinby – Community NW Quadrant
John Richardson – Community NE Quadrant
Jonathan Blubaugh - Community NE Quadrant
Hal Meyer – Pilots
Rich White - Off Airport Business – Boeing
Kris Huxford – Community
Todd Brunner - Off-Airport Business-Alternate
John Green – Pilots-Alternate

Steve Skorney – County Planning-Ex-Officio
Dave Koening – Everett Planning -Ex-Officio
Andy Muntz – Mukilteo School District-Ex-Officio

Airport Staff

Bill Dolan
Nona Anderson
Kara Underwood

Dave Waggoner
Bryan Johnson
Julie Close

General Public

Barry Smith, Future of Flight Director
Glen Humman

Karl Meyers

The meeting was called to order by Chair Barbara Earl..

will be a keepsake of high quality that includes a place to be stamped by each attraction, and he noted that a benefit will be discounts on items at the gift shops and the café as well as discounts on admissions to the attractions during the low season. In the future hotels in the area may participate. This branding effort is hoped to stimulate more visits to all the attractions. He noted that the Future of Flight currently has attendance of approximately 200,000 visitors a year and the passport will make those visitors aware of all the other attractions at Paine Field. John then spoke a few minutes about Historic Flight's acquisition and restoration of a MIG 29 and the round of flight tests currently underway.

The minutes of the February Council meeting were approved as written.

Chair Barbara Earl requested help from the Council on a committee to review the Community

Council's by-laws with her. The Bylaw review committee will report back to the Council with any proposed amendments for action at the May meeting. Harold Quinby volunteered. Barbara said she would like four more people and said to let Bruce or Bill know if you are interested in helping out.

Operations Summaries

Bruce Goetz used a power point slide show to present the summary of aircraft operations and noise calls. He thanked Matt Cawby for allowing the use of his photos in the slide show.

There were 110,794 flight operations at Paine Field in 2010, down 2.5% from 2009 and about half of what there were six years ago. 688 noise complaints regarding flight were received in 2010 (down from 880 in 2009) operations are sorted by aircraft type, the majority being from large jets. Bruce noted that of the 52 complaints received on engine runs-ups most occurred in January when Boeing was conducting gauntlet testing on the 787 where extensive engine runs at various power settings occurred over a 5 day period.

Bruce noted that the majority of the complaints in 2010 came from the NW quadrant and that 53% of the complaints from the SW quadrant come from one caller.

Noise monitoring upgrade

Bruce showed a picture of the new noise monitors the airport acquired with help from a Washington State DOT grant to replace the airports existing monitors that are now over 20 years old. He noted the monitoring locations remain the same at 9500' north of the main runway in Mukilteo, 8500' south of the main runway neat Lake Serene and 6500' west of the main runway in Harbour Pointe. The new monitors will provide greater system reliability and compatibility with the other components of the Airports noise management system where they pair with the radar flight tracking system. Harold Quimby asked about neighborhood noise affects on the monitors and if the monitoring sites are aligned with aircraft flight tracks. Bruce said the monitors are able to distinguish between aircraft and non aircraft noise events. He noted that the monitors north (#1) and south (#3) of the airport are on the extended centerline of the main runway in residential back yards, and the west monitor (#2) is under the downwind leg of light aircraft pattern in a community park. Bruce suggested that anyone wanting additional information on the airport's noise monitoring system contact Julie Close in the Operations department.

Aircraft Parking

Bruce used an aerial photo slide to describe areas on the airport where Boeing aircraft will be parked during 2010-11 while Boeing completes the certification and change incorporation work on the 787 and 747-8. He noted the production of these aircraft continues during the lengthy certification process and those aircraft can't be delivered until FAA certification is received. He noted that in addition to the Boeing flight line these aircraft will be parked on taxiway Kilo North, the terminal ramp, runway 11-29, the south ramp and taxiway Kilo 6. A question was raised about the inconvenience for moving between the central and west ramps Bruce noted that two routes between these ramps would be maintained at taxi lane Echo to D5 and taxi lane Hotel to D1 as has been the case during prior construction related closures of runway 11-29.

Airport Construction

Bruce used an aerial photo to depict the work completed during 2009 and 2010 on the multiyear project to rehabilitate the main runway 16R-34L and taxiway Alpha. The new connector taxiway Alpha 3 to the Boeing south gate was opened at Thanksgiving 2010. This work is being done in

segments matched to available Federal grant funding. In late 2010 the FAA programmed Paine Field to receive \$11.1 million to continue this work in 2011. The 2011 phase of the project will include installation of subsurface edge drains, new runway edge lights, new signage, new electrical conduit banks and repaving the 35' wide shoulders. These improvements will bring the runway up to FAA design standards and provide more reliable and energy efficient lighting that should serve the airport well for many years.

The project should be ready to bid in the spring and be constructed during the dry summer months. Between June and September there will be four main runway closures, each requiring a four day weekend, plus a lot of nighttime work (9 p.m.- 7 a.m.) to get as much work done at night to minimize day-time closures.

Bruce reported that it is Snohomish County's 150th anniversary this year; there are banners located on some of the poles coming into the Airport on 100th. There will be more celebrations later on toward the summer. For more information go to www.snoco.org or www.snoco150.net

Commercial Air Service Update

Bill Dolan reported that the FAA is still working with the consultant to develop the NEPA Final Environmental Assessment with responses to the comments on commercial air service received during the public comment period back in 2010. A federal decision is expected in a few months. There would be a public opportunity to appeal if they are not satisfied with the determination. After the FAA's determination the County will have a SEPA process before making its decision. There was a comment that Horizon has been bought out by Alaska Airlines. Bill stated that both airlines continue to be owned by the Alaska Air Group and that the new arrangement called a Capacity Purchase Agreement (CPA) wherein Alaska has control over all route and marketing decisions and Horizon sells Alaska "capacity" is common in the industry between mainline carriers and commuters who feed them traffic. The planes will say Alaska on the side of the plane and then in smaller print Horizon with the Eskimo on the tail. He noted that Bellingham is upgrading their terminal to accommodate growth of air service including service Alaska started to Hawaii earlier this year.

General Aviation Day

Les Smith from the Paine Field Chapter of the Washington Pilots Association reported that General Aviation Day will be held on the Airports South Ramp on May 25th. The Airport and the WPA work closely with FHC and Historic Flight for an action packed day. The Civil Air Patrol has been extremely helpful in the past and will participate again this year. The day will start with the Firefighters 5 K fun run and pancake breakfast. The warbirds will fly at noon and the Young Eagles will again provide free flights for youth aged 8 – 17 yrs. Many other planes will be on display. The entire event is free except for food and the 5 K run. It is a great opportunity to get up close to some great aircraft.

Councilmember Reports

Harold Quinby has been following the nighttime calls (from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.) and they seem to a bit less than what they used to be and less irritating. Bill stated that the Airport works with Boeing and ATS to discourage nighttime flights. Some of the late large aircraft operations are coming and going for service at ATS after they finish their revenue flight day at Sea-Tac and delays can cause those events to slip into the nighttime hours. Bill noted that the Dreamliner night flights are kept at the minimum necessary to accomplish the 787 component delivery schedule. Harold noted there appear to be fewer problem medivac helicopter night flights. Bruce said that Airlift Northwest had transitioned from Agusta A109s to a much quieter

Eurocopter EC135s and noise complaints associated with their operations around Paine Field have decreased significantly.

Public Comments

Bjorn Rafner spoke in favor of commercial air service and of the Airport.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.