

**PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Thursday, January 22, 2009

Chairperson Ramona Finnila called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2009 at the City of Carlsbad Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Members present represent a quorum.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Vice Chairperson Tim Hutter, Bob Gates and John O'Reilly were 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 November, 2008 meeting. Mr. Ricotta moved the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved with Ms. Finnila and Mr. Williams abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Rock Swanson, President of the Palomar Airport Association, clarified the number of accidents and fatalities on or in the vicinity of McClellan-Palomar Airport from 2000 through 2008.

James Lambert and Peo Ariman of San Marcos commented on San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E)'s plans to raise the power lines near their homes. Mr. Lambert thanked Mr. Guier for coming to his home to look into the situation. Mr. Guier spoke briefly regarding the height of the planes flying over that location. Mr. Vasquez later said that he had spoke with SDG&E representatives. He said that the FAA had looked into the project and deemed it not to be an issue to aviation. The FAA recommended that several of the poles be lit with obstruction lights.

Dolores Morris of Carlsbad asked the PAAC members what factors determine airport closure due to fog. Secondly, she asked what qualifications were required of pilots to operate their aircraft at the airport. Mr. Swain, Mr. Rockwell, and Mr. Collins answered her questions.

Gail Carroll of Carlsbad spoke on the accidents and fatalities at Palomar Airport compared with other airports.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – P. Drinkwater

Mr. Drinkwater spoke of, and distributed, a pamphlet outlining the main points of an Economic Vitality Study being prepared by Kimley-Horn. Kimley-Horn plans to make a presentation of their study at the April, 2009 PAAC Meeting. He also discussed the San Diego County Regional Aviation Strategic Plan.

NOISE INDEX FOR COMMUNITY CONCERNS – C. Collins

Mr. Collins made a presentation regarding a noise index for community concerns. Ms. Finnila asked Mr. Collins to forward his statistics to the rest of the PAAC members. She asked that this item be placed on the February, 2009 PAAC Meeting Agenda to further discuss and possibly vote on his recommendations.

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – J. Swain

Mr. Swain reported that a Fly Friendly Presentation is being scheduled for Rancho Carrillo.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT – J. Swain

- Monthly Operations Count: 14,639
- Annual Operations Count: 192,960
- Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 2,889
- Annual Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 40,682
- Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Throughput: Revenue Out: 2,421; Revenue In: 2,094; Non-Revenue Out: 468; Non-Revenue In: 410; Total Passenger Throughput: 5,393
- Local Traffic: 5,061
- Itinerant Traffic: 9,218
- Monthly Concerns: 180
- Annual Concerns: 6,306
- Ratio of Concerns to Operations for December: 180 concerns for 14,639 aircraft, which is 1 concern for every 81 operations.
- Community Noise Concerns by area: Southwest: 145; Southeast: 9; Northwest: 25; Northeast: 1; Out of Area: 2.
- Noise Concerns by type: Noise: 77; Low: 91; Over flights: 12; Safety: 0.
- Noise Concerns by aircraft type: Propellers: 125; Jets: 37; Helicopters: 3; No Aircraft Type: 15.
- Noise Concerns by time of day: 0700-1700: 105; 1700-2200: 29; 2200-0700: 46.

The PAAC members took comments from the public about noise concerns and the voluntary noise abatement procedures.

STAFF REPORT – W. Vasquez

Mr. Vasquez reported that the terminal is nearing completion. At Ms. Finnila's request, he also spoke of the Terminal Grand Opening scheduled for January 29, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Finnila discussed her experience at a recent national airports conference that dealt with aeronautical issues and problems of mutual concern. She commented on misinformation being spread about the airport and the PAAC's role in that situation. She also spoke of the NSTB reports on the accidents at Palomar Airport and stressed that while any accident was regrettable and any fatality was tragic, the airport has never been ruled by the NTSB to be at fault in any accident.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 19, 2009.

The next meeting of the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee will be on February 19, 2009. Mr. Collins' recommendations for the noise index for community concerns will be a motion item on the agenda. Mr. Ricotta asked that an Olympic Resort update also be placed on the agenda.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

By: _____
Dan Thompson, Administrative Secretary I