

DC METROPLEX BWI COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE WORKING GROUP PUBLIC MEETING

Forty-Ninth Meeting of the DC Metroplex BWI Community Roundtable Working Group

Tuesday, May 7th, 2024, from 7:04 p.m. – 7:28 p.m.
Meeting held virtually via GoToWebinar

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Participants:

Roundtable Member	District/Organization	Attended	Roundtable Member	District/Organization	Attended
Suzzie Schuyler*	District 1 Anne Arundel County Council	X ONLINE	Sam Snead*	Office of Anne Arundel County Executive Stuart Pittman	
Debra Jung*	District 4, Howard County Council	X ONLINE	Vacant	Office of Howard County Executive Calvin Ball	
Debbie Macdonald Chair*	District 9	X ONLINE	Mandy Rimmell*	Office of Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski	
Jesse Chancellor*	District 9	X ONLINE	Brent Girard	Office of Senator Chris Van Hollen	
Howard Johnson*	District 12	X ONLINE	Stephen Jones	FAA Regional Deputy Administrator	
Drew Roth*	District 12	X ONLINE	Paul Shank, Chief Engineer	MAA	
Scott Phillips*	District 13		Darline Terrell-Tyson, Director, Office of Environmental Compliance and Sustainability	MAA	X ONLINE
Paul Verchinski*	Alternate District 13	X ONLINE	Bruce Rineer	MAA	X ONLINE
Evan Reese*	District 30	X ONLINE	Karen Harrell	MAA	X ONLINE
Will Pierson*	District 32		Kevin Clark	MAA	
Daniel Woomeer*	District 32	X ONLINE	Greg Voos	Mid Atlantic Regional Representative, NBAA	
Dan Klosterman*	District 32	X ONLINE	Kyle Evans	General Aviation Representative, CP Management LLC	
David Nibeck	Alternate – District 32		David Richardson	Southwest Airlines	
Marcus Parker, Sr	Alternate – District 32		Steve Alterman	President, Air Cargo Association	
Kimberly Franklin Co-Chair*	District 33		Trey Turner	Commercial Carriers Rep.	
Libby Lewandowski*	District 33	X ONLINE			

*Voting Member

Other Named Attendees:

Royce Bassarab, HNTB

Brett Healy, ADCI (Meeting Minute Taker)

1. Introduction and Roll Call

Introduction

The meeting commenced at 7:04 p.m. with a general briefing delivered by Mr. Bruce Rineer. He welcomed the voting members to the special election meeting of the Roundtable. Mr. Rineer stated that the meeting was virtual and thus a safety briefing was not needed. He then ceded the meeting to Ms. Debbie MacDonald, the Roundtable Chair, for roll call.

Roll Call

Ms. MacDonald conducted roll call for the voting members and quorum was met. Following that roll call, Mr. Rineer confirmed that the only other meeting attendees were MAA staff, so no additional roll call was required.

Approve Agenda

Ms. MacDonald requested a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Mr. Dan Woomer motioned to approve the meeting agenda; Mr. Howard Johnson seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Review and Approve March 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Ms. MacDonald requested a motion to approve the March 12, 2024 meeting minutes. Mr. Woomer motioned to approve; Ms. Debra Jung seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

2. Annual Election for Roundtable Chair & Roundtable Vice Chair

Ms. MacDonald introduced the election for Chair and Vice Chair by saying she has been the Roundtable Chair for three years and that a change in leadership would be good for the Roundtable, as well as benefiting her personally. Mr. Woomer made a motion to applaud Ms. MacDonald's three years of outstanding leadership and to thank her for her hard work. Multiple members agreed with Mr. Woomer's statements. Mr. Woomer asked if someone could second the motion. Ms. Jung seconded the motion. Ms. MacDonald appreciated the recognition, jokingly commenting that the Roundtable will not convince her to serve a fourth year as the Chair.

Ms. MacDonald said she had spoken to a few members of the Roundtable privately about becoming Chair. She said she did not have a specific method for the nomination and election processes, and said she would like to entertain any motions, volunteers, or discussions for nomination of the position of Roundtable Chair. Mr. Woomer immediately volunteered to be Co-Chair. Ms. MacDonald accepted and said that Mr. Woomer will be the nominee for Co-Chair. Mr. Drew Roth interjected, saying the Roundtable's charter identifies the position as the Vice Chair. Ms. MacDonald confirmed this. Mr. Woomer thanked Mr. Roth and clarified that he would like to volunteer for the position of Vice Chair.

