

**PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Chairperson Ramona Finnila called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Ramona Finnila, Vice Chairperson Tim Hutter, 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

No members were absent.

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Present were Peter Drinkwater, Willie Vasquez, Olivier Brackett, 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 April, 2009 meeting. Mr. Williams moved the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved with Mr. Hutter abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – P. Drinkwater

Mr. Drinkwater reported that the FAA is providing County Airports \$10.5 million in promised grants for use on airport projects. One of the projects is the reconstruction of a runway pavement section. Additionally, he introduced Michael Ross of Kimley-Horn who gave an update on the economic vitality analysis they have undertaken for McClellan-Palomar Airport. Once the analysis is completed and approved, they will present it at a future PAAC meeting.

AIRPORT LAND USE COMPATIBILITY PLAN PRESENTATION – S. Sawa

Ms. Sandi Sawa, the Airport Planning Manager for the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, gave a presentation on the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP). Mike Grim from the City of Carlsbad spoke briefly of the growth management plan for Carlsbad. Mr. Hutter asked if the possibility of misplaced thresholds or extending the runway had been considered in the plan. Mr. Drinkwater and Ms. Finnila said the plan was based on actual circumstances and not hypothetical situations. The ALUCP differs from the Part 150 study in that the ALUCP forecasts for twenty years while the Part 150 study forecasts for five years.

REGIONAL AIRPORT STRATEGIC PLANNING PRESENTATION – K. Wilschetz

Mr. Keith Wilschetz, the Planning Director for the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, gave a presentation on Regional Airport Strategic Plan (RASP).

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

Mr. O'Reilly and Mr. Guier reported that they are continuing to network to meet more HOA leaders. Mr. O'Reilly is in contact with people that have good lists of local community leaders. Mr. Guier is contacting HOAs regarding submitting airport information into their newsletters.

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

Mr. Collins gave an overview of the sub-committee. Mr. Collins will chair the sub-committee and will join Mr. Hutter and Mr. Gates as PAAC representatives. Brian Shepherd and John D'Errico were elected as aviation representatives with Rock Swanson elected as an alternate. Bob Billmeyer and Bob Ebert were elected as community representatives. Jim Bradley, recipient of the third highest vote count, will be asked if he would like to be an alternate community representative.

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – J. Swain

Mr. O'Reilly reported that he, Mr. Collins and Mr. Swain had given a Fly Friendly Presentation at the South Vista Communities. Mr. Swain said there were no presentations pending but confirmed that they have good leads and contacts, previously referred to by Mr. O'Reilly. Mr. Swain, Mr. Vasquez and Mr. Brackett attended a noise managers meeting in Los Angeles on May 20, 2009 at which they were able to discuss noise problems and solutions.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT – J. Swain

- ➔ Monthly Operations Count: 15,404
- ➔ Annual Operations Count: 62,184
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 2,908
- ➔ Annual Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 10,570
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Throughput: Revenue Out: 2,302; Revenue In: 2,174; Non-Revenue Out: 606; Non-Revenue In: 562; Total Passenger Throughput: 5,644
- ➔ Local Traffic: 5,815
- ➔ Itinerant Traffic: 9,589
- ➔ Monthly Concerns: 493
- ➔ Annual Concerns: 1,577

- ➔ Ratio of Concerns to Operations for March: 493 concerns for 15,404 aircraft, which is 1 concern for every 31 operations.
- ➔ Community Noise Concerns by area – location and caller breakout: 36 People with concerns total: Southwest: 19; Southeast: 5; Northwest: 3; Northeast: 6; Out of Area: 3.
- ➔ Noise Concerns by type: Noise: 160; Low: 316; Over flights: 17; Unknown: 0.
- ➔ Noise Concerns by aircraft type: Propellers: 393; Jets: 72; Helicopters: 20; No Aircraft Type: 8.
- ➔ Noise Concerns by time of day: 0700-1700: 299; 1700-2200: 93; 2200-0700: 101.
- ➔ Jet Flights during quiet hours (2200-0700): 44; 2200-0500: 24 operations, 0500-0700: 20 operations.
- ➔ Propeller Flights during quiet hours (0000-0600): 15.
- ➔ Collins Noise Index for Community Concerns: = 0.16 people /1000 operations.
- ➔ Palomar Airport Operational Benefit Index (OBI): 15,404 operations x 3.26 people per aircraft/229,870 = 218/1000

Mr. Swain and the PAAC took questions and comments from community members about safety issues. There was a discussion about recent high speed maneuvers over the Carlsbad area on May 9, 2009. The airport management is taking this situation very seriously and the FAA Flight Standards office is conducting an investigation. David Sanders was incorrectly named by a local resident as the offending pilot.

STAFF REPORT – W. Vasquez

Mr. Vasquez reported on the construction project. He reported further on the Noise Managers Meeting mentioned in the Fly Friendly Program Progress Report. Also, Aaron Air is scheduled to begin charter service between Carlsbad and Las Vegas on July 2, 2009. Mr. Vasquez took questions from the PAAC regarding Horizon Air and the County Counsel’s involvement in correcting misinformation on websites and false allegations of Brown Act Violations. Ms. Finnilla stressed that the PAAC has never had a Brown Act Violation.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Finnilla announced that the McClellan-Palomar Airport 50th Anniversary Celebration will be on Saturday, June 27, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. She also reminded those present that anyone flying on a United Express flight from Carlsbad needs to check in for their flight at least thirty minutes before. Otherwise, they will not be allowed on the flight.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON JUNE 18, 2009.

The next meeting of the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee will be on June 18, 2009.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

By: _____
 Dan Thompson, Administrative Secretary I