

Lunken Airport Oversight Advisory Board
November 13, 2007

Board Members present:

Jim Carroll, Chair
David Rattenbury, Vice-Chair
John Bentley
Roger Burdorf
Ginny Corsini
Susan Holzapfel
Al Peter

At-Large Representative
Private User Representative
Recreational/Environmental Representative
Corporate User Representative
South Community Representative
North Community Representative
East Community Representative

Board Members absent:

Jim Day
Rob Foster

Fixed Base User Representative
West Community Representative

City Staff present:

Fred Anderton
Mike Brenner
Cheri Rekow
Steve Fagel
Keith Pettit
Elaine Luchi

Airport Manager
Supervisor of Operations
Senior City Planner
Assistant City Solicitor
Supervising Engineer
Administrative Technician

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Mr. Rattenbury called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Prior to the meeting, City Staff sent a written update (attached) on the following items:

- September and October 2007 Complaints
- September and October 2007 Operations
- AirScene Noise Monitor Installation Update
- Community Event – Aviation for Kids Celebration

Review and Approval of September 10, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Burdorf moved to accept the minutes as recorded. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Noise and Operations Reports

The number of noise complaints decreased in September and October 2007 in comparison to

September and October 2006, although there were several complaints/inquiries regarding flyovers on consecutive weekends by military aircraft. Airport staff is usually able to return calls within 24 hours to citizens who request follow-up, but the response time is longer if the call is received on a weekend.

Total operations increased in September 2007 compared to September 2006, and decreased slightly in October 2007 from October 2006. Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations increased in September and October 2007 when compared to September and October 2006.

AirScene Noise Monitor Installation and Implementation

Ms. Rekow attended Era Corporation's AirScene User Conference in September, which provided her the opportunity to meet with Era staff and other AirScene users. The company is working to implement an internet-based system. This upgrade is expected to increase reliability by centralizing data storage and providing additional backup. The Maintenance Agreement between the City and Era has not been completed. The damaged noise monitor from the Stanbery Park site was sent for repair.

Report on Development and Capital Projects

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requested, and will fund, two projects: 1) installation of a lighted windsock at each end of the main runway 3R/21L; and 2) a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Wildlife Hazard Assessment. The windsock project should be completed in April 2008 and the Wildlife Study in November 2009.

Federal Aviation Administration Update

The Master Plan is still under FAA review. The Master Plan's ALP (Airport Layout Plan) shows current facilities and proposed capital projects. Once the ALP is approved, it will serve as a guide for the FAA's financial participation in these future projects.

The first stage of the proposed extension of the main runway is to develop a scope of work for the Environmental Assessment; however, the FAA may determine other projects to be of higher priority under its system of allocating grant money.

Approval of the new FAA funding bill has been delayed until December 14. The implication is that it may be postponed into 2008, further affecting distribution of grant money.

Administration Report

Aviation for Kids was held on October 19 and October 20. Attendance for the event, which featured aviation-related books, was estimated at 500. Authors/illustrator and WWII veterans were available to meet the public and sign books.

Mr. Anderton and other representatives of the Department of Transportation and Engineering participated in the City Manager's Citizen Government Academy, aimed at informing residents of how the City is organized and how services are funded and delivered.

United States Air Force One (Boeing 757) flew into Lunken in October when President George Bush came to Cincinnati for a fund-raiser. Lunken was used instead of Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) because of its proximity to his destination. It also eliminated the need to utilize Kentucky law enforcement authorities and the Coast Guard.

Public Comment

None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Attachment – LAOAB Report, November 13, 2007

**LUNKEN AIRPORT OVERSIGHT ADVISORY BOARD REPORT:
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2007**

SEPTEMBER 2007 STATS

SEPTEMBER COMPLAINTS

During the month of September 2007, LUK received 5 contacts (phone calls, e-mails or walk-ins) from 5 individuals lodging 5 complaints. Specific complaints reported included the following types of operations:

- 2 props
- 1 jet
- 2 unidentified aircraft

None of the reported disturbances (0%) were observed between the hours of 11 PM and 7 AM, at which time the tower is closed and voluntary restrictions are in effect.

The number of complaints decreased in September 2007 (5 contacts/5 complaints) compared to September 2006 (23 contacts/24 complaints).

SEPTEMBER OPERATIONS

Total LUK operations increased 15% in September 2007 (6,762 ops.) compared with September 2006 (5,716 ops.). Source of LUK operations information: Lunken Airport Air Traffic Control Tower reports.

LUK IFR operations increased less than 1% in September 2007 (3,465 IFR ops.) compared with September 2006 (3,452 IFR ops). In September 2007, IFR ops represented 51% of the total operations vs. 60% in 2006. Source of LUK operations information: Greater Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) Air Traffic Control Tower reports.

OCTOBER 2007 STATS

OCTOBER COMPLAINTS

During the month of October 2007, LUK received 14 contacts (phone calls, e-mails or walk-ins) from 11 individuals lodging 13 complaints. Specific complaints reported include the following types of operations:

- 11 military
- 2 unidentified aircraft

None of the reported disturbances (0%) were observed between the hours of 11 PM and 7 AM, at which time the tower is closed and voluntary restrictions are in effect. The volume of complaints received in October 2007 (14 contacts / 13 complaints) decreased from October 2006 (19 contacts/21 complaints), despite increased calls regarding non-routine F-18 fighter jet operations accompanying an Air Force One visit and performing stadium flyovers during pro-football games. President George Bush's visit to Cincinnati on Monday, October 29, 2007, during which Lunken Airport was closed, prompted a number of inquiries regarding Air Force One, a C-17, and the F-18 arrivals/departures.

OCTOBER OPERATIONS

LUK operations decreased less than 1% in October 2007 (6,434 ops.) compared with October 2006 (6,446xx ops.). Source of LUK operations information: Lunken Airport Air Traffic Control Tower reports.

LUK IFR operations increased 9% in October 2007 (4,266 IFR ops.) compared with October 2006 (3,888 IFR ops). In October 2007 IFR ops represented 66% of the total operations vs. 60% in 2006. Source of LUK operations information: Greater Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) Air Traffic Control Tower reports.

AIRSCENE NOISE MONITOR INSTALLATION UPDATE

Era's first annual user's conference and training in Washington DC, September 10-13, 2007, provided staff with details regarding Era's shift to a centralized system of data collection and dissemination. This will enable staff to retrieve flight tracking and noise monitoring via the Internet rather than the servers that were installed by Era (formerly Rannoch) at each airport/client location using AirScene.

COMMUNITY EVENT - AVIATION FOR KIDS CELEBRATION

Aviation for Kids, held on Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20, 2007, drew approximately 500 visitors to Lunken. Vendors reported satisfaction with sale volumes, which reflected visitor satisfaction with the quality of aviation-related books and the opportunity to meet authors/illustrator, Loren Long, John Fleishman, and WWII heroes Les Edwards, Herb Heilbrun, John Lehr, and other Tuskegee Airman members who were on hand to autograph newly released books. The Cincinnati Warbirds displayed a T-6 and T-28 on the terminal ramp. Coincidentally, current military F-18's also flew over during the event, providing contrast of old and new military aircraft for history and aviation buffs. Flamingo Air, The Sky Galley Restaurant and Bar, Flight Depot, and Lunken Flight Training capitalized on the promotional event traffic by setting up displays or extending their hours.