

**PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Thursday, April 16, 2009

Chairperson Ramona Finnila called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2009 at the City of Carlsbad Faraday Center, 1635 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Ramona Finnila, John Christensen, Chuck Collins, Bob Gates, W.C. "Bill" Guier, John O'Reilly, Tom Ricotta and Howard Williams were present.

Members present represent a quorum.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Vice Chairperson Tim Hutter was absent.

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Present were Peter Drinkwater, Willie Vasquez, Dan Thompson, John Otto and Jim Swain.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the February, 2009 meeting. Mr. Guier moved the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved with Mr. Williams abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Dolores Morris spoke of her concerns regarding the Community Noise Concern Index and the Operational Benefit Index recently introduced by the PAAC as part of the Airport Community Relations Report. Ms. Morris also had concerns about the brevity of the PAAC meeting minutes. A copy of Ms. Morris' concerns has been put on file in the Palomar Airport Manager's office, along with a copy of these minutes.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – P. Drinkwater

Mr. Drinkwater spoke of the Economic Vitality Study which will be finalized in May. Additionally, he spoke of the regional aviation strategic plan. Also, Horizon Air is looking into the possibility of establishing service at Palomar Airport.

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS SUBMITTALS - UPDATE – J. O’Reilly and B. Guier

Mr. O’Reilly and Mr. Guier spoke about updating the list of Homeowners Associations. County staff and the City of Carlsbad staff, if necessary, will be asked for help in updating the list. Mr. O’Reilly announced a Fly Friendly Presentation has been scheduled for the South Vista Communities organization.

CREATE AD HOC SUB-COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS THE NOISE AND OPERATIONAL STATISTICS - C. Collins

Mr. Collins presented a motion item that would create an Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to address the noise and operational statistics. This committee would include PAAC members, members of the Palomar Airport aviation community, and local residents. Elections for this committee will be held at the May 21, 2009 PAAC meeting. Mr. Collins moved that the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee be formed. The motion item passed unanimously. Mr. Collins and Mr. Hutter will be members of the sub-committee, with a third PAAC member to be named later.

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – J. Swain

Mr. Swain referred to Mr. O’Reilly’s announcement of the Fly Friendly Presentation scheduled for the South Vista Communities organization. Mr. Swain sent a letter to the editor of the Village Voice, an Ocean Hills Country Club magazine, in response to misinformation in their editorial comments and Government Affairs Committee Report. He has not heard any word in return. Additionally, he wrote a short article about how seasonal, overcast weather affects aircraft noise, which was published in the KCRQ News on Thursday, April 16, 2009.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT – J. Swain

- Monthly Operations Count: 16,708
- Annual Operations Count: 46,780
- Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 2,833
- Annual Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 7,662
- Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Throughput: Revenue Out: 2,236; Revenue In: 1,927; Non-Revenue Out: 597; Non-Revenue In: 527; Total Passenger Throughput: 5,287
- Local Traffic: 6,030
- Itinerant Traffic: 10,687
- Monthly Concerns: 474
- Annual Concerns: 1,084
- Ratio of Concerns to Operations for March: 474 concerns for 16,708 aircraft, which is 1 concern for every 35 operations.
- Community Noise Concerns by area – location and caller breakout: 32 People with concerns total: Southwest: 15; Southeast: 5; Northwest: 5; Northeast: 6; Out of Area: 1.
- Noise Concerns by type: Noise: 198; Low: 268; Over flights: 7; Unknown: 1.
- Noise Concerns by aircraft type: Propellers: 348; Jets: 97; Helicopters: 25; No Aircraft Type: 4.
- Noise Concerns by time of day: 0700-1700: 240; 1700-2200: 79; 2200-0700: 155.
- Collins Noise Index for Community Concerns: 21 people/229,870 Total NINA population = 0.14/1000.
- Palomar Airport Operational Benefit Index (OBI): 16,708 operations x 3.26 people per aircraft/229,870 = 237/1000

STAFF REPORT – W. Vasquez

Mr. Vasquez reported on the upcoming annual FAA re-certification inspection. He also spoke briefly on some small asphalt patch work that will be done on the runway. Also, Arryan Air is scheduled to begin charter service between Carlsbad and Las Vegas in early May. Mr. Vasquez took questions from the PAAC regarding the transient parking and the upcoming restaurant.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. O'Reilly announced that he had recently used the Air Options taxi service to fly to Riverside and back. He commended their service and aircraft. Ms. Finnila announced that she had pamphlets concerning aviation safety available for the public at the PAAC meeting.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON MAY 21, 2009.

The next meeting of the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee will be on May 21, 2009. Mr. Ricotta asked if Mr. Drinkwater could consult with County Counsel regarding the proper steps to have inaccurate information challenged or removed from the loudairport.com website. His concern was that the inaccurate information may be causing harm. Mr. Collins said that he felt the loudairport.com organizers were legitimately trying to cooperate with the airport and for whatever reason they couldn't seem to get the inaccurate information removed. Mr. Drinkwater said that he would follow up on this matter and report back at the next PAAC meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

By: _____
Dan Thompson, Administrative Secretary I