

**AIRPORT FUTURES  
Port of Portland Commission Information Briefing  
MEETING NOTES**

<b>Date and Time:</b>	<b>6/10/09 9-9:30 pm</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Port of Portland, 121 NW Everett, Portland, OR</b>
<b>Staff Presenting:</b>	<b>Jay Sugnet, Chris Corich, Mary Olson and Dave Smith</b>
<b>Number in Attendance:</b>	<b>8 Port Commissioners</b> (Chair Judi Johansen, Mary Olson, Bill Thorndike, Ken Allen, Peter Bragdon, Diana Daggett, Paul Rosenbaum, Steve Corey -- Absent Bruce Holte) <b>Port Directors:</b> Bill Wyatt, Steve Schreiber, Tom Imeson, Carla Kelley, Sam Ruda, Gail Woodworth, Stan Watters, Vince Granato <b>PAG Members:</b> Dave Smith, Hector Roche, Alesia Reese, John Weigant <b>Other City-Port Team:</b> Bronwyn Buckle, Sean Loughran, Scott King, Phil Ralston, Lise Glancy, Misti Johnson, Melissa McCluney

**Opening Comments:**

**Bill Wyatt, Port executive director:**

Before the Airport Futures information update to the Commission, Bill Wyatt talked about the Airport Futures planning process in his executive director comments. He noted that it started as a contentious process with third runway and noise concerns, but has evolved due to the hard work of citizen partners working with staff on these issues. Airport Futures public engagement is changing the view of regional policy makers about the Port.

**Steve Schreiber, Aviation director:**

Steve introduced the presentation, describing the work of the 30 member Planning Advisory Group. He noted that through the collective efforts the project is on time and on budget. We will be going to City Council and Port Commission next spring with three products: master plan, land use plan and an ongoing public advisory committee.

**Judi Johansen, Commission President:**

Judi expressed the Commission's gratitude to Commissioner Olson for her commitment of time and effort on this project.

**Mary Olson, Port Commissioner and PAG member:**

Mary spoke about how Airport Futures is a very important process. It has been an interesting and informative journey – for members of the PAG, team and for her personally. She noted the incredible commitment of the PAG. As part of this process, we have had 162 meetings not all exclusively about Airport Futures. 21 PAG meetings are scheduled; 15 have been held. You see the same commitment of the citizens at the subcommittee level with 14 Public Involvement Subcommittee meetings (a special thank you to Hector Roche who has chaired this subcommittee), 9 Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee meetings, 5 Alternatives/Sustainability Subcommittee meetings and an AirFair last summer with over 3,000 participants. Outreach has been the most extensive I have ever seen in my 8 years on the Commission. Staff and facilitator made a good product – great.

**Presentation:**

Chris Corich opened the presentation with a comment about how many hands have been involved in this project. Citizens have been amazing. They have given good input. Chris and Jay then provided the PowerPoint presentation highlighting work to date and policy questions and work ahead. They then invited Dave Smith, PAG vice chair, and other PAG members to make comments.

**Discussion/Questions/Comments:**

**Dave Smith, PAG vice chair:**

You are up to speed on the process. There is not much I want to add. I will say that the PAG is effective and working because people who were chosen to be a part of the process said yes, they devoted their time and effort to this planning process. We also have an excellent facilitator who injects humor where

necessary. This process has brought us together. All interested parties are represented and taking part. We believe we will bring you something that you can work with – an effective long range plan for the future.

Judi Johansen thanked Dave for serving as chair of this group.

**Alesia Reese, PAG member and member of the Parkrose School Board and Woodland Neighborhood:**

Having encountered a wide variety of public involvement, the experiences provided through Airport Futures have been unique. Perhaps I am jaded by the expertise of the participants, the strong staff support or the outstanding leadership demonstrated at each event. Maybe it's the professionalism of the individuals, consultants, media and public. Of course, it could be the diversity of the members or the importance of the project. Then again, the time and resources devoted to Airport Futures and the support demonstrate its significance to the region and state.

Ultimately, Airport Futures Group has been successful because of the cooperation and planning devoted by its sponsors, the Port of Portland and the City of Portland. It is hard work to be with these people, work that is meaningful, work that is engaging and work that counts.

I am fortunate to be part of this effort. Thank you.

**John Weigant, PAG member and member of Air Traffic Issues Roundtable:**

I'm a familiar face to most of you, usually appearing before you to comment that your public process has been weak, leading to poorer outcomes for the public. This time I here to congratulate you on designing a really good public involvement process, and it is taking us places where we need to be, directions that would not have happened in former times.

In particular, the emerging concept of a sustainable airport is surfacing. The Port is showing remarkable leadership, starting on a path that all government and industry must follow. The world is changing, and it's hard to shift paradigms, but the Port is starting this new way of thinking. Thank you. It's going to be a hard trip for all of us.

I'd also like to tell you your staff has done a superb job, from top to bottom. As you know, the PAG was formed to reflect a wide variety of interests. As an issue came up, one would say "I want this," and another would say, "I want the opposite," and staff would somehow combine the two perspectives into language where we'd both say, "Yes!" Their work has been impressive.

One of the best parts of the process has been the subcommittee structure. The PAG was too big to be creative, but the subcommittees did impressive work, supported by staff, and their products were all greatly improved by their wide perspectives and deep involvement. I hope you keep topic-specific subcommittees as part of your future processes.

In short, thank you for trusting us citizens to help you design a better airport for the future. The economy, the environment, the rising cost and future scarcity of cheap energy, climate change, and peaking of world population by mid century all suggest that PDX now is about as big as it will have to be, with smaller projects and improvements in efficiency. Even so, our plans accommodate future growth, to be refined in future master plan cycles.

Special thanks to Bill Wyatt, for supporting this process from the top.

Judi Johansen – Hard to top that. This is notable and fantastic.

Bill Wyatt – Can we linger here a little longer to savior this.

Judi Johansen – Let's do that.