

**MEDIATED ROLE DETERMINATION PANEL  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING EAST  
FIRST FLOOR MEETING ROOM #1  
May 18, 2006**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MRD PANEL ATTENDEES**

Don Doran	Tom Gaffney	Michelle Robles	Mark Wolken
Ray Stephanson	Tom Hoban	John Shaw	
A.J. Chase	Lori Kaiser	Hugh Townsend	

**TECHNICAL ADVISERS ATTENDEES**

Stephen Kiehl	John Sibold
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**SNOHOMISH COUNTY STAFF ATTENDEES**

Peter Camp	Bill Dolan	Christie Baumel
	Mary Lynn Evans	Nona Anderson

**PRESENTERS**

Greg Hauth	Hans Toorens
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Co-Chair Don Doran opened the meeting at 3:57. Noting the considerable delay in the start of the meeting he indicated the agenda would be modified to only include the presentations by the Save our Communities (SOC) and Private Enterprise Coalition (PEC) and that member questions for the speakers would be handled in written form prior to the next meeting.

Peter Camp apologized for the delay and said that the District Court had received a bomb threat which required evacuation of the campus for inspection to insure public safety, and it delayed the start of the meeting one and one-half hours.

Donna Ambrose noted that County Executive Aaron Reardon had another commitment and was unable to attend, but asked that the Panel be mindful of its purpose, which is to review the Mediated Role Determination and make recommendations on improvements to the document that will make more understandable and relevant, rather than to decide whether there should be air carrier service at Paine Field.

Greg Hauth, vice president of the Save Our Communities (SOC) group then made the first presentation titled "Preserve Our Quality Of Life." He explained that SOC has been active for over 12 years opposing air carrier service at Paine Field. He noted that SOC is composed of thousands of concerned citizens from areas near the airport extending well beyond the city of Mukilteo. SOC believes the MRD should be updated by the adoption by the County of an Interlocal Agreement (ILA). The City of Mukilteo adopted the proposed ILA and sent it to the County. The ILA continues the emphasis on the general aviation (GA) GA role for Paine Field and it would continue strongly discouraging all other roles such as air cargo or scheduled air carrier service. The ILA would make these ideas binding.

MRD panel member Tom Hoban introduced himself as a medium size business owner in Everett and a founding member of the Private Enterprise Coalition (PEC) of Snohomish County. He described the PEC as a group of 150 small and medium sized business owners in Snohomish County. The group is united by a common goal an improved Quality of Life.

Mr. Hoban introduced Hans Toorens a business consultant from Monroe and PEC member who made the PEC power point presentation titled "Improving Access to Commercial Air Service to Residents and Businesses of the North Puget Sound Region".

The Private Enterprise Coalition of Snohomish County recommends that the Snohomish County Executive and County Council take appropriate steps to develop and stimulate commercial air service at the Snohomish County Airport.

Peter Camp then offered Mr. Hauth an opportunity for a brief rebuttal to the PEC presentation. Mr. Hauth stated SOC is not against air service in Snohomish County, just air service at Paine Field. In fact HB 5121 authorized a new site selection committee to study the issue and look at alternatives. Where would a new airport be built? He encouraged looking at other out of the box solutions. He noted that in 2009 the third runway will be online and light rail is coming to Sea-Tac and that could expand the service.

He said there are other solutions SOC would be glad to present. If it is a ground transportation problem, it can be overcome. If it is an air transportation problem, the region has already invested billions in overcoming that. The last thing is, if someone is going to say that this is going to promote business, because business is located near an airport, SOC simply asks that it be backed up with facts, because everything SOC says is backed up with facts. If this is going to bring in a lot of revenue, if Paine Field specifically is going to be expanded, numbers should be presented. He concluded by saying there are billions at stake here and it is a lop-sided bet.

Mayor Stephenson wrapped up the meeting by encouraging the panel to prepare questions based on today's presentations. Mayor Stephenson noted that the panel has talked about finding a professional that could help the panel understand a like situation in a like community and evaluate the impact of commercial air service.

Don Doran said the panel should formulate questions and get them to Peter Camp ASAP so that they can be passed on the speakers for answers at the June 1 meeting. He asked the panel to please come prepared to discuss the MRD document. What should be included or removed to make the MRD more contemporary.

Mayor Stephenson commended the participants for their respect for each other's presentation.

Minutes of the May 4 and May 18 meetings will be reviewed / approved at the June 1 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05pm