

Lunken Airport Oversight Advisory Board  
August 11, 2003

Board Members present:

Rob Rubin, Chairperson  
Krissi Barr  
Mike Conaton  
Scot Conover  
Tom Edwards  
Mike Lacinak

North Community Representative  
At-Large Representative  
Corporate User Representative  
West Community Representative  
Fixed Base User Representative  
South Community Representative

Board Members absent:

Steve Shaw, Vice-Chairperson  
Joe Llamas  
Eric Partee

East Community Representative  
Private User Representative  
Recreational/Environmental Representative

City Staff present:

Eileen Enabnit  
Dan Dickten  
Don Rosemeyer  
Bob Vickrey  
Steve Fagel  
Cheri Rekow  
Elaine Luchi

Director of Transportation and Engineering  
Airport Manager  
Acting City Engineer  
Supervising Engineer  
Assistant City Solicitor  
Noise Compatibility Planner  
Administrative Technician

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Mr. Rubin called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

Review and Approval of July 14, 2003 Minutes

Ms. Barr moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed 6-0.

City Council Resolution

Ms. Barr gave the LAOAB's quarterly update to City Council's Finance Committee at its August 5 meeting. Also at that meeting, Councilmember Chris Monzel presented a motion setting forth "Guiding Principles for Lunken Airport Master Plan." An amended version of this motion was adopted the following day at City Council's August meeting.

In an earlier conversation with Mr. Rubin, Mr. Monzel said that the motion was in response to a request by the City Manager that Council put on the record their position

on the issues affecting Lunken Airport. Mr. Rubin had asked Mr. Monzel to defer the motion until September. Members of the LAOAB expressed disappointment and frustration in their lack of ability to communicate with City Council. They spoke of being ignored and noted that this is an election year. Mr. Rubin reminded the Board of its achievements such as advocating the Part 150 Study and Master Plan Update. Ms. Enabnit stressed that City Administration routinely looks to the LAOAB for guidance on many items.

Mr. Edwards moved to suspend meetings of the LAOAB until City Council gives definitive direction as to the role of the Board. The motion was seconded, but was deferred to the next meeting before a vote was taken. Mr. Edwards will put this motion in writing and circulate it to the LAOAB for review prior to the September meeting.

Mr. Lacinak agreed that City Council should have consulted the Board before voting on Mr. Monzel's motion; however, he believes that the LAOAB serves a valid function in maintaining public debate and accountability on Airport issues. He supports continuing to build a relationship with City Council, and he has authored a resolution to remind Council of its own resolution that created the LAOAB in August 2000. In addition, the resolution asks that City Council seek the advice of the Board prior to voting on items relative to the potential for change in the nature of Lunken Airport. He will distribute his resolution to the members of the Board for consideration at the September meeting.

#### Master Plan Study

Ms. Rekow reported that she has received all but four of the nominations for the CTAG/CTAG-AC, therefore a comprehensive list has not been released and confirmation letters have not been sent. She will send the composition and a revised schedule of dates to the LAOAB once they are set. The first meeting of the CTAG-AC will be an orientation and will likely be scheduled for late August or early September.

Ms. Barr questioned whether the Lunken Neighborhood Coalition (LNC) held an educational meeting for the Neighborhood Representatives on the CTAG-AC. This caused concern in that these representatives have not been officially appointed and some of those invited believed it to be a City-sanctioned meeting. There was also a question as to how the LNC obtained the names of the nominees. In addition, Mr. Joe Loewenstein, Lunken Airport Advisory and User Committee Chairman and neighborhood resident, was denied entry to the meeting. He was told the Police would be called if he refused to leave.

Mr. Lacinak attended the meeting and felt a good representation of Airport issues was given. Although he did not have a list of attendees, he offered the information packet that had been distributed. Mr. Conover was also invited to the meeting but did not attend. He suggested the LNC provide a list of their officers and members. Ms. Nancy Dramberean, LNC Public Relations Officer, explained that the officers are

listed on [www.joinInc.com](http://www.joinInc.com) but they are not required to release the names of individual members.

Ms. Barr remarked that since the LNC is a group representing the communities, it should allow anyone residing in these neighborhoods to attend their meetings. Further, meetings of the CTAG should never be closed. Mr. Rubin recommended that written guidelines be created.

#### Administration's Report on Pending Matters

Ms. Rekow gave a brief report on noise complaints. The total number of complaints in April was 78. Of those 78, 40 were generated by five residents with twelve of those coming from one individual. For May, the total complaints increased to 131, with approximately 60 of those originating from five persons and 24 from one individual. She did not have the numbers for June and July but estimated based on the volume of calls that the totals would be similar to May's. In addition, she is continuing to create a new database to track noise complaint information, which should allow her to give more comprehensive and useful reports at future meetings. She noted that there appeared to be an increase in calls correlating to public awareness of the Part 150 Study.

#### Public Question and Answer Period

Ms. Rekow was asked if the Airport had attempted to alleviate noise to the single individual with multiple complaints. She explained that several of the alternatives presented by Part 150 Study might reduce noise in that location. It was also suggested that the increases in noise complaints Ms. Rekow mentioned could be due to residents opening their windows rather than relative to the Part 150 Study workshops.

Mr. Ky Webb, Vice-Chairman of the LAAUC, expressed his reservations regarding the Master Plan Update. It is his opinion that City Council's Guiding Principles taint the Master Plan process and predetermine the outcome of the study. Ms. Enabnit urged Mr. Webb to give the process a chance to work.

Mr. Webb spoke of a meeting between Mr. Loewenstein and Mr. Doug Adams, LNC Chairman, (facilitated by Ms. Barr) in which a mutual agreement was reached that the two organizations would not participate in any closed-door meetings. He believes that the LNC's educational session for potential CTAG-AC members and their refusal to allow Mr. Loewenstein to attend violated this agreement.

Ms. Dramberean and Mr. Robert Roark, LNC Vice-Chairman, defended the LNC and the educational meeting. Ms. Dramberean said that Mr. Loewenstein was not included because he is not a CTAG-AC neighborhood nominee and because the LAAUC declined to meet with the LAOAB and LNC during the Working Group discussions to create the CTAG/CTAG-AC. Mr. Roark maintained that the materials distributed at the meeting contain accurate information.

Additional remarks during the public comment portion of the meeting included:

- The LAOAB should study hush houses and alternative sources of revenue.
- Aircraft weight and noise are not synonymous.
- The LNC does not represent the views of all residents.
- The Part 150 Study should consider using European standards for noise measurement rather than the less-stringent FAA recommendations.

Mr. Conaton presented a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.