

PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Thursday, September 21, 2006

Chairperson Ramona Finnila called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 21, 2006 in 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, Ginna Reyes, Tom Ricotta and Howard Williams.

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

Members present represent a quorum

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Peter Drinkwater, Lee Ann Lardy, Willie Vasquez, Margarita Mogollan, Matthew Schmid, Dan Thompson and Jim Swain.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken. There were no introductions. Ms. Finnila announced that Bob Fuselier had resigned from the PAAC effective mid-August 2006.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the meeting of August 17, 2006. Howard Williams motioned that they be approved, Chuck Collins seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with Tom Ricotta 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

The FAA is requesting that all projects including the terminal building, be bundled together and put under one master contractor to handle and coordinate all of the

construction. Part of the FAA's reasoning is they will be better able to leverage our bond money being put into the improvements to support discretionary funding if one master contractor is handling the entire redevelopment program. The County plans to have bids for all projects by June 2007. All of the Palomar Airport projects are on track. The start and finish dates of projects may change after the master contract is awarded.

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors docketed an item tasking the County Administration Officer to have staff evaluate the pros and cons of acquiring Oceanside Airport. It will be a coordinated effort by various County of San Diego Offices. No AEF money will be used in the investigation. Ms. Finnila said that the majority of the present Oceanside City Council do not want the airport and would rather see the area developed some other way. However, depending on upcoming elections this position may be subject to change.

Mr. Drinkwater said that there had been some discussions regarding a runway extension as a safety improvement for Palomar Airport. Though the study area is identified on the airport layout plan, a formal study has not yet been accomplished.

Demolition at the Magellan site has not yet started. Magellan's plans are still being finalized and may include additional development to support proposed Civic Helicopters relocation.

Ms. Lardy said that after meeting with Mr. Kimball of Vision Air she spoke with Warren Kaplan who told her that what Mr. Kimball had said was incorrect. Mr. Kimball said that they were close to filing for flights to Las Vegas and to Mammoth. Ms. Lardy asked for the information in writing but it had not arrived to date. She remains optimistic but is concerned that Vision Air is asking for more space at the airport. Ms. Reyes had received an e-mail from Mr. Kaplan indicating that he needed one more document in writing, had acquired a plane that they needed, had thought out his space issues and that he was planning to do some advertising of their flights from Carlsbad and then start service.

AMEND SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES AND USE CONTROL POLICY FOR COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AIRPORTS TO ADD A SECTION FOR CUSTOMS USER FEES – L. Lardy

Ms. Lardy reported that last month's customs item was being moved forward to the Board of Supervisors but that since the item included changing fees, permission to change those fees was required. She said that whenever fees are set you are supposed to get full cost recovery. Using the good survey data obtained by the customs at Palomar Airport, the County is proposing an initial customs fees schedule which could be adjusted in the future. After discussion, Ms. Finnila said that the amendment should include that the County is seeking full cost recovery fees and the service will cost the same for commercial or corporate aircraft. Ginna Reyes motioned that the amendment with Ms. Finnila's addition be approved, Bob Gates seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

PALOMAR UNDERGROUND RETENTION BASIN PRESENTATION – Matthew Schmid & Margarita Mogollan

The County of San Diego received a Proposition 13 grant through the State of California through the Water Resources Control Board. The total funding of the project was \$805,000. Mr. Schmid explained how the retention basin worked and that it is in use elsewhere in the County and nationwide. The retention basin, located under the True North ramp, can accommodate the weight of a plane. Ms. Finnila advised posting a sign indicating the maximum weight the basin could accommodate. Another retention basin is planned for the south side of the airport. Ms. Mogollan spoke about what and where watershed areas were, how they are monitored and the signage that would be provided for public education. Mr. Wayne Rosenbaum advised Mr. Schmid and Ms. Mogollan to research a Blue Ribbon panel report which provides recommendations for municipal, industrial and storm water which ensure correct testing methods.

