

PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Thursday, January 18, 2007

Chairperson Ramona Finnila called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. on January 18, 2007 at the City of Carlsbad Faraday Building, 1635 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Ramona Finnila, Vice-Chairperson Tim Hutter, John Christensen, Chuck Collins, Bob Gates, W.C. "Bill" Guier, Ginna Reyes and Howard Williams.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tom Ricotta

Members present represent a quorum

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Present were Peter Drinkwater, Willie Vasquez, Dan Thompson and Jim Swain.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken. There were no introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the meeting of November 16, 2006. Howard Williams motioned that they be approved, Chuck Collins seconded the motion. The minutes were approved, with Bob Gates 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 and Mr. Vasquez briefed the PAAC members on a recent update meeting on the terminal design project. The project will be completed in November, 2008. More defined pictures will be available by the next PAAC meeting.

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – G. Reyes

Ms. Reyes reported that Mr. Swain continues to send letters to aircraft flying during the quiet hours and/or those that may generate noise complaints. Copies of those letters are mailed to the businesses from which that aircraft departed or taxied to. The Fly Friendly Presentations are designed to remind local residents of the value of the airport and to acknowledge homeowners noise concerns. A presentation scheduled for January 3, 2007 at the Palomar East Mobile Home Park in San Marcos had been canceled. The Fly Friendly Program committee has asked to have the meeting be rescheduled. Ms. Reyes is stepping down as the chairperson of this committee and thanked those involved, as noted in the November, 2006 PAAC meeting minutes. She also addressed John Murphey from the Rancho Carlsbad development and said the committee would like to make a presentation to their group. Ms. Finnila thanked Ms. Reyes for her service on the committee and asked that the airport staff receive all incoming requests for presentations. The staff will then pass the requests on to Ms. Finnila or Mr. Collins.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS – J. Swain

- Monthly Operations Count: 16,939
- Annual Operations Count: 201,070
- Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 4,524
- Annual Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 55,645
- Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Throughput: Revenue Out: 4,104; Revenue In: 3,885; Non-Revenue Out: 420; Non-Revenue In: 390; Total Passenger Throughput: 8,799
- Local Traffic: 5,274
- Itinerant Traffic: 11,344
- Monthly Concerns: 38
- Annual Concerns: 1,050
- Ratio of Concerns to Operations for December: 38 concerns for 16,939 aircraft, which is 1 concern for every 446 operations.
- Noise Concerns by area: Southwest: 28; Southeast: 5; Northwest: 2; Northeast: 2; Escondido: 1
- Noise Concerns by type: Noise: 4; VNAP: 23; Low: 5; Over flights: 6.
- 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: 12; 1700 to 2200: 3; 2200 to 0700: 23
- Flight operations during quiet hours: 2200 to 0500: 160 [Props: 98 (0 concerns received); Jets: 43 (6 concerns received), Helicopters: 19* (1 concern received)]; 0500 to 0700: 145 [Props: 112 (0 concerns received); Jets: 29 (17 concerns received); Helicopters: 4* (0 concerns received)].

*Nineteen of the helicopter flights were for Mercy Air, four were other helicopters.

R6/24 VNAP COMMITTEE – T. Hutter

Mr. Hutter reported the committee is making progress in producing an updated version of the voluntary noise abatement map which reflects the recommended noise abatement procedures and the noise sensitive areas near the airport. He reviewed a draft of the VNAP handout which is being prepared for pilots. The final draft of the map should be available by the April PAAC meeting for certain but possibly by the February meeting.

PART 150 UPDATE – G. Vasquez

The Part 150 study was submitted through the contractor to the FAA last summer. The six month period of FAA review and publication in the Federal Register for final comments has completed. The matters discussed included the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL), Integrated Noise Modeling (INM), and the Voluntary Development by the Airport Operator, including the Noise Exposure Maps (NEM) and the Noise Compatibility Program (NCP). Mr. Swain outlined the roles and responsibilities of the Federal, State and County levels. He discussed the noise abatement, operational, land use management and program management measures. He said that the next steps were to receive the final study and documentation from URS (the aforementioned contractor), to determine the feasibility (including budget factors, a legal review and coordination with the Stake Holders) and to develop an implementation schedule.

STAFF REPORT – G. Vasquez

Steve Cummings has left Palomar Airport and now works with the Airport Authority at Lindbergh Field as one of their noise specialists. Mr. Cummings is very happy in his new position. Andrew Wignot has been hired through contract to manage the north ramp and to assist the Airport Operations staff. He will primarily be driving the Polaris vehicle. Mr. Vasquez will be working with the tower to change the designators of the service and maintenance vehicles on the airport to eliminate potential confusion. The Airport Managers office has moved to 2192 Palomar Airport Road on the second floor. Mr. Vasquez invited the PAAC members to come see the new offices. He reported that the Palomar Airport and Gillespie Field Maintenance staff did a great job building the new offices. Asphalt work was scheduled for the following week throughout the non-operations side of the airport.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hutter announced that the San Diego Regional Aviation Association was having their first annual golf benefit on February 20th at Salt Creek Golf Club and invited any interested parties to attend.

Ms. Finnila asked to what extent commercial carriers are allowed to insert anything on the airport webpage. Mr. Vasquez said that they are welcome on the webpage which has dedicated space for them. Ms. Finnila also announced that she and Mayor Jim Desmond of San Marcos had been appointed to the San Diego Regional Airport Authority and, if desired, will periodically update the PAAC on what's happening with that organization.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 15, 2007

Ms. Finnila announced that the next meeting would be on February 15, 2007.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

By: _____
Dan Thompson, Administrative Secretary I