

PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Thursday, February 16, 2006

Vice-Chairperson Tim Hutter called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. on February 16, 2006 in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Vice-Chairperson Tim Hutter
John Christensen
Chuck Collins
Bob Gates
Ginna Reyes
Tom Ricotta
Howard Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chairperson Ramona Finnila
Bob Fuselier

Members present represent a quorum

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Peter Drinkwater
Leeann Lardy
Guillermo "Willie" Vasquez
Steve Cummings
Dan Thompson

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chuck Collins motioned that the minutes for the January 19, 2006 PAAC meeting be approved. Ginna Reyes seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Thomas Talley of Vista asked about the application process for vacant position(s) on the PAAC. Mr. Hutter said that the PAAC would see that his questions were answered.

OCEAN AIR CHARTERS, INC. SIXTH AMENDMENT TO AVIATION LEASE – NEGOTIATED RENTAL ADJUSTMENT – L. Lardy

Ms. Lardy reviewed the procedures for lease renegotiations and PAAC recommendation of lease amendments which are then forwarded to the Board of Supervisors. The proposed amendment included a rent increase and standard substance abuse and security clauses. Howard Williams moved that approval of the amendment be recommended to the Board of Supervisors, Bob Gates seconded the motion. The recommendation was approved unanimously.

CIVIC HELICOPTERS, INC. SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO AVIATION LEASE – NEGOTIATED RENTAL ADJUSTMENT – L. Lardy

This was an amendment to renegotiate the rent for Civic Helicopters. Howard Williams moved that approval be recommended to the Board of Supervisors, Tom Ricotta seconded the motion. The recommendation was approved unanimously.

PALOMAR AIRPORT CENTER. LLC, dba PREMIER JET SECOND AMENDMENT TO AVIATION LEASE, CONTRACT 75628R – NEGOTIATED RENTAL ADJUSTMENT, CLARIFICATION OF TERMINATION DATE; FIRST AMENDMENT TO AVIATION LEASE CONTRACT 75629R – NEGOTIATED RENTAL ADJUSTMENT – L. Lardy

This was an amendment to establish the rent for the leases and extend the term for two years. The PAAC discussed if Palomar Airport Center’s construction had been substantially completed. Mr. Drinkwater felt that it had. Wayne Rosenbaum of Foley and Lardner represented Palomar Airport Center in the discussion before the Board of Supervisors. Howard Williams moved that approval be recommended to the Board of Supervisors, Ginna Reyes seconded the motion. The recommendation was approved, with Tom Ricotta dissenting.

PALOMAR AIRPORT AIRCRAFT INCIDENT – G. Vasquez

Mr. Vasquez gave a presentation on the aircraft incident. He shared with the PAAC what was in the preliminary report from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), which gave the facts of the incident. Their final report will be issued in eight to twelve months. At the site of the incident the Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting unit initially is in command but as soon as the Carlsbad Fire Chief arrives they immediately take over as incident command. At incident command, there is the Airport Manager, the Fire Chief, a City of Carlsbad Police Lieutenant, an American Red Cross representative, a Hazardous Material representative and anyone else who is needed, based on the circumstances. Airport Operations staff let other airmen know that the airport was closed during the twenty minute gap until the Air Traffic Control Tower opened. The Airports Division has been looking at an EMAS system, similar to a Styrofoam collapsible system which could be used at the end of the runway to help stop aircraft. They are requesting funding from the FAA for this project. Construction is continuing on a new localizer antenna array.

Ms. Reyes thanked Mr. Vasquez for the compassion shown to the victims' family by the County Airports staff and by him.

Ms. Gail Carroll of Carlsbad expressed her concern regarding the safety of the airport, particularly about the need for FAA air traffic controllers, since aircraft arrive and depart during the hours the control tower is not open. Members of the PAAC responded that the hours that the control tower is operational are set by the FAA based on the frequency of operations. Mr. Ricotta said that during the hours the tower is not operational, pilots are in radio contact with each other, telling each other their positions and intentions. Mr. Hutter mentioned that the NTSB ties or relates to Palomar Airport accidents that are in the airport's proximity but have nothing to do with the airport's operations. He said that in his research he failed to find any fatalities or injuries involving anybody on the ground within the proximity of Palomar Airport since it opened in 1959.

Mr. Vic Mercero of Milton Road and Ms. Gail Rublahan of Mariposa Road both expressed their concern regarding airport safety.

