

Brad Townsend

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Subject: Re: City of Roswell - Noise Survey Report Peer Review

I was disappointed by the \$3500 report by Newcomb & Boyd. It was virtually useless.

Newcomb & Boyd failed to consider or comment on a number of important issues including:

- a. the make, model, and type of go-kart used in the demonstration (indoor not outdoor karts)
- b. the difference between the noise characteristics of INDOOR and OUTDOOR go-karts, if any
- b. the physical differences between the test venue and the walled venue in the Andretti proposal (walls around the go-kart track will tend to direct the sound like a speaker, I think)
- c. no mention of how future weather and environmental conditions can affect the transmission of sound
- d. no comments about missing measurements (by Andretti) on the southern and eastern property lines (as if the businesses on the east side of Rt. 9 and those south of House Way are not important)
- e. the failure to calculate an overall AVERAGE of all data samples (during the limited recording period) of sound levels (for the limited samples taken) for both background noise and total noise during kart operation for each of the locations measured
- f. the failure to calculate the actual noise generated by the karts alone (independent of background noise)
- g. the failure to clearly state what was the purpose of these sound "demonstrations"
- h. the failure to measure the frequency of the sound generated
- i. the failure to use the frequency and DB level of sound generated by the gas powered go-karts to DETERMINE loudness (how the sound is perceived by the ear)
- j. the failure to comment on the hypothetical effect on both humans and animals to the sustained 7 days per week 12 hours per day continuous irritating sound of go-karts - for now, there is a veterinary office within earshot of Andretti's (animals are much more sensitive to sound than humans)
- k. the failure to draw any clear conclusions regarding FUTURE effects (distance and type) regarding the Andretti noise pollution
- l. the fact that on Andretti's southern property line (as measured from the House Way sidewalk) during kart operation the sound levels were 85DB (not the 80DB levels measured on the western property line)
- m. the fact that anything over the 60-70 DB levels (depending on time of day, etc.) allowed by the City's Annoyance ordinance would be a continuing violation of City code and potential source of Code Enforcement complaint
- n. the fact that Andretti's proposed plans make no provision for continuous real time monitoring of sound levels during kart operation (so they can be held responsible for Annoyance violations with the penalty being loss of the Conditional Use permit)
- o. the effect on sound levels of the change of go-karts used as new models come out and old karts break down
- p. the failure to consider the EFFECTS on traffic flow and accidents on both Rt. 9 and House Way from the clearly visible combined noise, lights, and movement of 20 karts running in circles continuously

The points above are only some of the questions I had.

What were your instructions to Newcomb & Boyd for this engagement?

Can you email us a copy of your engagement memorandum to Newcomb and Boyd?

12/3/2010

Why didn't Newcomb & Boyd address any of the points above in their report (if you didn't instruct them to do so)?

I look forward to your reply before the Planning Commission meeting tonight.

I'll be working out of my office and available this afternoon.

I JUST NOTICED THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA (ON THE ROSWELL WEB SITE) STATES THAT THE ANDRETTI MATTER IS DEFERRED UNTIL THE DECEMBER 13 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

IS THE ANDRETTI MATTER GOING TO BE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA TONIGHT OR NOT?

If so, have someone correct Roswell's web site immediately. Many who oppose Andretti may think the Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled.

Is this an attempt to confuse the opposition to Andretti so that attendance is suppressed or just incompetence?

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Subject: FW: City of Roswell - Noise Survey Report Peer Review

Attached is the peer review requested by the Mayor & Council of the noise studies done for the Andretti Speed lab.

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Subject: City of Roswell - Noise Survey Report Peer Review

Brad,

Attached please find our noise survey report peer review for the proposed outdoor go-kart track at the Andretti Speed Lab. Please review and let me know if you have any questions.

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow night @ 7:00pm.

12/3/2010

Thank you,
David

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