

Airpark Liaison Committee
September 9, 2009
4:05 to 5:30 pm
5th Floor Conference Room, Council Office Building

Committee members attending

Howard Layer, Robert Anderson, Joanne Atay, Roy Bevington, Eugene Casey, Donald Gray, John Luke, Keith Miller, Edward O'Connor, Nancy Shenk, Rosemary Arkoian, and Jeff Zyontz

1) Discussion of Committee's charge (raised by the Chair, Howard Layer)

The Chair noted that the Committee was established to foster communication. It is not a discussion making body. It does have access to representatives from decision making bodies (the Council, the Revenue Authority, and the Planning Department). Mr. Bevington raised the fact that the Committee's charge including report to and advising the Council; however, the Chair noted that the Committee did not have a history of making such reports. It was noted that any recommendation must include all opinions.

2) Presentation and discussion of East Montgomery village's concern

Mr. Anderson discussed the following:

- a) Fredrick Airpark material and notice to pilots on noise abatement generally,
- b) a Florida and New Jersey accident report,
- c) extracts from the Montgomery County airpark abatement program (some highlighting areas of construction since 1991),
- d) the concerns about noise expressed by members of the Liaison Committee made in 1991, and
- e) a request from a committee of the East Village Homes Corporation to revisit the applicability of the 1993 FAR Part 150 noise compatibility study

Mr. Anderson stated that he addressed concerns about the Airpark to the FAA and received a reply from the FAA. He was unwilling to share that reply while he was still corresponding with them.

Mr. Bevington suggested that removing the tight turnaround for touch and go lands and sending planes on the 340 degree line until they reach altitude would avoid many planes flying low over Montgomery Village East.

Mr. Anderson asked the Committee if it would establish a sub-committee to address the noise and safety concern of the East Village.

The Committee agreed to discuss this request at its next meeting.

3) Draft Brochure

Mr. Miller gave copies of a draft brochure for pilots that show tell them the airparks noise abatement routes. Comments will also be addressed at the next meeting.

4) Next meeting

Mr. Zyontz will ask if September 30 was ok with all committee members for the date of the next meeting e-mail. The Committee expressed a preference to keep the 4:00 pm start time. Mr. Zyontz was instructed to send contact information to the committee.