

Meeting Minutes

RMMA Community Noise Roundtable

December 7, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Approved at the February 1, 2024 Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The December 7, 2023 RMMA Community Noise Roundtable Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Deven Shaff at approximately 6:00 P.M. A quorum (at least 5 Members present) was Present, the roll was as follows:

Town of Superior	Jason Serbu, Trustee
City of Arvada	John Marriott, Councilmember
Boulder County	Ashley Stolzmann, County Commissioner
City and County of Broomfield	Deven Shaff, Councilmember
Jefferson County	Tracy Kraft-Tharp, County Commissioner
City of Lafayette	JD Mangat, Mayor
City of Louisville	Deborah Fahey, Councilmember
City of Westminster	Sarah Nurmela, Mayor Pro-Tem

2. Approval of the Agenda

John Marriott moved for approval of the agenda, seconded by Ashley Stolzmann. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the November 2, 2023 RMMACNR Regular Meeting

John Marriott moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Ashley Stolzmann. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Airport Director Update

Ben Miller, Airport Planning and Development Administrator, announced the departure of Airport Director Paul Anslow from the RMMA team, effective November 29. Assistant directors Brian Bishop and Brandon Burns will continue to serve in their current capacities. Jefferson County anticipates recruiting for the vacant Airport Director role through the first half of 2024.

Ben Miller also confirmed the airport's intent to proceed with a Part 150 study after the confirmation of a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Jefferson County will be looking to issue a Request for Qualifications to hire a Part 150 consultant, with the intent to begin the study before the summer of 2024. As part of the selection of a consultant, Jefferson County would welcome two members of the RMMACNR to serve on the selection committee.

5. Public Comment

Brad Walker – Town of Superior
Eugene Smith – Jefferson County
Luci Smith – Jefferson County
Charlene Wiley – Jefferson County

Bill Baraya – Jefferson County
Lars Kalnajs – Boulder County
Lou Ramos – Town of Superior
Randy Johnson – Town of Louviers
Wayne Grider – City of Lafayette
Kathi Grider – City of Lafayette
Kevin Ryan – Town of Superior

6. Roundtable Agenda Items:

- a. Presentation and Discussion regarding Visual Flight Routes (VFR)
Jason Stoddard note that after some scheduling delays, HMMH was able to meet with representatives of the FAA Air Traffic Control (FAA ATC), Denver Airport Districts Office, and local flight schools to review the proposed procedures.

Both the FAA ATC and local flight schools were amenable to the idea of proposed procedures, although they did express a preference to consolidate the proposed routes based on the runways-in-use. The FAA stated that the next step would be for their Procedures and Safety team to further review the procedures and their potential impact to other airspace and routing and provide feedback.

HMMH also recommended that RMMA adopt a “course-rules” environment that formalizes these procedures with regular briefings through FAA ATC. Jason Stoddard also discussed the identification of another potential training area that would not require transiting over noise-sensitive areas. However, this area to the west was felt to be too close to both the mountains (turbulence) and the Class D airspace of RMMA. Jason Stoddard did reach out to the Colorado Pilots Association to discuss further opportunities, as this organization publishes the informal training areas.

Commissioner Stolzmann requested that HMMH cite the document that prevents training within Class D controlled airspace. Councilmember Marriott suggested that any proposed changes be compared to a no-action alternative, as it is worth comparing focused traffic versus dispersed traffic. There was further discussion on the identification of VFR training areas, and that the FAA does not designate or recognize VFR training areas.

Councilmember Shaff inquired about the expected progress on the scope of work given the relatively small amount of funds left on the contract. Jason Stoddard replied that there is likely little effort left on behalf of HMMH and that the work product should be able to be complete within the budget allotted.

7. RMMACNR Financial Update

- a. Report on revenue & expenditures to date
Ben Miller, RMMA Planner, reviewed the financial update that was attached to the agenda.
- b. HMMH Invoices

8. Committee or Board Member Reports

Trustee Serbu provided an update on the compliance with the new voluntary noise abatement procedure relating to nighttime pattern operations. He mentioned visiting FAA representatives while in Washington DC and learned more about the Part 150 study process. He also met with US Rep. Neguse and US Rep. Pettersen

Mayor Mangat raised concerns that the RMMACNR is in a position of choosing who the losers will be when considering flight path changes.

Commissioner Stolzmann mentioned that in earlier conversations between the City of Louisville, Town of Superior, and the FAA, a community noise roundtable was recommended as the process to give surrounding communities a seat at the table.

Mayor Mangat stated that he could not support the flight paths, and also referenced the evident frustration at the RMMACNR meetings. He suggested that these meetings would be more productive if the roundtable were more responsive to public concerns in a genuine way.

Councilmember Shaff suggested waiting until the HMMH work product is brought back to the RMMACNR.

Councilmember Marriott acknowledged a difficulty in meeting public expectations when they are contradictory to Federal aviation regulations. He stated that he does believe the roundtable is functioning but is a slow process with many different constituents.

9. Adjourn

Councilmember Shaff adjourned at 7:24 p.m.