

Airpark Community Advisory Committee (ACAC)

April 15, 2025

7 – 8:30 PM

Montgomery County Upper County Community Center
8201 Emory Grove Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20877



Attendees:

Members:

Bobbi Besley
Justin Bollum, non-voting
H Michael Brown
Aaron Kraut representing Councilmember Luedtke, non-voting
Jake Adler representing Ruben Rosario, non-voting
William “Skip” Reindollar
Karen Kodjanian
Lynne Stein Benzion
Dale Tuttle
Rony Ledany

MCDOT Staff Liaison:

Joe Pospisil

Guests:

Jeanie Bayer
Mollie Hilty
Aaron A. Goerlich

Action Items

March 18th Meeting Minutes Approval

Following a suggestion to change “runway 3-2” to read “runway 32” in the March 18th meeting minutes, the committee voted and unanimously approved them. The minutes were posted on the [ACAC Webpage](#) on 4/16/25.

Reports and Announcements

Update on FAA Request

The committee liaison informed the committee there was still no update on the availability of an FAA representative attending a committee meeting.

Following through with a motion made during the previous meeting, a letter was sent by the ACAC to Maryland’s US Congressional representatives, Senator Van Hollen, Senator Alsobrooks, and Representative Raskin, requesting assistance with engaging the FAA. Representative Raskin’s staff

replied and indicated in their experience multiple elected officials contacting a federal agency regarding a specific issue can complicate the matter. The ACAC would continue to work through Senator Van Hollen's Office.

Updates from Data Subcommittee

The subcommittee had not met and had no updates. During the meeting a request was made of the Airpark to provide updated noise complaint data to include in the annual report.

Updates from Community and Facilities Subcommittee

This subcommittee also had not met and had no updates. Ms. Stein Benzion stated she was continuing to talk to area businesses. A summary of her findings would be part of the annual report.

New Business

The remainder of the meeting time was dedicated to the representatives from the Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA). In attendance was Ashish Solanki, A.A.E, Director of the Executive Office and Sean Hammer, A.A.E, Deputy Director of the Executive Office. Attached are the questions that were submitted by the ACAC to the MAA prior to the meeting with prepared responses by Mr. Solanki and additional notes from ACAC members.

Community Input/Feedback

There was no time allotted for community input; however, a written statement was submitted by Ms. Hilty (attached).

Following a unanimous committee vote the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

April 15, 2025, 11th Monthly Meeting of the Airpark Community Advisory Committee (ACAC)
Mollie Hilty, , Gaithersburg, 20879, Hadley Farms Community, 1.9 miles from the
Runway.

Please consider these recommendations when preparing the ACAC report to the Montgomery
County Council.

Since the houses surrounding the Airpark are not going away, it is recommended that the
flight training schools located at the Airpark, for the safety, noise, and environmental
concerns of the residents should be relocated or closed.

When you write your advisory report consider the thousands of residents living within
hearing range of these low flying aircraft every day from 8:00am to 8:pm.

Please post on the Airpark website the following:

Updated Master Plan for the Airpark
The facility improvement plans for the Airpark
Recommended changes to the Airpark Layout Plans