

# City of Willoughby Hills

## Interoffice Memo

**Date:** July 9, 2015

**To:** Mayor Robert M. Weger

**From:** Gloria Majeski, Executive Assistant to Mayor

**Subject:** Summary – CCA Noise Abatement Council Meeting of 7/9/15

I attended this morning's quarterly Cuyahoga County Airport Noise Abatement meeting on your behalf today and wanted to update you on some of the meeting discussion points:

- **Noise Complaints & Research** – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report – 127 complaints received; however, 61 complaints were from the same resident (Marie Ratino of Tall Tree Trail). NAC Co-Chairman Scott Huth reviewed all 127 complaints and found none to be in violation of the NAC voluntary noise abatement policy of 1900' or 2 miles at takeoff. The average number of complaints prior to the NAC test phase was 60 and the average number of complaints per quarter since the test phase was 26.
- **General Discussion Items** – Scott Huth is concerned that spending time researching non-essential complaints will limit his time to focus more on safety. Mayor Roche said that it would be good to identify non-compliant planes "up front" to alleviate having to look through hours and hours of tape. ***NAC member Jim Miller of Nextant Aerospace made a motion to keep a log at the Control Tower at the time of the incident so that they are prepared with an explanation in the event that a resident calls. (This will also save Scott Huth from going through hours and hours of tape if he has marked only those "violators"). Vote was taken and this motion was passed.*** Jim also supported the draft policy and its recognition that there is a lot of noise when jets are waiting for single engines and this policy would alleviate that. A representative from T&G Flight Operations stated that the "exemption would

distribute the noise," rather than having one municipality absorb it all. **HH Council President asked that the language be "tightened up" to identify the exact exemptions for single engine aircraft and indicated that NAC needs to clarify the points and consider this a "working draft."**

NAC member John Plecnik distributed: 1) WH resolution re. noise abatement, 2) His recent Councilman Plecnik newsletter pointing out exactly what was distributed to city residents, and 3) a proposal entitled "Airport Safety & Environmental Improvement" with a scenario to close Cuyahoga County Airport and send all air traffic through Burke Lakefront Airport. Mayor Roche quickly squelched that idea, indicating that NAC is "not here to discuss airport viability, but rather discuss noise solutions."

Mayor Roche then reiterated that the reason for the agreement is to acknowledge it under the current CCA Administration. **A motion was made to evaluate the Joint Statement and it was approved to move forward with evaluating the Joint Statement.**

- Public Portion:

Don Ileu, HH Resident and pilot since 1985, attorney, Hangar #13, flies 2 to 3 times per week: Wanted to emphasize that the drawing on the handout is very important – the four reasons in Scenario #2 Less Noise, More Safety, clearly explain the logic behind the Joint Statement endeavor.

Marie Ratino – WH Resident – Admits that the 60+ documented events have been nuisances – will use a decibel meter to show NAC how bad it is. She feels that many are pilots who are in training from 11 am to 4pm on Sundays, up and down; welcomed NAC to visit her home to witness these events.

Kristen Hasasneh – WH Resident – had 4 complaints but never called until Mr. Plecnik educated her. Eaton Pilot addressed her point to let her know that pilots are directed (though this is a VOLUNTARY program and they are not in violation by FAA) and explained about them being a global company who makes every effort to comply whenever possible.

John Weber – WH Resident – **Had concerns about departure path to the north, does not seem to be straight, but rather heads toward Istra. He feels this has changed over the past few years. He questioned whether the flight path had been changed. Scott Huth welcomed him to come and see the radar, but there is no change in flight path. John welcomed him to his home to witness for himself what he perceived to be a change in that flight path. It was agreed that both will visit the other's venue to**

***learn firsthand of the concern and reaffirmation of what is actually occurring.*** Scott added that 72% of the time, Runway 24 is being used and 28% of the time Runway 6 is being used. WH residents are mostly affected by Runway 6 due to departures from this runway.

Ed Krouse – WH Resident – Offered the idea to work on a logical path, rather than worry about the exceptions. Asked that the Control Tower review a map of where homes are so Control Tower can redirect.

Linda Motuza – WH Resident – Is concerned that “most residents don’t know what is going on.” She thought everything was resolved years ago and now it is being brought back up again. She asked about the CCA website being more up to date with the information. (She, along with the rest of the group, was advised that the WH City website is up to date with all of the CCA information).

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:35 a.m. Next quarterly meeting is set for Thursday, October 8, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at CCA Conference Room, Area B.

I hope this serves to give you a good recap on what transpired. I learned that we need to get this information out to our residents again and again as reassurance. It appears that they are still under the impression that roads are going to be moved and the threat of expansion still exists.

I have ensured that all of the documents from today are on the website. I would be happy to include this memo recap as well on the website, should you so desire.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.