

Valkaria Airport Master Plan Update  
Public "Kickoff" Meeting  
Identification of Stakeholders and Key Issues  
Tuesday, April 25, 2006  
Summary of Written Responses

**General**

The meeting began and ended at the scheduled times (7:00PM-9:30PM), and all persons wishing to speak were allowed to do so. Some persons had multiple speaking opportunities. A total of 60 persons signed the attendee roster, plus there were three FIT-CAMD consultants, three student helpers, and the airport manager present. A total of 37 attendees completed and submitted the white "Public Comment Form" at the conclusion of the meeting. Several persons said they would complete and mail forms later, but only one additional form from a meeting attendee had been received as of May 31, 2006. An additional 13 forms were submitted by members of the public who did not attend the meeting.

**Summary of 51 Responses Received by May 31, 2006**

Residence Physical Address: See attached table.

1. In what particular "stakeholder" groups do you consider yourself?  
**Pilot or airport user: 31**  
**Community or airport neighbor: 20**
2. Which ONE "stakeholder" group do you consider best represents your interests regarding Valkaria Airport?  
**Community (?): 7**  
**Valkaria Airport Advisory Board: 4**  
**Grant-Valkaria Protection Association: 2**  
**Melbourne Area Pilots Association: 2**  
**Experimental Aircraft Association chapter: 2**  
**Unspecified pilot/user groups: 2**  
**Valkaria Neighborhood Association: 1**
3. Please list the THREE changes you would MOST like to see at Valkaria Airport, in descending priority: The top three items on each person's response was weighted 3-2-1, inversely, and all responses summed to give an indication of total relative "want." The top ten "wants" are:  
**More hangars: 27+14+1**  
**Airport and runway maintenance improvements: 15+12+2**  
**Runway lighting: 6+10+5**  
**Vertical approach guidance lighting: 9+2+1**

**Instrument approach procedure: 9+0+2**  
**GA terminal/meeting place: 6+4+2**  
**Have a fixed base operator: 6+2+0**  
**Reduce “touch and go” landings: 3+2+0**  
**Develop a turf runway: 3+0+1**  
**Construct improved tie-downs: 0+2+1**

4. Please list the THREE changes you would LEAST like to see at Valkaria Airport, in descending priority: The same weighting and summing method as in #3 was used. The top ten “least wants” are:

**Closure of any runway: 24+4+1**  
**Restrictions on legal flight activities: 18+10+3**  
**“Commercial” activities: 15+2+2**  
**Lighting/nighttime use of the airport: 6+6+4**  
**Increased airplane traffic: 6+4+0**  
**Expansion of runways/development of airport land: 6+0+0**  
**Flight schools/student flight training: 3+4+1**  
**The “status quo” situation: 3+2+0**  
**Non-aviation commercial development: 3+0+0**  
**Air traffic control tower: 3+0+0**

5. Please list the THREE “things” you would MOST like to REMAIN THE SAME at Valkaria Airport, in descending priority: The same weighting and summing method as in #3 was used:

**Stay small GA community airport: 42+2+2**  
**Keep the natural setting: 12+12+2**  
**Present airport management: 15+2+0**  
**Low self-service fuel prices: 15+4+0**  
**Ease of airport accessibility: 6+0+0**  
**EAA/Social Activities: 3+2+1**  
**Daytime operations only: 0+8+1**  
**Noise abatement procedures: 3+2+0**

6. Please describe OTHER KEY ISSUES that you think are important to Valkaria Airport’s future in the community. Please be specific and concise. These are single responses except where noted:

**Need to protect community rural lifestyle: 2**  
**Provide airport access to golf course: 2**  
**Need a restaurant: 2**  
**Aircraft noise: 2**  
**Airport needs to be a good neighbor**  
**Commercial activity on airport**  
**Allow hangar construction**  
**Recognize historical significance of airport**  
**Through-the-fence operations**  
**Some option for night emergency landings**

**Aircraft maintenance business**  
**Need instrument approach procedure**  
**Find way to get community connected with airport**  
**Limit touch-and-go operations**  
**Development will rush in if airport is closed**  
**Need walking trails through airport property**

7. Other relevant comments or suggestions?

**Does perceived increase in traffic relate to AMP assessment?**  
**Airport manager's improvements have been wonderful.**  
**No airport can be financially self-sufficient if no businesses are permitted on airport.**

One respondent made the following six comments:

**Noise is major factor-no more noise should be allowed.**  
**Quality of life of neighbors is paramount.**  
**No touch-and-go activity**  
**Recreational utility airport**  
**No night traffic**  
**No additional building on airport except 20 hangars in 2007**