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – G. Reyes

Ms. Reyes reported that County staff is working on the final details of the materials for the pilot outreach and have printed and distributed the first run of the VNAP (Voluntary Noise Abatement Procedures) handouts. The FBOs, local flight schools and other aviation businesses have received them. They have been posted in various locations and are being handed out regularly. The posters will be finished within the next thirty days, and will then be distributed and displayed prominently around the field. This effort is an update to a program that is already in place. Ms. Reyes thanked the committee for bringing new life to this local pilot education program on the VNAP. Regarding community outreach, the goal is to reach as many concerned homeowners as possible to assist in education about the airport and the VNAP. Chuck Collins and Steve Cummings have completed the Power Point presentation and Chuck is scheduled to present it on March 20, 2006 to the Marbrisa Community Group as well as to the Southwest Carlsbad Homeowners Coalition on June 5, 2006. Other groups have expressed interest in seeing the presentation as well.

PART 150 UPDATE – G. Vasquez

URS is receiving the last of the public comments and is preparing the report to forward it to the FAA for their review.

Mr. Ricotta asked about the decibel reading for the area that San Marcos Councilmen Jim Desmond had referred to in relation to the URS report. Mr. Drinkwater said that Mr. Desmond's measurement was based on CNEL, a weighting average which gives more weight to night activity than to day activity. The URS report was based on a different measurement.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS – S. Cummings

- Monthly Operations Count: 3,364
- Monthly Air Carriers Throughput:
 - Revenue Out: 2,934; Revenue In: 2,637; Non-Revenue Out: 430;
 - Non-Revenue In: 434
- Annual Operations Count: 3,364
- Monthly Concerns for January: 19 (lowest in three years)
- Annual Concerns: 19
- Local caller traffic breakdown:
 - Southwest: 17 concerns; Oceanside: 1 concern; Valley Center: 1 concern
- Single Callers: 14; Repeat Callers: 2
- Noise complaints by aircraft type: Props: 12; Jets: 7; Helicopters: 0
- Noise complaints by type:
 - Noise Concerns: 2; VNAP Concerns: 0; Low: 17; over flight: 0
- Noise complaints by time of day:
 - 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.: 15; 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.: 4; 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.: 0

Mr. Cummings said that he had not received the monthly airport operations for January from the FAA so part of his presentation was missing. The control tower is updating their equipment and the data was not available at the time of the meeting. He will have the January operations numbers at the March 16, 2006 PAAC meeting. The Valley Center complaint was regarding a low flying plane. Mr. Cummings attributed the lack of any VNAP complaints during January to the weather. Since the localizer is out a lot of aircraft can't take off during the early morning hours.

STAFF REPORT – G. Vasquez

The north side ramp project is continuing. While the airport has been closed at night the contractor has been working on the three connectors between the taxiway and the ramp. In March, the runway will be closed at night for approximately one week. The contractor is currently finishing the wall, which should be completed in two to three weeks. They are also doing the finish grading on the east half of the run-up area. The County is preparing a letter of interest to send to the individuals on the tie-down waiting list to confirm their interest. Once their response has been received they will start solidifying the tie-down waiting list. There will be approximately 133 tie-down slots on the north side with approximately 150 people on the waiting list. The leasing process should start in April or May. All of the spots are the same size, forty-five feet wide. The County will be managing the ramp. County Airports is considering having self-serve fuel available on the north side.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – P. Drinkwater

All the projects at Palomar Airport are on track. The terminal concept is in progress with an architect and an engineering firm. All new landside/airside integration is being coordinated between Kimberly Horn and Wadell Engineering. The construction of the

terminal is going to be a three year process. The project will be downgrading 24,000 square feet of area and replacing it with 18,000 square feet. Regarding customs, County Airports staff is working out the new terms and a full presentation will be given at a PAAC meeting in the near future. Mr. Ricotta asked if the County is considering taking over Ocean Air's lease when it expires. Mr. Drinkwater responded that the County may require more space at the airport and that the issue would be given consideration.

MEMBER ANNOUCEMENTS

Mr. Hutter announced an airport fly-in breakfast at Oceanside Municipal Airport on February 25, 2006 from 9:00am-12:00pm.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON MARCH 16, 2006

Mr. Hutter announced that the next meeting would be held on March 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

By: _____
Dan Thompson, Administrative Secretary I