PAAC MEMBERS RE-APPOINTMENTS – R. Finnila

Ms. Finnila reported that all appointments to the PAAC run concurrent with Supervisor Bill Horn. She said that a letter should be written to him on behalf of the PAAC members saying that they wish to be re-appointed. Mr. Collins motioned that the letter be written by Mr. Hutter. Mr. Ricotta seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – G. Reyes

Ms. Reyes reported that Mr. Swain was continuing to send letters regarding aircraft flying outside the quiet hours and/or those that generate noise complaints. Copies of those letters are mailed to the businesses from which the aircraft departed or taxied to. A seasonal slowdown of operations was expected. The Fly Friendly presentations are designed to remind local residents of the value of the airport. They include a history of the airport, its methods of noise measurement and management and features a question and answer period. Eight presentations had been made since March, 2006. A presentation in September had been canceled due to a Homeowners Association agenda/time conflict. Future presentations have been scheduled for October and November. Persons desiring to schedule a presentation can contact Ms. Reyes or anyone in the Airport Manager's office. Mr. Hutter has met with the Director of Financial Planning and Government Affairs for KB Homes. The company has two new projects in Carlsbad and would like to schedule a Fly Friendly presentation for their sales staff. Mr. Swain said that he would like to attend that presentation.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS – J. Swain

- ➔ Monthly Operations Count: 17,383
- ➔ Annual Operations Count: 130,474
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 4,990
- ➔ Annual Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 35,705

- Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Throughput: Revenue Out: 4,486; Revenue In: 4,299; Non-Revenue Out: 504; Non-Revenue In: 473; Total Passenger Throughput: 9,762
- Local Traffic: 3,759
- Itinerant Traffic: 13,624
- Monthly Concerns: 204
- Annual Concerns: 757
- Ratio of Concerns to Operations for August: 204 concerns for 17,383 aircraft, which is 1 concern for every 85 operations
- Noise Concern by area: Southwest: 117 concerns; Southeast: 22; Northwest: 48; Northeast: 15
- Noise Concern by type: Noise: 79; VNAP: 97; Low: 28; Over flights: 0
- Noise Concern by aircraft type: Propellers: 82; Jets: 112; Helicopters: 10; No Aircraft Type Specified: 0
- Noise Concern by time of day: 0700 to 1700: 84; 1700 to 2200: 15; 2200 to 0700: 105
- Flight operations during quiet hours: 2200 to 0500: 220 [Props: 156, Jets: 55 (27 concerns received), Helicopters: 9* (0 concerns received)]; 0500 to 0700: 161 [Props: 105, Jets: 54 (55 concerns received), Helicopters: 2* (0 concerns received)].

* Seven helicopter flights were for Mercy Air, others were General Aviation.

Mr. Hutter asked Mr. Swain to describe his interaction with noise callers during August in terms of public sensitivity to Airport Operations. Mr. Swain said that there had not been a major change from previous months.

R6/24 VNAP COMMITTEE – T. Hutter

Mr. Hutter reported that the committee is in the process of graphically upgrading the airport's VNAP for the VFR noise abatement procedures. They have gone through several scales and generations of maps, most of which had been provided by the City of San Marcos and the County. They now have a map which has the right scale and visually represents the area they want to update. They are identifying noise sensitive areas, noise abatement procedure routes and placing graphic arrows on the map. Mr. Swain met with the Palomar Airport ATCT manager. The FAA will be working with the committee.

STAFF REPORT – G. Vasquez

Palomar Airport is scheduled to receive an above ground fuel tank in early October although fuel will not be ready immediately for sale. The computer for the tank will need to be programmed for billing and the pumps need to be certified. The fuel will be available in a couple of months, once the pumps are certified. The tank will be located on the east end of the True North ramp. Mr. Vasquez is working on a scope of work for ramp management by a contractor. Security lighting has been added to the True North ramp, obtained through a grant from the Office of Emergency Services.

Inactive landfills are working near the approach end of the runway. The north perimeter fence is being upgraded for additional security.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Finnila said that an article ran in the San Diego Union-Tribune about Grey Eagle Aviation. She announced that Palomar College is offering a new Bachelor's Degree Program in Aviation Management in conjunction with Southern Illinois University. Ms. Reyes announced that the National Business Aviation Association Convention was scheduled for the third week of October.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON OCTOBER 19, 2006

It was determined that there would not be a quorum for the October PAAC meeting. Ms. Finnila canceled that meeting and announced that the next meeting would be on November 16, 2006.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

By: _____
Dan Thompson, Administrative Secretary I