

KWIA Ad-Hoc Committee on Noise October 3rd, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Deborah Lagos at approximately 2:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Committee Members in Attendance:

Mayor Craig Cates
Peter Horton
Andrea Haynes
Sonny Knowles
Marlene Durazo
Dr. Julie Ann Floyd (via Zoom)
Dr. Sandy Quillen
Nick Pontecorvo
Norma Faraldo (via Zoom)

Staff and Guests in Attendance:

Deborah Lagos, DML&A, Airport Noise Program Coordinator
Steve Vecchi, Vecchi Enterprises
Alan Hass, Landrum & Brown
Ryan Forney, Jacobs
Heather Faubert, THC
Erick D'Leon, Deputy Director of Airports
Roberta DePiero, Homeowner
Mohsen (via Zoom)
Jethon Williams II, Monroe County TV/Multimedia Manager (via Zoom)

A quorum was present. Deborah Lagos chaired the meeting.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes for the June 6th, 2023 Ad Hoc Committee Meetings

Deborah Lagos asked if there were any comments or corrections to the minutes. None were mentioned. Dr. Sandy Quillen made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Marlene Durazo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of NIP Implementation Plan

Deborah introduced the NIP Team, some of whom were in attendance at the meeting.

KWIA Ad-Hoc Committee on Noise October 3rd, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Deborah reviewed the properties that are potentially eligible to participate in the NIP, differentiating between Properties 1-17 and Properties 18-63. She indicated that letters had been mailed to all property owners inviting them to attend Orientation Meetings that are being held this week. She shared the response she has received to date.

Deborah briefly described the title review process and its purpose. She then described the Property Owner Noise Insulation Agreement, Avigation Easement, and Mortgagee Consent.

Alan Hass described the FAA's 2-tier eligibility requirement. He stressed that the modifications will only be made in habitable rooms. The FAA does not consider bathrooms, laundry rooms, "Florida" rooms, etc. as habitable rooms. He went on to describe the acoustical testing process and the calculation of Noise Level Reduction (NLR).

Steve gave a brief overview of the treatments that will be provided. He reiterated that treatment would only occur in habitable rooms. He described the window and door products that will be used. He went on to explain the situations where air conditioning modifications would be allowed.

Deborah presented the Group 1 Project Schedule, which starts this week with the Orientation Meeting. The schedule is very ambitious because we must be ready to advertise the bid by the first of March 2024. We must have bids in order to submit a grant application to the FAA in May to fund the construction. Construction will start in January 2025.

Deborah indicated that the important message to the property owners in Group 2 is that we need them to participate in the Acoustical Eligibility Testing process. Alan needs to have the cooperation of the property owners in order to categorize homes so that 100% testing will not be required.

Deborah reviewed the NIP Master Implementation Plan, indicating that the single-family homes would be done first, followed by Grace Lutheran Church & School. At some point we may undertake the NCP Update which the FAA requires in order to include Las Salinas and Ocean Walk.

Deborah and Steve answered several questions from the Committee.

KWIA Ad-Hoc Committee on Noise October 3rd, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Other Reports

1. Noise Hotline and Contact Log

Deborah indicated that since the previous Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting no calls were received.

2. Airport Noise Report

On September 29, 2023, an article was published in the ANR, Volume 35, Number 31 about the Completion of the NIP at KBWTS.

3. Status of FAA's Request for Comments on their Noise Policy Review

Deborah indicated that the FAA has received thousands of comments and shared comments from the MSP Airport Noise Oversight Committee (NOC) and the Aviation Impacted Communities Alliance (AICA). The NOC indicated that 99% of MSP's noise complaints came from outside the DNL 65 dB contour and recommended use of companion and supplemental metrics. The AICA commented that DNL is "statistically invalid" for assessing aviation noise annoyance and recommended the use of Number-Above-Ambient in place of DNL.

Other Discussion

Marlene Durazo made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Andrea Haynes. The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:15 PM.

The next meeting is December 5th, 2023.