

PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Chairperson Chuck Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at the City of Carlsbad Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, California.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Chuck Collins, Vice Chairperson Tim Hutter, Bob Gates, Cliff Kaiser and Cal Weeks were present at the start of the meeting, which represented a quorum. Ron Cozad joined the meeting in progress.

MEMBERS ABSENT

John O'Reilly and Tom Ricotta were absent.

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Present were Peter Drinkwater, John Otto, Dan Thompson, Gilbert Matheson, Jessica Turner and Nick Alex.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the September, 2014 meeting. Mr. Weeks moved the minutes be approved, which they were, with Tim Hutter and Cliff Kaiser abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Rock Swanson of the Palomar Airport Association spoke of the current Toys for Tots drive going on at the airport. Pilots were set to load their planes with the donated toys and fly them to Ramona and Fallbrook for delivery to the Marines. Robert Irwin of Harbor Point asked if there had been conversations regarding making the voluntary noise abatement program a requirement. He also spoke of the radar summaries. Marshall Goddard, the President of the Poinsettia Heights Homeowners Association commented on their being a lot of flights since the Poinsettia Fire and said that some flights appeared to be the same pilots. He said that the flights were lower than they should be and he commented about safety. Mr. Collins offered to make a Fly Friendly Presentation for Mr. Goddard's Homeowners Association, which Mr. Goddard said he'd appreciate.

AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT – P. Drinkwater

Mr. Drinkwater introduced Nick Alex, an Airports Planner, who spoke briefly on his background. In response to a question from Mr. Thorley of Carlsbad, Mr. Drinkwater deferred time to Mr. Otto, who gave a report on SkyWest's stopping service in April, due to phasing out their Brasilia fleet. The terminal will remain secured. The parking lots are used by other tenants. The PAAC and County Staff discussed SkyWest's decision and the implications of it. They discussed what the County's reaction was so far and what may happen to the terminal, including possible alternative uses for the terminal and the possibility of another airline coming into the airport.

**HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS SUBMITTALS – UPDATE/FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM
PROGRESS REPORT** – J. O'Reilly

Ms. Turner said there had been two Fly Friendly Presentations since the last PAAC meeting. The presentations had been made to a South Vista Homeowners Associations group and the Southwest Homeowners Coalition Meeting. Ms. Turner said that both meetings went well. Mr. Bender asked if there were any follow up questions not answered. The PAAC responded that there were no questions outstanding. Mr. Thorley had been asked to present at the South Vista Homeowners Association Meeting. He said that the homeowners at the meeting had numerous unanswered questions, many of which were about noise and complaints. Mr. Thorley said it was not a successful meeting. Mr. Kaiser suggested that success at the meeting would be defined by engaged dialog, and since that happened, the meeting was successful.

PAAC REPORT TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – C. Collins

Mr. Collins presented a motion item that the PAAC Annual Report, that had been prepared, be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The PAAC members discussed the report and felt that it should reflect more information about what the PAAC had done in 2014. They amended the motion that the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee recommends that the Chairman sign an Annual Report for 2014, prior to 12-31-14, that includes references to all motion items considered during the year in addition to general summaries of the committee's outreach activities and public discussions. Mr. Cozad moved that the motion be approved, which it was, unanimously. Mr. Bender asked if he could write an attachment to the report; Mr. Collins said no, that it was a report coming from the PAAC Chair.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT – J. Turner

Report for October, 2014:

- Monthly Operations Count: 10,753
- Annual Operations Count: 120,887
- Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 4,419
- Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Throughput: 8,702
- Annual Air Carrier Total Passengers: 88,367
- Monthly Concerns: 270
- Annual Concerns: 2,454
- Community Noise Concerns by area: Southwest: 227; Southeast: 14; Northwest: 3; Northeast: 26; Out of NINA: 7
- Jet Flights during quiet hours (2200-0700): 58
- Propeller Flights during quiet hours (0000-0600): 30
- Community Noise Concern Index = .117 people/1000 filed a concern.
- Palomar Airport Operational Benefit Index = 152 people/1000

Mr. Thorley asked if there was any information about aborted landing or departures at the airports. County staff said that that information was not tracked. Flight safety operations are with the FAA, not the County.

STAFF REPORT – J. Otto

Mr. Otto reported that Hydro seeding had been done along Palomar Airport Road in an area that, according to Vince Hourigan at a past Master Plan Meeting, cannot be watered. . The slopes hold moisture and have to be annually groomed by Landfills. Mr. Drinkwater said that all kinds of options had been looked at. Eric Nelson will provide a presentation on the landscape, water over landfill issue at a future PAAC meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Hutter asked if the County was working on taking applications and filling the ninth seat on the PAAC and if it had been advertised on the Clerk of the Board website. The position is to be filled by an Oceanside resident. Mr. Cozad asked if the number of PAAC meetings could equal the number of Gillespie Field Development Council (GFDC) meetings, which is six meetings per year.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON JANUARY 15, 2015

The next meeting of the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee will be on January 15, 2015. Mr. Thompson said that there would be an election for Chair and Vice Chair amongst the PAAC Members in January and asked that interested PAAC members contact him before the next meeting. Mr. Bender asked for a SkyWest status report at the next meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

By: _____
Dan Thompson, Administrative Secretary I