

CP Aircraft Noise Status as of 10/3/06 Public Meeting

A. W. Clay's Talking Points for HCPNA Meeting of 10/10/06

1. Good evening! Tom has asked me to limit my comments to 5 minutes, so I won't be using any slides tonight.
2. Coincident with opening of 5th runway (28), new departure vectors were put into effect that created objectionable noise for some residents. The City of College Park was not advised of this in advance, nor was any input solicited from the City Officials or citizens. In addition, runway 26L was closed on about 9/10/06 for repaving. This shifted the new departure vectors 1000 feet north, further exacerbating the noise.
3. Pressure from Councilman Slider and the City resulted in a public meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 to explain the changes and to listen to citizen comments.
4. Mayor Longino and all members of the Council, except for Councilman Wyett, attended. Five attended representing the airport, including Ben DeCosta and Tom Nasalke from the Atlanta Dept. of Aviation, and three gentlemen from the FAA including Brian Lattini (spelling).
5. Airport representatives apologized for not having informed anyone, showed radar tracks of departing planes, and admitted that the new vectors were not always being followed correctly. They also showed contours of forecasted noise levels.
6. Ambrose Clay had organized spotters (Rusty, Charlie Dillard, Cleo Hudson, and Ambrose were the primary contributors) to report planes that were particularly annoying, for a couple weeks prior to the meeting. Based on the observations, Ambrose used an

on-line database to plot examples of violations of departure procedure, analyzed the FAA document (that approved the vector change) handed out at a previous HCPNA meeting, and provided a list of questions to Mr. Slider and the City Attorney. Some of these were sent to the Atlanta Aviation Dept. in advance of the meeting and some were used in the meeting. Questions and comments alternated between Council members and citizens. Ambrose led off the citizen comments stating that we were able to plot the track of departing planes and we were watching. Ambrose was interviewed by Channel 11 (NBC) for a brief sound bite.

7. Richard Dickson and Jane Randolph gave excellent citizen comments and were also interviewed by TV reporters. Sakena put them on the spot by asking them for their telephone numbers.

8. Ambrose arranged an interview with Charlie Dillard for a follow-up newscast. Jerry Carnes (Channel 11) conducted the interview, measured noise levels with a DB meter, and took pictures of offending aircraft.

9. A major point of concern for Ambrose is that the noise contours that were displayed at the meeting don't seem to be consistent with the flight paths associated with the new vectors. Furthermore, the contours are not based on actual noise measurements, but on computer simulations. From what was said at the meeting, new noise contours, which more accurately correspond to the new vectors, won't be available until January, 2007. These contours are used to determine who is eligible for government payments for soundproofing, and for some homeowners, purchase of their homes.

10. Rusty would like Ambrose and our Spotters to continue to watch for violations for the next several months. To that end, Ambrose is asking for volunteers to pick up a spotter's log sheet after the meeting, and notify him when they see/hear a violation.