

Airpark Community Advisory Committee (ACAC)

January 29, 2025

* 6:30 – 8:30 PMⁱ

Montgomery County Upper County Community Center
8201 Emory Grove Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20877



Attendees:

Members:

Bobbi Besley
Justin Bollum, non-voting
H Michael Brown
Councilmember Dawn Luedtke, non-voting
William “Skip” Reindollar
Jake Adler representing Ruben Rosario, non-voting
Lynne Stein Benzion
Dale Tuttle
Rony Ledany
Karen Kodjanian

MCDOT Staff Liaison:

Joe Pospisil

Guests:

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| Alex Gertsen | Harold Maldonado |
| Rebecca Trupp | Ron Newman |
| Marcela Aguilar | Catherine Wallenmeyer |
| Jeanie Bayer | Jocelyn Copeland |
| Mollie Hilty | Slava Mordehaev |
| Lorraine Lennon | Doreen Kaufmann |
| John Mietus | Lee Babcock |
| Esther Wells | Fernando Campoamor |
| Piotr Kulczakowicz | Barguv Murali |
| Tom Wisner | Marc Foelsch |
| Vicki Malick | Lucy Seifert |

Action Items

December 17th Meeting Minutes Approval

Prior to a vote on the December 17th meeting minutes, committee members were provided with an edit to text that more accurately described information about industrial tenants surrounding the Airpark. The committee approved this new language and unanimously approved the minutes, which were posted on the [ACAC Webpage](#).

Reports and Announcements

Updates from Data Subcommittee

The Data Subcommittee continues to meet with the vendor, FlightAware, who provides the Airpark with its flight operations data. As of the January meeting, modifications to the data had not been implemented; however, FlightAware continues to work to improve the accuracy of operations data, like Touch and Goes, it provides the Airpark.

Updates from Community and Facilities Subcommittee

The Community and Facilities Subcommittee members again discussed the idea of a FAQ page on the Airpark website to address common concerns and complaints and provide the same information to everyone. It was pointed out that the Airpark does have a FAQ section but would be open to providing more information. Committee members were encouraged to think of questions that could be addressed in a FAQ for the next meeting.

The following motion was made after committee discussion:

The committee will work with the Airpark to expand upon the information it provides in its FAQ. On a quarterly basis the committee will examine the FAQs to determine if additional questions raised by the committee or by members of the Airpark community should be addressed and to update existing FAQ explanations when necessary.

This motion was unanimously approved.

The goal of improving compliance with the noise abatement procedures was again discussed. It was noted that following this discussion at the December meeting the Airpark went ahead and added the noise abatement procedures to the Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS) provided to pilots for Runway 32.

New Business

Building on previous discussion, the committee talked about possible recommendations to improve noise abatement compliance. If FlightAware can establish a geofence for Runway 32, could the flight information for those who do not comply with the noise abatement procedures be posted? Could coverage of the noise abatement procedures be codified as part of a pilot's training? Committee members were encouraged to think of additional recommendations for future discussion.

Community Input/Feedback

Beginning at 7:00 pm the meeting was turned over for community input. The list of speakers is provided below. Those speakers who provided written statements are identified and their statements are attached.

Speakers

Harold Maldonado, Resident

(Speakers continued)

Mollie Hilty, Resident

Statement Attached

Ron Newman, Resident

Alex Gertsen, National Business Aviation Association

Catherine Wallenmeyer, Resident

Marcela Aguilar, Resident

Statement Attached

Jocelyn Copeland, Resident

Statement Attached

Slava Mordehaev, Pilot in Training Flight Academy

Doreen Kaufmann, Resident

Statement Attached

Lee Babcock, Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla

Statement Attached

Fernando Campoamor, Resident

Barguv Murali, Resident

Provided Statements

Marc Foelsch, Resident

Steve Lefferts, Business Owner

Following a unanimous committee vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

ⁱ Asterisk (*) preceding text denotes amended text to original minutes.