

Charlotte Airport Community Roundtable (ACR)

Unapproved Summary Minutes: December 2, 2020

Attendees

Sara Nomellini, Chair, County 2
Kurt Wiesenberger, Vice Chair, Charlotte
Phillip Gussman, City 1
Priscilla Johnson, City 4
Bobbi Almond, City 5
Sherry Washington, County 4
Mark Loflin, County 6
Sayle Brown, Cornelius
Bob Cameron, Davidson
Sam Stowe, Gaston
Bob Lemon, Huntersville
Walter Ballard, Lincoln
Kim Hardee, Matthews

Thelma Wright, Mecklenburg
Kevin Vesely, York
Gene Reindel, HMMH (Technical Consultant)
Tracy Montross, American Airlines
Robert Berlucchi, American Airlines
Stuart Hair, CLT (ex-officio)
Dan Gardon, CLT
Kevin Hennessey, CLT
Melissa Treadaway, CLT
Amber Leathers, CLT
Ed Gagnon, CSS, Inc. (Facilitator)
Cathy Schroeder, CSS

Summary Minutes

❖ Open the Meeting

- Meeting started at 6:00 PM
- Nomellini: Opened the meeting.
- Gagnon: *Went through the mechanics of WebEx.* Participate through chat, phone, “raise the hand” feature. The look and feel of WebEx is a little different today. Dan will monitor, and you will be recognized. In terms of speaking, especially when screen sharing, please say your name. We will try to get out in under an hour for this meeting. We will be recording the meeting, as well as the chat. If you have any technical issues, try to log back in or use the phone.
 - Ground Rules: Healthy meetings, productive and concise/brief points - talking about the key topics, as opposed to personalities. Keep focused on the goals of the meeting. Make decisions to help the noise situation in the community.
- Nomellini: Can I have a motion to approve the Minutes? *Loflin made motion to approve the minutes; Vesely seconded.* Any discussion?
- Vesely: A question about the handouts that were supposed to be brought to us about the upcoming public community meetings. I don’t recall getting them.
- Gagnon: Yes, that is the EA. Did anyone at CLT want to talk about that now?
- Hair: I had planned to talk about that later when we go into the conversation on Part 150. I do have an update.
- Nomellini: Any other discussion? *The motion is approved.*
- Gagnon: There is a gentleman with American Airline here who logged on. Bob, can you introduce yourself briefly?
- Berlucchi: I am with American Airlines. I’ve been with the company 2 years. I work in air traffic and airfield management. I am a retired air traffic person from the FAA. I had a few years there mostly in South Florida area and our FAA headquarters up in DC. Nice to be here and hope that I can contribute.

❖ **ACR Officer Transition**

- Nomellini: As I indicated at our last meeting, I am moving and will no longer be a resident of Charlotte. This section of the meeting will talk about a replacement for the Chair and – if need be – a replacement of the Vice Chair. Any questions?
- Wiesenberger: You wish to remain a member of the ACR, right?
- Nomellini: At this point, yes.
- Wiesenberger: As Vice Chair, I am required to request a motion to accept her resignation. Do I have a motion to accept her resignation? *Loflin made the motion to accept the resignation of Sara Nomellini as Chair of the ACR. Gussman seconded.* Any discussion?
- Vesely: Thank you, Sara, for all your hard work.
- Nomellini: Thanks Kevin, for that. I want to give a shout out to Dan and Ed and Kevin and Stuart because they have made my life a whole lot easier.
- Wiesenberger: We need to vote. *All voted in favor.* The motion of resignation passes. We are sorry to see you leave as Chair. As Vice Chair, I will open the floor for nominations for Chair.
- Nomellini: I will nominate Kurt for Chair.
- Gussman: I second that.
- Wiesenberger: Are there other nominations?
- Wright: Are you Co-Chair, Kurt?
- Nomellini: The position that Kurt holds is Vice Chair.
- Gagnon: Good observation, Thelma. It has been lately a very collaborative position – Chair working with Vice Chair. But Sara was Chair, and Kurt was Vice Chair.
- Wiesenberger: Motion to close the nominations?
- Vesely: Move that we close nominations.
- Johnson: Second.
- Wiesenberger: Any discussion?
- Gagnon: Let's try to do a vote by acclamation since there is only one person nominated. If, after that, we need a roll call, we can.
- Wiesenberger: *Vote held. All voted in favor. None opposed.* Motion passes.
 - We need a new Vice Chair for the ACR. I would like to open the floor for nominations.
- Loflin: I nominate Phil Gussman.
- Wiesenberger: Other nominations? I hear none.
- Nomellini: I make a motion to close nominations. *Loflin seconded.*
- Wiesenberger: Any discussion?
- Gussman: I would be honored to work with Kurt on our efforts and really try to “make some noise,” so to speak – let people know what we’re doing and where we’re headed.
- Wiesenberger: Let's go to the vote: *All voted in favor. None opposed.*
 - Thanks, Phillip. Let's move forward.

