Lunken Airport Oversight Advisory Board
January 12, 2004

Board Members present:

Mike Lacinak, Chair
Scot Conover, Vice-Chair
Jim Carroll
Mike Conaton
Tom Edwards
Susan Holzapfel
Joe Llamas
Eric Partee
Al Peter

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

City Staff present:

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

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

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

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

Introduction of New Members

Ms. Enabnit introduced the new LAOAB members:

Ms. Susan Holzapfel of Indian Hill, North Community Representative
Mr. Al Peter of Anderson Township, East Community Representative
Mr. Jim Carroll of Hyde Park, At-Large Representative

Review and Approval of December Minutes

Mr. Conaton moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed with none opposed.

New Member Orientation

Each new member was given a binder containing the following:
Ordinance creating LAOAB and LAOAB By-Laws
LAOAB Planning Report
Past LAOAB meeting minutes
Basic Airport Operations and Safety – Airport 101
Aviation definitions
Airport Tenant map
2003 Airport Brochures – Historic, Economic Impact, Pilot Information
Part 150 Study Update
Master Plan Study Update (including Frequently Asked Questions)

If desired, City Administration will arrange a tour of the Airport for the new members. Ms. Enabnit recommended that the new representatives attend various community council meetings.

Mr. Lacinak advised the three new members to feel free to call on the “veteran” members with any questions. Mr. Conover recommended that the four community representatives hold a meeting and possibly reconfigure the areas of representation.

Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Conaton nominated Mr. Lacinak as Chair and Mr. Conover as Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded and passed unanimously.

Part 150 Noise Study Status and Report

Mr. Vickrey provided background information on the Part 150 Study for the benefit of the new LAOAB members. He reported that the next meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) would be in early February with the Public Workshop planned for late February or early March.

Master Plan Study Update

Councilmember David Crowley joined the meeting. Ms. Rekow explained the Master Plan Update and the composition of the Community/Technical Advisory Group (CTAG) and CTAG-Advisory Committee (CTAG-AC) to the new Board members. She reported that the CTAG last met on December 9, 2003, and the next meeting is scheduled for January 20. The agenda items will include goals and objectives, development of the mission statement, and explanation of weight-bearing considerations.

As a procedural matter, the operations forecasts require Federal Aviation Administration approval. Because the timeline has changed, it is probable that the first two Public Workshops will be combined (allowing more time for community participation) and will address existing conditions, operations forecasts, and alternatives so that a draft plan can be completed in May. The date for this workshop will be tentatively scheduled by
January 20. Workshop flyers will be mailed at least 30 days in advance of the meeting and a press release will be issued.

Mr. Lacinak expressed concern that combining the two workshops might not permit citizens enough time to understand the technical forecasts. Ms. Rekow cautioned that it is preferable not to focus on forecasts, which serve as a tool. It will be more productive to focus on the alternative scenarios that will lead to the final plan. This is analogous to the attention focused on the 65 dB contour established by the FAA as a measuring stick for the Part 150 Noise Study. Attention to the contours detracted from the proposed noise mitigation measures, which will have an impact on Lunken stakeholders.

Mr. Lacinak shared concerns from the last CTAG meeting involving land alternatives for a projected 63 additional jets, and weight-bearing and runway length issues presented by the design aircraft targeted for business (Gulfstream V and Boeing Business Jet/Airbus A319).

Future Capital Improvement Projects

Mr. Dickten reported that the Transportation Spending Bill has not been passed, and therefore, grant money has not been allocated. Planned projects include apron repairs at Hangars 1, 2, and 3, and new signage, in addition to the projects reported in previous LAOAB meetings (Runway Safety Area, Greater Cincinnati Airmen’s Club, and Wilmer Avenue Parking Lot).

Status of LAOAB Resolutions sent to City Council

Ms. Enabnit reported that City Administration has submitted its response to City Council and the item is currently on hold for the Community Development and Intergovernmental Committee (CD&IG). Councilmember Crowley, CD&IG Chair, explained that his attendance at the LAOAB meeting was in response to the LAOAB’s resolutions. The CD&IG Committee would like to hold one of their scheduled meetings at Lunken, possibly February 9.

Other Business

Mr. Conaton reported that Procter & Gamble needs more space for its flight operations and is studying its options. The company may make a decision before completion of the Master Plan Update.

Public Question and Answer Period

The assignment of Mr. Peter (non-city resident) as the East Community Representative rather than Mr. Carroll (city resident) was questioned. However, relative to the four community representatives, the ordinance creating the LAOAB states, “No less that two of these representatives shall be from communities within the City limits and no less
than one of these representatives shall be from communities outside the City limits." Mr. Lacinak and Mr. Conover are city residents and fulfill this requirement. In addition, Mayor Luken selected Mr. Carroll for the At-Large position to serve as liaison to City Council.

There was a complaint that the Part 150 PAC has not met since June and the consultant conducting the Study is not getting enough public input. Mr. Vickrey explained that the consultant recently sent a letter to the PAC members advising of a February meeting.

Mr. Conaton moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.