Ms. MacDonald said she had spoken to Mr. Johnson about being the Roundtable Chair and said that if Mr. Johnson is willing to be Chair, she would like to nominate him. Mr. Johnson stated that he would work with whatever the Roundtable decides. Mr. Roth said he would support Mr. Johnson's nomination. Mr. Woomer made a motion to nominate Mr. Johnson for Chair of the Roundtable. Mr. Roth seconded. Ms. MacDonald asked if they had any other volunteers or nominees for the position of Chair; there were none.

Ms. MacDonald said that when she spoke with Mr. Johnson, they discussed Ms. MacDonald becoming the Communication Committee chair, allowing her to assist with the Chair's communication responsibilities.

Ms. MacDonald then moved to the vote, asking if the election should be conducted as two separate votes. Mr. Johnson suggested that they do the motion as a slate and the group agreed. Ms. MacDonald proposed a motion to nominate the slate of Mr. Howard Johnson as Chair of the Roundtable and Mr. Daniel Woomer as the Vice Chair of the Roundtable. Everyone was in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. MacDonald and other members congratulated Mr. Johnson and Mr. Woomer on their new positions. Mr. Paul Verchinski commented that he is glad Mr. Johnson agreed to be the Chair since he is an original member of the Roundtable. He stated that Mr. Johnson's historical knowledge of noise issues will benefit the Roundtable. Ms. Jung echoed the sentiments of Mr. Verchinski and added that the members trust the leadership of Mr. Johnson and Mr. Woomer. She said both have been extremely committed to the Roundtable and to making sure things are going well. Ms. Jung expressed her sincere appreciation that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Woomer stepped into these leadership roles. Ms. MacDonald and many other members agreed with Ms. Jung. Mr. Jesse Chancellor added that the election of Mr. Johnson and Mr. Woomer continues the tradition of having one leadership role being filled by an Anne Arundel County representative and the other by someone from Howard County. He stated that the Roundtable has two great people in these roles, and he is very supportive of them both.

3. Brief Update Discussion

Ms. MacDonald asked the Roundtable if there was anything else they would like to discuss besides planning for the next meeting since she did not have anything else listed on the agenda. Mr. Chancellor said that the Roundtable should ensure that the 2023 annual summary of the Vianair noise reports is widely distributed, commenting that it contains good data and that the Technical Committee wants to use it as the basis for the pre- and post-implementation analysis of the new approach and departure procedures. He stated that the committee wants to make sure that the public knows that the report exists, as well as that the Roundtable is reviewing it. Ms. MacDonald asked Mr. Chancellor to confirm that the committee plans to develop something for public distribution. Mr. Chancellor confirmed and clarified that they only plan to announce that the report exists, and that the Roundtable does not need to discuss or vote on this issue now.

Mr. Verchinski added that in the next 30 days, he is scheduled to present to the Oakland Mills Board and will include the results of the Vianair annual report. He said that since Ms. MacDonald is taking over the Communications Committee, he would like her help in finding someone in Howard County to help distribute the annual report information to the Columbia Association Board because all of Runway 28 impacts Columbia. Ms. MacDonald said that she has a connection with that board and that she will

reach out. Ms. Jung added that Ms. MacDonald could send the information to her, and she would pass it along through her Howard County Council colleagues.

Ms. Jung asked if Howard County Executive Calvin Ball's administration had appointed a new liaison to the Roundtable yet, and Ms. MacDonald replied she has not yet heard back from them. Ms. Jung said she believes Mr. Paul Thompson was supposed to attend one of the meetings but that he usually deals with constituents. Ms. Jung said that she would continue to investigate, saying that she will ask the Transportation Department next week. Mr. Chancellor said he had a conversation with Mr. David Cookson, Deputy Administrator for the Howard County Office of Transportation. Mr. Chancellor explained that Mr. Cookson was getting acquainted with the Roundtable's activities and the Vianair contract. He said that the administration is making decisions but commented that it could be beneficial for the Howard County Council to provide additional information. Ms. Jung thanked Mr. Chancellor and said that she would speak to Mr. Cookson next week.