❖ **Update on Moving Forward – Engage, Monitor, and Improve**

- Gagnon: In Section 3 on the Agenda. We will start with updates on Government Engagement, then get an update from Phillip on Community Engagement. Then I will give a brief update on the Local Operations/Improvement Project Team. On Page 3 of the Handout in the 2nd paragraph, there is a written update from Bob Cameron on behalf of the Government Engagement Project Team.
- Cameron: We were fortunate that Sayle Brown met with the Cornelius Mayor Washam, and he had some interesting perspective. He noted that we needed to get to the state senator and federal representative levels, and he also agreed with our expectations in that it would be somewhat futile now because the election has been most important and now Christmas, then installations of representatives

in January. He felt that trying to start something before January would not be in our best interests. We think that after all this and the election is over, we can move forward in making those contacts.

- We did put out a couple times requests for people to sign up – not to trap you into working your own representative but to get us more attention at representatives’ office if we have a constituent. We would like for folks to go with us when we visit for a briefing. Please sign up, and we look forward to the waters settling so we can get moving.

- Wiesenberger: I have had the opportunity to talk with more Community roundtable chairs in the last couple of months - Seattle, Los Angeles, and Boston. One piece of advice I received was when speaking with government officials, it is most effective if we have our facts organized and have people with some familiarity with how things operate in that region or state - makes a big impact when facts are presented and constituents’ opinions are represented. What the voters think is important to government officials. I encourage the Government Engagement team, of which I am a part, to be very organized and prepared.
- Gagnon: Thanks, Kurt and Bob. Any other comments? *None*. Now to Phillip and the Community Engagement Project Team.
- Gussman: We have a similar story with the last couple of months. I have been in touch with some television stations - there is some interest there. It seems that January will be a prime time to get the effort going. Obviously if someone gets back to me and wants to get started faster, we will pass along that opportunity. At this point I believe the real effort will be in January.
- Gagnon: Thanks, Phillip. In terms of the Local Operations/Improvement Project Team, this is a brand new team that we are launching. We are having our first meeting next Tuesday, December 8 at 6pm. Members are Thelma, Priscilla, Sherry, Kurt, Mark, and Bob Lemon. We will have a good discussion on Tuesday. Our initial tools we will be looking at will include: Your feedback from the Member Idea Generation Survey as well as the North vs. South Flow Decisioning information - both the questions you supplied to the FAA and their two waves of responses back to us.
 - CLT is in the process of looking through the information to see if there are any obvious “No Go’s” and considerations that this team should have so that we don’t spend time on things that don’t have an opportunity to be implemented or - on the flip side - if there are things that look like really good ideas, start working on them sooner.
 - First meeting, talk about the charge, frequency of meetings, process they want to walk through, and hopefully finding a Chair for that group. Any questions? *None*.

❖ **Request/Address Additional Business – Part 150**

- Gagnon: On Page 2, the last 2 items on the Agenda. Item 4a, New Business. Two different items for discussion.
 - In the Part 150 update, Stuart will allude to some of the EA materials updates that were requested by Kevin Vesely at the start of the meeting, and then we’ll have discussion about New Member Recruitment.
- Hair: As Kevin Vesely brought up and as we see in the Minutes on page 8. We had a discussion about doing this December meeting. We are doing this meeting for leadership transition. The concern in doing this December meeting was that we would be doing public meetings for the EA that the airport is undertaking. I put some text in the chat box. Amber Leathers corrected me in the last meeting that we would be doing the public meetings virtually. It kicks off tomorrow. People will have 30 days to comment on it. I put a link in the chat so you could view the presentation and comment on the Environmental Assessment. I would charge you to be the experts and the advocates that you are and to engage in this virtual public meeting. Any questions, please get in touch with Dan, Kevin, or I. The complete text is here if you’d like to share with any constituents (supplied by Stuart Hair):
 - [Beginning December 3, 2020, the public is invited to visit the project website at http://www.airportprojects.net/clt-capacity-ea/ to watch a virtual presentation video for the Capacity Enhancements Environmental Assessment \(EA\) at Charlotte Douglas International Airport. The virtual presentation will review the EA process, identify the purpose and need of the](http://www.airportprojects.net/clt-capacity-ea/)

project, and discuss alternatives developed and considered. The public will then have 30 days to review and provide comments.

- Due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, there will be no in-person meetings at this time. Note that comments on the virtual presentation will only be accepted via email to the project email address or U.S. Postal Service mailing address listed below.

