

**PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Vice Chairperson Tim Hutter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Vice Chairperson Tim Hutter, John Christensen, Chuck Collins, Bob Gates, W.C. "Bill" Guier, John O'Reilly and Tom Ricotta were present.

Members present represent a quorum.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chairperson Ramona Finnila and Howard Williams.

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Present were Peter Drinkwater, Willie Vasquez, Lee Ann Lardy, Olivier Brackett, John Otto and Jim Swain.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the May, 2009 meeting. Mr. Ricotta moved the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ted Vallas spoke about Carlsbad-Palomar Airlines, a new airline he and his partners are seeking to launch at McClellan-Palomar Airport. He expects that the required FAA Certification will be completed in approximately eighteen months.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – P. Drinkwater

Mr. Drinkwater discussed Mr. Vallas' plans and said they fit with the strategic plan assessment survey of the airport but that any improvements on the airport would be years away and would be preceded by a comprehensive legal and environmental process which would need to take place. He and Mr. Hutter discussed the Regional Aviation Strategic Plan (RASP). Mr. Hutter said that

he is pleased with the work that has been done on the RASP, particularly in respect to McClellan-Palomar Airport.

PROPOSED FIRST AMENDMENT TO RESTAURANT GROUND LEASE WITH CARLSBAD LANDINGS, INC. D.B.A. THE LANDINGS AT CARLSBAD – L. Lardy

Ms. Lardy presented a motion item by which the PAAC recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed First Amendment to Restaurant Ground Lease with Carlsbad Landings, Inc. D.B.A. The Landings at Carlsbad, as recommended by staff. Mr. Collins moved that the PAAC approve the motion, which carried unanimously. Bill Slattery of The Landings of Carlsbad did a presentation on the restaurant's design.

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

Mr. O'Reilly and Mr. Guier reported that they had received a Homeowners Associations list from Mr. Swain. Mr. Hutter spoke of broadening the scope of the Homeowners Associations list as potential audiences for the Fly Friendly Presentation to include Chambers of Commerce in the area and other community groups. The PAAC received questions and comments from the audience about the presentation, including its attention to methods to curtail over flight and quiet hours. Mr. Collins said that the presentation addressed these issues. Audience members also voiced concerns about safety and any possible, future runway extension plans. Mr. Hutter said that there were no formal plans to extend the runway though if the runway was extended it would benefit flight safety by generating greater margins in the event of an emergency. Mr. Collins said that when compared to some other airports of a similar size and fleet mix, McClellan-Palomar Airport had a safer record.

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

Mr. Collins said that the sub-committee had met for a very good meeting. He was optimistic about what will come from their work. Mr. Gates, Mr. Bob Ebert of Carlsbad, and other members of the sub-committee, agreed that the meeting had gone well.

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – J. Swain

Mr. O'Reilly reported that the Fly Friendly Presentation is scheduled to be given at the Ocean Hills Country Club on August 10, 2009. Mr. Ebert of Carlsbad asked that a presentation be given to the Shorepointe Homeowners Association.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT – J. Swain

- ➔ Monthly Operations Count: 12,809
- ➔ Annual Operations Count: 74,993
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 2,506
- ➔ Annual Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 13,076
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Throughput: Revenue Out: 2,006; Revenue In: 1,860; Non-Revenue Out: 500; Non-Revenue In: 491 Total Passenger Throughput: 4,857
- ➔ Local Traffic: 3,855
- ➔ Itinerant Traffic: 8,954
- ➔ Monthly Concerns: 527
- ➔ Annual Concerns: 2,014

- Ratio of Concerns to Operations for March: 527 concerns for 12,809 aircraft, which is 1 concern for every 24 operations.
- Community Noise Concerns by area – location and caller breakout: 61 People with concerns total: Southwest: 44; Southeast: 4; Northwest: 3; Northeast: 8; Out of Area: 2.
- Noise Concerns by type: Noise: 261; Low: 234; Over flights: 11; Safety: 21.
- Noise Concerns by aircraft type: Propellers: 383; Jets: 115; Helicopters: 22; No Aircraft Type: 7.
- Noise Concerns by time of day: 0700-1700: 307; 1700-2200: 93; 2200-0700: 127.
- Jet Flights during quiet hours (2200-0700): 50; 2200-0500: 27 operations, 0500-0700: 23 operations.
- Propeller Flights during quiet hours (0000-0600): 10.
- Collins Noise Index for Community Concerns: = 0.26 people /1000 operations.
- Palomar Airport Operational Benefit Index (OBI): 12,809 operations x 3.26 people per aircraft/229,870 = 182/1000

Mr. Brackett gave a presentation about a pending noise system upgrade, which should be online within four to six months.

Mr. Swain and the PAAC took questions and comments from community members about possible changes to the report, including separating out complaints generated by commercial operations versus general aviation operations and tracking those aircraft that fly during the quiet hours. Mr. Hutter said that both of these issues could be addressed in the ad hoc noise and operational sub-committee. Aircraft tracking will be a part of the noise system upgrade.

STAFF REPORT – W. Vasquez

Mr. Vasquez reported on the terminal re-development project. Aaron Air is scheduled to begin charter service between Carlsbad and Las Vegas, operating through the terminal, on July 2, 2009. A runway re-construction project will begin in the fall which will require runway closures, though the closure schedule remains uncertain. Mr. Vasquez also discussed the upcoming McClellan-Palomar Airport 50th Anniversary Celebration.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no member announcements.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON AUGUST 20, 2009.

The next meeting of the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee will be on August 20, 2009. Mr. Hutter suggested that the Homeowners Associations Submittals Update and the Fly Friendly Progress Report be combined on future agendas to avoid redundancy.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

By: _____
Dan Thompson, Administrative Secretary I