Mr. Woomer asked if Ms. Suzzie Schuyler could provide the information in the Vianair annual report to Mr. Pete Smith on the Anne Arundel County Council. Ms. Schuyler suggested that Ms. MacDonald send it to Mr. Smith. Mr. Woomer suggested that once Mr. Smith had the report, the Roundtable could then encourage him to share it with the Anne Arundel County Council. Ms. Schuyler asked Ms. MacDonald to send her the information and she would forward the report to Mr. Smith.

Mr. Johnson asked if the Roundtable members would receive the report. Ms. MacDonald said that the report would have a large distribution and that the Roundtable members would likely be in the first group to receive it. Mr. Chancellor noted that the annual report is currently on the MAA website with the monthly reports in the same location. He noted that the annual report had a small error that will be corrected, but that it is publicly available now.

Mr. Verchinski stated that the Baltimore Banner is always looking for news pieces, saying that the annual report might be of interest to her since it affects both counties. Ms. MacDonald thanked Mr. Verchinski for the idea.

Ms. MacDonald asked for any additional ideas regarding the distribution of the annual report. She noted that she will send the announcement of the annual report to the Roundtable members for review prior to distributing it more widely. She also asked Mr. Verchinski to remind her of the two associations he suggested including in the annual report distribution. Mr. Verchinski stated they were the Oakland Mills Village Association and the Columbia Association. He opined that the Columbia Association has been disengaged throughout this process, saying that perhaps with greater involvement, the association would identify some sensitivity to the problem. Ms. Jung suggested providing a presentation to them instead of sending information with the expectation that they would review it on their own. She suggested doing this during their resident speakout or attempting to get on their meeting agenda. Mr. Verchinski noted that the resident speakout only allows three minutes to talk. Ms. MacDonald said that the group should brainstorm on how to present this information. She also asked if the Columbia Association had a new president for the association, which Mr. Verchinski confirmed. He noted that this change in leadership could allow the Roundtable an opportunity to present this information to the association, and Ms. MacDonald agreed.

Mr. Woomer added that his community association, the Linthicum-Shipley Improvement Association, usually limits presentations to three to five minutes, but that they arrange special briefings that allow for more time to discuss critical issues. He stated that the Roundtable could use that type of forum for discussing the annual report. Ms. Schuyler suggested that the Roundtable could provide a speaker, while Mr. Woomer suggested they provide a panel to answer questions. Mr. Chancellor said he would be very glad to prepare anyone from the Roundtable who wants to present about this topic. Ms. Jung vouched for Mr. Chancellor's knowledge, saying that he and Ms. Mary Reese recently provided a very well done and well received presentation on this topic to the Howard County Council.

4. Planning For Next Meeting

Ms. MacDonald asked the Roundtable members if the next meeting had been scheduled. Multiple members of the Roundtable replied that the meeting was planned for June 25, 2024. Ms. MacDonald asked if that date is still acceptable; all members agreed. Mr. Johnson asked if the meeting would be in person or virtual. Mr. Rineer stated that the MAA building is still scheduled to be under construction, so the meeting will be held virtually. He then congratulated Mr. Johnson and Mr. Woomer on their new positions and said that Ms. Karen Harrell will contact them to coordinate the monthly call with the MAA ahead of the Roundtable meetings to discuss the agenda and other topics. Mr. Woomer and Mr. Johnson both acknowledged this, and thanked Mr. Rineer.

Ms. MacDonald said that she will send a meeting agenda template and other information to Mr. Johnson. She then confirmed that the next meeting will be held virtually on June 25, 2024. Mr. Johnson asked if there were any reports from the FAA or MAA planned for the June meeting. Mr. Rineer said he does not expect reports from either entity for the June meeting and reiterated that the procedure publication dates given at the last meeting have not changed. Ms. MacDonald asked if the FAA has hired a new Community Engagement Officer to replace Ms. Veda Simmons; Mr. Rineer replied that he had not received any updates. Ms. MacDonald said she expects that the FAA would provide updates on the procedure publication at the next meeting, stating that they would monitor that.

5. Meeting Closeout

Mr. Roth made a motion to adjourn the Roundtable meeting. Mr. Woomer seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.