



Scottsdale Airport Engagement Plan

Objective:

To have an effective working relationship between the Community Council and Scottsdale Airport so that DC Ranch concerns are well received and addressed to the extent possible; to provide input on noise abatement procedures as new technology allows for change; and to facilitate sharing of information regarding the airport and related projects.

Background:

Established in 1966, the Scottsdale Airport serves as an economic engine for the city. In a 2014 study, aviation activity at the Scottsdale Airport/Airpark created \$536 million annually in total economic benefits. These funds pay for many of the amenities that make Scottsdale a desirable city to live and work, and help maintain and grow home values. Many DC Ranch residents use the Scottsdale Airport for their business and personal travel.

When purchasing a home in DC Ranch, the escrow process includes potential buyers receiving a copy of all DC Ranch CC&Rs. These documents clearly state that DC Ranch lies in very close proximity to the Scottsdale Airport, informing buyers that they will experience air traffic noise.

The airport is owned and operated by the City of Scottsdale, but the Federal Aviation Administration manages aircraft in flight and establishes flight patterns.

As a public airport, Scottsdale Airport is required to be available for public use 24 hours a day, seven days a week. However, the airport encourages flights to take place after 6 a.m. and prior to 10 p.m.

Scottsdale Airport has developed an 11-point Noise Abatement Procedure. Their staff encourages residents to call the Airport hotline to report any airplane that may not be adhering to the procedures and have committed to speak to that pilot (must provide date/time/place).

To date, the Airport has been receptive to DC Ranch input on Scottsdale air traffic and has shared information on Sky Harbor NextGen changes and impacts.

The DC Ranch Community Council will meet and develop relationships with various Scottsdale Airport governance groups and staff members. The intent is to work collaboratively to ensure noise mitigation procedures are being followed and that as technology changes new procedures may be put into place.

The DC Ranch Community Council welcomes input from any resident, Ranch Association, Covenant Commission members, and any other relevant group as it pertains to this engagement plan.

DC Ranch will adhere to our policy of civil dialogue, which states, “Residents and DC Ranch employees shall conduct themselves in a manner that is civil and respectful, refraining from abusive, demeaning or hostile language or behavior.”

The process below outlines the DC Ranch approach to the Scottsdale Airport:

- Approach: The Community Council will:
- Schedule and participate in biannual meetings with Airport Commission members and staff
 - Support procedural and other changes that can lessen the impact of airplane noise (Should the FAA make changes to Sky Harbor NextGen flight patterns, Council will advocate for Scottsdale Airport to return to their prior patterns)
 - Attend outreach opportunities hosted by the Scottsdale Airport
 - Make available to residents the Scottsdale Airport Hotline phone number to report concerns or provide a compliment
 - Encourage DC Ranch residents to apply to serve on the Scottsdale Airport Advisory Commission
 - Inform residents of opportunities for individual engagement
 - Provide updates to the Community Council and Ranch Association Boards and residents as any new information becomes available
- Targeted audiences: Scottsdale City Council, Scottsdale Airport Advisory Commission, Scottsdale Airport Staff, and DC Ranch residents
- Spokesperson: Chris Irish with support from Jenna Kohl and the DC Ranch communications team
- News media inquiries: To be handled by Chris Irish, attribute all quotes and comments to spokesperson
- Resident questions: Direct to Chris Irish
- Anticipated timeline: June 2018 - TBD
- Key factors: 1. Understanding and acceptance that the airport was in place prior to any homes being built in DC Ranch
2. New technology for noise abatement
3. Open lines of communication