

Voicemails transcribed for 4/8/2024

Voicemail #1

A hi, my name is Alicia Merrill. I live in the countryside neighborhood. I'm calling to urge the Westminster City Council to join Town of Superior and Boulder County in their lawsuit against Jefferson County and the Rocky Mountain Metro Airport. I've lived near the airport for nearly a decade, and I've never had a complaint until the past few years. Since then the noise from the touching go training flight has become increasingly unbearable with more plans for airport growth in the future. As the complaint from Boulder County states during the summer of 2023, the airport experienced approximately 36 operations per hour 24 hours per day. They also state that approximately 55 percent of those operations are local training flights, which translates to 20 operations per hour 24 hours a day in the summer and a touching go pattern. The constant noise and lead from these planes is an incredible health hazard. Not that it makes a big difference, but I'm not in line with any of the runways, I just happened to live under the touch and go pattern. Please join this lawsuit and helping us stop the destruction of my neighborhood. Thank you.

Voicemail #2

Good evening, members of the city council. My name is Laura Kalkin and I have lived in Westminster for the past 8 years. I regret that I might, I am unable to attend in person, but grateful for the opportunity to make my voice heard. The decision to drastically reduce or eliminate the dog park will hurt people. A lot of people. I invite city council members to go out and visit the park if you haven't already and see how we use the land and how much joy it brings to those who use it. This park is essential to the quality of life for so many and I'm failing to understand why the city going down this path to potentially get rid of it. They've not been given clear answers as to why and what problems exists that we cannot fix. I've read the environmental assessment report from the ERO several times and in heard the recap from the CAP, the CAT meetings. The concerns of the city aren't clear. There are so many strategies that we can use to address things like widening trails, soil erosion, control of invasive weeds, and making more space to protect the sensitive wildlife populations. Do accept my invitation to visit the park yourself so you'll hear the meadow larks chirping in the tall grass. Pretty soon the plants will the spring back to life and the winter dormancy and you'll see that this piece of land is teeming with the vibrancy and life. Sure, the trails have gotten a bit wider over the years, but it's hardly decimated the land and it is certainly something we can fix. Please hear the voices of your constituents and protect this absolute treasure. Give the parks and rec department the resources they need to manage and take care of the land. The westy dog park guardians are fully capable standing by and eager to help supply an army of volunteers to help. This is all of our land. We want to take care of it and we need the city to get on board. This park is essential part of my family's daily life, as it is for so many others. I obviously didn't even know where downtown Westminster is, and I'd look it up on a map. In my view, the heart of the city lying and that 420 acre piece of land for thousands gathered to enjoy the outside with the 4 legged family members. Please, please protect it. Thank you for your time.

### Voicemail #3

Hello, my name is Carol Gossemier and I live in countryside in Westminster. And I'm just calling to express my frustration with some misinformation that's being shared and how things went at the study session last week. And just wanted to share some information and also make a request. So several of your community members have shared exceptional information about anything related to the airport. We have spent countless hours preparing emails, speaking at meetings and it seems as though these emails are not read. We have a lot of great information to share and unfortunately our council member that is the representative on the CNR it is not familiar with a lot of things that we know, and we have shared. For example in the study session last Monday, David did not even bring up RMMA when it was his turn to provide an update. There was information that Broomfield was withdrawing from the CNR and that should have been shared and discussed, and he did not bring that up. It wasn't until Obi brought things up that there was a discussion. In the discussion, unfortunately, DeMonte mentioned that a part 150 requires that there is a CNR. This is not true. A part 150 takes many years and there's absolutely no reason for us to continue on the CNR because of part 150 is happening. A CNR could easily be reconstructed in 3 to 6 years when it becomes relevant again. But staying on now is absolutely not going to solve any problem. Additionally, without knowing what the IGA stated, he indicated, I believe that operations and planning and construction that they are part is not part of the CNR and this has been mentioned a couple times, but it actually is part of this the CNR. Because most of what they do and operational and planning changes increase noise. So essentially a couple things that were stated that were false swayed the vote to stay on the CNR. But I think we need to reevaluate this and look at the real facts and make an informed decision. We haven't before the May to reevaluate. And I would like to request that the city council meet with citizens in the community to learn information, and especially in advance of those study sessions. There is so much information that we have and can share. And we would like to do that so that you are as informed as possible, especially if the CNR is dissolved due to departures of several communities. And also, is there a chance that members could be a part of the next study session about RMMA as participants? I think that would be really good discussion and educational efforts for the city council, all of its members to learn more about this public nuisance that is impacting your citizens. There are so many other things that should be discussed and could be discussed, but I will leave it at this for now. And I hope you take a general and a very serious concern about the impact of this airport on your citizens, as it is impacting our mental and physical well being and it only promises to get worse as the airport continues to expand. We need to figure out some solutions to help your citizens to live rich and full lives without this nuisance that is causing a lot of disruption in the community. Thank you.

