

## **PDK Watch Newsletter, November, 2000**

### **Want Peace and Quiet? Go and Speak Up!**

CEO-elect Vernon Jones will host meetings this month to hear “what county residents think about the issues we’ll be facing in the next few years”. Attend and be heard at one of the following:

Tuesday, November 14, at 7 PM - Dunwoody High School

Wednesday, November 15, at 7 PM - Druid Hills High School.

Thursday, November 16 at 7 PM - Columbia High School

To let Mr. Jones know how strongly we feel about the airport’s negative impact on our quality of life, we need to have a good turn out. Please take this opportunity to make a statement about a PDK issue of importance to you. PDK Watch sees the following problems with the county’s operation of PDK Airport.

- No written noise reduction policy
- No night flights restrictions
- No ordinance in place to prohibit regularly scheduled passenger and cargo service
- Questionable enforcement of weight restrictions on planes using the airport
- Delayed implementation of NOMS (Noise and Operations Monitoring System)
- Unchecked operational expansion of the airport
- No written policy for leasing county property at the airport
- Airport management not adequately responsive to community needs or concerns

Remember, those who show up run the world.

Please get this information out to your neighbors so they can go with you to a meeting.

### **Who Really Controls the Noise**

Residents concerned with airport noise should understand that the FAA has absolutely no responsibility to mitigate or abate aircraft noise in the environs of airports. Airport directors are solely responsible under the existing law to mitigate noise. Airports can ask the FAA to cooperate in reducing aircraft noise by changing air

traffic routes or airport tower control procedures. In fact, the FAA will act locally to control aircraft noise only if the airport takes the initiative by requesting FAA consideration of a specific problem and solution.

### **Neighbors Would Like to See Historic Land Preserved**

On October 21, 2000, neighbors met with elected officials near PDK airport and hiked in DeKalb County's newest proposed greenspace. The proposed tract of thirty-eight acres faces Clairmont Road and lies between Tobey and Ninth Streets (opposite 57th Fighter Group Restaurant). Commissioner Judy Yates, State Representative Sally Harrell and State Senator Mike Polak joined the neighbors. Ronnie Mayer, president of Ashford Park Civic Association, led the walk. Local historian, Paul Hudson, acted as historical interpreter. Mr. Hudson explained the important role the land played in training enlisted men and women during World Wars I and II. The hikers learned that World War I hero, Sergeant Alvin York, trained on the grounds. After the hike the group enjoyed a picnic on the grounds. The neighbors continue to work with elected officials to make their dream of permanently preserving the thirty-eight acre tract as green space into a reality.

### **PDK Watch Via E-mail**

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