- E-MAIL

- CLTCapacityEA@landrum-brown.com

- MAIL

- Sarah Potter
- Landrum & Brown
- 4445 Lake Forest Drive, Suite 700
- Cincinnati, OH 45242

- For additional information about the EA, please visit the project website at <http://www.airportprojects.net/clt-capacity-ea/>

- Hair: It goes into all the background over closing the crosswind runway, replacing it with a 4th parallel runway, what all considerations have gone into that recommendation. There is a whole lot more detail outside of the scope of what you all are responsible for, but I would encourage you to engage in the EA process.
 - That is why we brought forth the idea to not have the December meeting. One of the things that has struck home between CLT, the FAA, and our various external partners including American Airlines and other stakeholders is that there is a whole lot of convergence of stuff being considered right now. There is a lot of planning going on. Last time of formal noise abatement adoption was in 1996 or 1998. We have done a lot since that time period.
 - We have gotten a buyoff to do a formal Part 150 study – a formal noise abatement study – as soon as the EA is done. This is a win, it comes right out of the hard work that you all have been a part of as well as our stakeholders. EA should be done springtime, and we will immediately roll into a Part 150 study. We will be working with on-call consultants to find the best one to do this Part 150 study, and we hope to launch this Part 150 study sometime in the middle of next year. What this means for the ACR is that the recommendations that you all have brought forward are going to be part of a formal study. The study will be more institutionalized, and so while the timetable doesn't really change from the couple years that our FAA partners were sharing with us, what I think will come out of it will be more than just local decisions. It will be something that will be adopted by a formal legal process of the formal Part 150. I welcome any questions or comments.
- Kurt: That is great news. A couple of follow-ups. I saw your chat message. Could someone e-mail that to us?
- Hair: Dan Gardon will do that tomorrow.
- Kurt: In terms of the timing of the new Part 150 study in the springtime, will we have any involvement of what that includes or doesn't include in terms of noise, but are there any environmental impacts beyond noise included in that study?
- Hair: Scope of work around a Part 150 study is relatively standard. I believe that Gene has done many of these.
- Reindel: Part 150 study is an aircraft noise and land use compatibility study. It doesn't look at other environmental factors but does look at noise and land use compatibility associated with the existing and 5-year forecast noise based on the aircraft operations in the existing 5-year timeframe.
- Hair: Question in the chat box states: Is there public input portion in the Part 150? And, yes there is.
- Kurt: Are ACR members invited to attend the EA meetings online?
- Hair: Yes, it is a virtual presentation that you can watch on your own time. View the presentation, and then provide your input.

- Johnson: Can we get the website again?
- Hair: Yes, it is <http://www.airportprojects.net/clt-capacity-ea/>, and it will be emailed out tomorrow.
- Gagnon: Any other questions? *None.*

❖ **Request/Address Additional Business – New Member Recruitment**

- Wiesenberger: On our planning call for this meeting, we discussed that ACR membership is down 4 or 5 seats from the maximum that we are allowed. And we are not really involved in the recruitment process. Dan is the one that has taken the lead on that, and that has been great. With the opportunity of having open seats, we thought we should formalize it and make it more transparent regarding people that we are hoping to include in the ACR. In speaking with other regional ACR groups, it was suggested that we look at folks with experience relating to government liaisons or community engagement types of things, FAA, or private and maybe retired pilots. We put together a draft document that we shared with Dan, and since we are at a draft stage, we would like to share with ACR members to get your feedback on our ideas. Goal is to grow the ACR to an even stronger team of members and take steps to develop each other and learn more about how airport noise affects people and how airport operations affect people. There are ways to do that with orienting new members. Let's get some new people on board, get them oriented and engaged. While we have submitted our recommendations to the FAA, there are still opportunities to do good things to help our cause.
- Hair: We are meeting internally – Dan, Kevin, and I – this Friday to talk about our role in this.
- Gagnon: This Friday is also when we will have our debrief call with Chair and Vice Chair. We will get this set of requirements out to you all so that before next meeting we can get feedback from you.
- Kurt: We did not make it a set of requirements but rather suggestions of experience. It is not to exclude people but, here are some ideas of how people can contribute in our group.
- Gagnon: Thanks for that. Essentially, we are trying to align the characteristics for new members to the new focus of our group.
- Loflin: Are we still constrained to the districts and the areas of representation?
- Gardon: Yes, I would say that is correct. The founding charter indicates that, and we want the city and every area in the region to be represented equally.
- Gussman: I would say we'll include those areas as well as the desired qualities of new members.
- Vesely: This is a good segue – I have a similar situation as Sara. I will not be in York Co. as of the first of the month. I will be up in Iredell County. So, I will not be able to represent York. I will help in any way that I can. If I have to step down, I will.
- Johnson: I feel like you know someone in York - who needs to be as good as you - that can step in, and maybe work with us from your new area?
- Vesely: I'm trying, but it is difficult to find people down there.
- Gagnon: Kevin, thank you for sharing and thank you for all your contributions.
- Treadaway via chat: The presentation is actually live now. Once you go to the site, click the link in the yellow box. The presentation is about 20 minutes long. Please consider sharing the link/email in neighborhood newsletters or on your social media accounts.

❖ **Adjourn**

- Wiesenberger: Can I have a motion to adjourn?
 - *Gussman made a motion to adjourn. Loflin seconded.*
- Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.