### Voicemail #4

A hi, this is Caroline Farbman, Westminster resident I am calling in about rocky mountain metropolitan airport. Jefferson County keeps stressing how they can't show favoritism to any aviation sector and their airport operation, which means they're hesitant to assess landing fees, touching go minimums or curfews. Yes, it is true that FAA regulation includes rules like that to make sure airports serve the aviation industry fairly. However, there is also a whole body of a FAA regulation that is designed to balance this with community interest. These include master plan regulation, especially especially land use found contours, and environmental protection. RMMA has continued to miss the mark on the following, these community minded regulations. And that's why their community noise round table hasn't been the success everyone hope for. And what's more, the FAA doesn't seem too eager to enforce these crucial

rules that are supposed to balance the needs of both aviation and the people living nearby. Remember, there was months, a balance between that community and RMMA. It's crucial that we shed light on this disparity. The recent letter from the Town of Superior attorney underscore is these concerns and our attorney general has thrown his way behind the push for change publicly endorsing the reduce aviation impact on community bill. Furthermore, additional insight can be gained from the public claim filed against Jefferson County by Boulder County in the Town of Superior. This document is rich in data and information, and I hope you guys are taking the 30 minutes to fully digest it. It provides compelling evidence of Jefferson county's ongoing efforts to expand airport operations. Despite the already overwhelming volume of activity, it became evident during the April 4<sup>th</sup> CNR meeting that Jefferson County in the airport aren't reliable sources of information. If there's one CNR meeting you choose to watch, I strongly recommend this one as it highlights several key examples. For instance, in the discussion of part 150 Stephanie Carbo clarify that only the Jefferson County commissioners approval was necessary and the CNR didn't need to be in place for this to move forward. Additionally, it was revealed that the IGA for the CNR stipulated that the new taxi way project should have been addressed during CNR discussions which never occurred constituting a violation of the agreement Jefferson County. It was also noted that CNR does not give us access to negotiate with the FAA, only the airport sponsor Jefferson County. This could explain, in part the decision why the FAA representative has indicated their decision to no longer attend CNR meetings, citing their involvement in other specialized projects. Again, Jefferson County persistently seeks FAA and state grants to facilitate further modifications to the airport, resulting heightening the operations. It's important to note that neither the as a nor the state of Colorado mandates Jefferson County to pursue these grants rather it is a discretionary decision made by the county itself. My trust in Jefferson County had dwindled significantly. There seems to be a lack of moderation with a consistent prioritization of aviation interests at the expense of surrounding communities. It's disheartening to witness the attitude of indifference towards the wellbeing of the community they're supposed to serve. Instead, I urge you to engage directly with the community, the attorney general, an independent outside aviation council. These are the most credible sources of insight. This can be accomplished through various means, such as organizing multiple meetings, facilitating email correspondence to gather community input, and arranging face to face discussions with community members before RMMA study session. If feasible, engaging with the community during the study session itself would also be beneficial. Lastly, I will stress taking legal action against the county regarding touch and go operations from the flight schools. A truly truly hope you will look into it. Will you please help us? Will you please help your residents? Thank you for listening.