



**City of Naples Airport Authority
Noise Compatibility Committee
2015 Annual Report**

A report to the Naples Airport Authority Board and community
on the Noise Compatibility Committee's
initiatives and accomplishments during Fiscal Year 2015.

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Honorable Chairman and Board of Commissioners, Naples Airport Authority:

It is my honor to present this summary of the activities and progress of the Noise Compatibility Committee during the fiscal year that ended September 30, 2015.

The committee welcomed six new members this year, and each member takes his responsibilities seriously. The committee not only scheduled additional meetings but members also individually attended meetings of the Airport Authority Board.

We continue our work in educating pilots and airport users about existing guidelines that mitigate aircraft sound effectively, while actively searching for new ways to mitigate noise. The community was invited to learn about the Airport Authority's efforts and challenges in addressing airport noise and to share their thoughts during a Commission meeting in January and an open house in March. We plan to continue these valuable information exchanges.

Diane Terrill joined the Airport Authority staff in a position created to oversee the noise program. The creation of this position demonstrates the Airport Authority's commitment to noise abatement and communication with airport users, our neighbors and the public. Finding a candidate with Diane's airport experience and enthusiasm benefits the airport, our committee and the community.

We continue our efforts to improve the airport's position as a good neighbor and to promote two-way communication between the airport and the community. So, we were pleased with the increase in attendance at NCC meetings by airport users, tenants, members of the City Council, NAA Board members and the community.

This will be my last report as Chairman of the NCC. I will continue to serve on the committee and look forward to continue our progress. I will be available to volunteer in any capacity deemed fit and proper at the pleasure of the Commissioners.

Finally, I must recognize the efforts of the Airport Authority staff who provide us their time, resources and knowledge. Their commitment allows our committee to move forward and meet our goals.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. Richard Mellon, J.D., Chair
Noise Compatibility Committee

2015 In Review

The NCC continued the implementation of the “Please Fly Safe Fly Quiet” campaign, launched during spring 2012. The committee has developed new strategies for improving noise abatement at Naples Municipal Airport. Recommended measures – such as using the full runway length for takeoffs and landings, observing recommended departure and approach procedures, adhering to preferred flight paths and using idle reverse thrust – both lessen noise and save time and fuel.



One of the goals of the airport’s noise program is to keep the Fly Safe Fly Quiet message top of mind for pilots, aircraft owners and passengers. Some examples: stickers, shown left, are applied to complimentary newspapers distributed in the General Aviation Terminal; cards are handed to pilots who use the airport at night to remind them of the curfew and other noise abatement measures; and logo signs are posted on fences, fuel trucks and vehicles on the air field.

The NCC recommended lighting the “Fly Safe Fly Quiet” logos on the blast deflectors at both ends of the airport’s main runway. One was completed in 2015.

The NCC also recommended enhancing the utility of Runway 14-32 and constructing displaced thresholds. This will provide more takeoff distance, allowing aircraft to achieve higher altitudes before leaving the airport and reducing noise on the ground. This project is included in FY 2016 capital budget.

Six new members joined the NCC this year, and the committee scheduled additional meetings to provide time for additional work and improve its effectiveness. An open house in March generated significant input from the public, and several suggestions have been incorporated into the committee’s action plan. The committee and staff continue to meet with residents, community groups and airfield users to share information and solicit new ideas for mitigating noise.

Results

The committee and staff work diligently to encourage observance of the voluntary nighttime curfew. Between 98 to 99 percent of airport operations comply with the recommended 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. aircraft curfew, and 71% of noncompliant operations occurred between 10 p.m. and midnight and from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m.

Public service aircraft, including air ambulance, mosquito control, law enforcement and other exempt operators, account for 18 percent of the total operations during curfew hours. Although aircraft operations increased 5 percent, the number of noise comments decreased and curfew compliance remained steady.



Noise Compatibility Committee Chair M. Richard Mellon presented a plaque to **Scottie Yeager** in appreciation of her years of service on the committee. She was appointed in December 2010 and was elected chair for 2011-13. The Friends of the Naples Municipal Airport named her its 2011 Friend of the Year in recognition of her ongoing support of Naples Municipal Airport. Yeager was a member of the Naples Airport Authority’s Technical Advisory Committee in the late 1980s and contributed to the Naples Municipal Airport’s original noise study. She sat on the Naples Airport Authority Board from 1991 through 1993 and served a term as vice chair.

About the Noise Compatibility Committee

In 1997, the Naples Airport Authority Board of Commissioners established the Noise Compatibility Committee. Its nine members meet regularly to review the airport's noise-abatement program and make appropriate recommendations to airport staff and the Airport Authority. Committee members are local residents who volunteer their time and expertise to help maintain a high quality of life in Naples.

The City of Naples Airport Authority 2015 Board of Commissioners

James Rideoutte, Chairman • John Nocera, Vice Chairman
Dick Evans • Donna M. Messer • Raymond Stricklen

Noise Compatibility Committee

<u>Role</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Chair	M. Richard Mellon	Northeast Quadrant
Vice Chair	Ernest Linneman	Southwest Quadrant
Member	Bruce Bickelmann	City at Large
Member	Gary Revall	County at Large
Member	Doug Finlay	City Council
Member	Robert Metzler	Northwest Quadrant
Member	William Goddard	Southeast Quadrant
Member	Bruce Byerly	Active General Aviation Pilot
Member	Justin Lobb	Collier County Commission

Thanks to those committee members who left the committee during 2015:
William Cox, Naples City Council Member William Barnett
Robert Erbstein, William T. Hummel, Robert Tweedie and Scottie Yeager

Thanks to the entire staff of the Naples Airport Authority, including

Theodore D. Soliday, Executive Director • Sheila A. Dugan, Deputy Executive Director
Kerry Keith, Senior Director of Airport Development and Facilities
Sheila Etelamaki, Senior Director of Finance and Administration
Ryan Frost, Director of Airport Operations • Diane Terrill, Director of Communications
Ron Jefferson, Assistant Director of Airport Development and Facilities • and others

We also thank many other airport noise-abatement stakeholders who contributed to the achievements summarized in this report, including pilots, fixed-base operators, the FAA and Naples Municipal Airport air traffic control staff, local citizens, elected and appointed local government officials and others.

Noise Compatibility Committee Chairs (* Denotes Partial Year)

1997 Sam Cannato	2004 William MacIvaine	2010 William Konn*
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1999 Richard Matheis	2006 Byron Meade	2012 Scottie Yeager
2000 Tom Ryan	2007 James MacArthur	2013 Scottie Yeager
2001 Steve Kingston	2008 James MacArthur*	2014 M. Richard Mellon, J.D.
2002 Steve Kingston*	2008 Gene Schmidt*	2015 M. Richard Mellon, J.D.
2002 William MacIvaine*	2009 Gene Schmidt	
2003 William MacIvaine	2010 Robert Tweedie*	

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