

PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Thursday, February 15, 2007

Chairperson Ramona Finnila called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2007 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, Howard Williams and Tom Ricotta.

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

Members present represent a quorum.

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Present were Peter Drinkwater, Lee Ann Lardy, Olivier Brackett, Wayne Thomas, Dan Thompson, Wendy Orth and Jim Swain.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken. Ms. Finnila acknowledged Wayne Thomas from the audience. Wayne addressed the PAAC regarding his leaving County service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the meeting of January 18, 2007. 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

Mr. Drinkwater briefed the PAAC members on a recent update meeting regarding the terminal design project. The project will be completed in November, 2008. He asked the PAAC members to consider whether or not the footbridge from the parking area to the terminal should be constructed with core ten. After the PAAC discussed the matter, Ms. Finnila recommended that a sub-committee be formed to look at the core ten examples that are available. The PAAC members agreed to abide by the decision of the sub-committee. Mr. Drinkwater also announced that John Milligan, the FAA representative for San Diego County is retiring in March, 2007.

Additionally, Larry Watt is leaving County service to become the Director of Public Works for the City of Encinitas.

HILTON HOTEL PRESENTATION – R. Patel

John Murphy, Rashik Patel and Ray Fee of Tarsadia Hotels made a presentation regarding two hotels they are building across Palomar Airport Road from the airport. Wendy Orth of the San Diego County Department of Public Works Environmental Services explained that their office did request the CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) documentation for the project, which triggered their environmental review. Mr. Drinkwater said that the Airports Division will be notified of all future projects by the City of Carlsbad.

STREET NAME CHANGE TO AIRPORT WAY & McCLELLAN WAY – L. Lardy

Ms. Lardy reported that several parties had talked with the Airports Staff about changing the name of the road because they felt it was too confusing. That said other parties felt the name should remain the same. After a discussion, Ms. Finnilla recommended that the PAAC table the matter for two months during which time the committee members will get feedback on the issue. Also discussed was changing the name of the airport from “McClellan-Palomar Airport” to “Palomar Airport.”

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – O. Brackett

A presentation has been scheduled for Rancho Carlsbad on March 27, 2007. Future presentations will be coordinated through Jim Swain in the Palomar Airport Manager’s Office.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT – J. Swain

- Monthly Operations Count: 18,392
- Annual Operations Count: 18,392
- Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 4,055
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- Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Throughput: Revenue Out: 3,701; Revenue In: 3,442; Non-Revenue Out: 354; Non-Revenue In: 369; Total Passenger Throughput: 7,866
- Local Traffic: 5,545
- Itinerant Traffic: 12,847
- Monthly Concerns: 38
- Annual Concerns: 38
- Ratio of Concerns to Operations for January: 38 concerns for 18,392 aircraft, which is 1 concern for every 484 operations.
- Noise Concerns by area: Southwest: 34; Southeast: 4; Northwest: 0; Northeast: 0
- Noise Concerns by type: Noise: 6; VNAP: 26; Low: 2; Over flights: 4.
- Noise Concerns by aircraft type: Propellers: 7; Jets: 28; Helicopters: 1; No Aircraft Type Specified: 1; Commercial: 1
- Noise Concerns by time of day: 0700 to 1700: 6; 1700 to 2200: 2; 2200 to 0700: 30
- Flight operations during quiet hours: 2200 to 0500: 185 [Props: 108 (0 concerns received); Jets: 53 (6 concerns received), Helicopters: 24* (1 concern received)]; 0500 to 0700: 145 [Props: 108 (0 concerns received); Jets: 37 (21 concerns received); Helicopters: 0 (0 concerns received)].

*23 of the helicopter flights were for Mercy Air, one was for another helicopter.

R6/24 VNAP COMMITTEE – T. Hutter

Mr. Hutter reported that the revised voluntary noise abatement map is still being processed by County Graphics. The final draft of the map should be available by the April PAAC meeting.

STAFF REPORT – O. Brackett

Wayne Thomas and Albert Belcher have both left Palomar Airport. Mr. Brackett thanked them for their service with the Airports Division. The EOC's (Emergency Operations Center) name has been changed to the Security Operations Center due to the requirements of an EOC. He spoke of the security plans for the new terminal. The fuel tank has been delivered to the north side ramp and is being installed. Additionally, a new rotating beacon and new fencing with three strands of barbed wire will be installed on the north side.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Reyes announced that B-17, B-24 and B-25 bombers will be on display on the Western Flight ramp from April 20 – April 23, 2006.

Ms. Finnila announced that she had seen Steve Cummings at Lindbergh Field and he is very happy in his new position. She has spoken with General Aguilar to see if he had any concerns about the "Customs on Request" project. He told her he did not but that he would look into the matter further. Additionally, the Noise Control Hearing Board does still meet though infrequently. Also, Express Jet will soon begin service from Lindbergh Field to several smaller markets. Their executives have said that they would have loved to fly into Palomar Airport.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON APRIL 19, 2007

Ms. Finnila announced that the next meeting would be on April 19, 2007.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

By: _____
Dan Thompson, Administrative Secretary I