

PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Thursday, April 18, 2006

Chairperson Ramona Finnila called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 20, 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
Ginna Reyes
Tom Ricotta
Howard Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bob Fuselier

Members present represent a quorum

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Peter Drinkwater
Guillermo "Willie" Vasquez
Steve Cummings
Jim Swain
Dan Thompson

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Finnila introduced Jim Swain, recently appointed the Environmental Sound Manager at Palomar Airport. He retired from the FAA as a Control Tower Manager after 37.5 of air traffic control service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Howard Williams motioned that the minutes for the March 16th, 2006 PAAC meeting be approved. Bob Gates seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Lee Ayres spoke to the issue of the north side tie down area currently under construction. He felt that restrooms, services for flight planning and public telephones should be provided. Mr. Vasquez said that due to the speed of construction, the north side ramp will be completed in phases. A fuel facility, fully functional wash rack, telephones and restrooms will come in later phases. Until the restrooms are completed, temporary restroom facilities will be provided and maintained.

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – G. Reyes

The County staff is actively working on the pilot outreach with letters to those unfamiliar with the VNAP policy. Also, they have maintained a continual supply of the tri-fold handouts available for the local FBOs. This outreach is an update to a program that was already in place and Ms. Reyes thanked the Fly Friendly Program committee for their efforts. Additionally, four community presentations have been made thus far. The presentations are designed to educate local residents of the value of Palomar Airport. Ms. Finnilla recommended that the calendar of upcoming presentations indicate the cities where the presentations are taking place and also that a presentation be made to the Carlsbad City Council.

Mr. Thomas Talley of Vista, CA asked what proactive measures were taken to inform new residents of the airport. Ms. Finnilla said that residents buying in the area are made aware of the airport, advised of the monthly PAAC meetings and so forth as a condition of approval.

PART 150 UPDATE – G. Vasquez

The URS study was received by the FAA on April 3, 2006 We don't expect to receive their reply for six or seven months.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS – S. Cummings

- ➔ Monthly Operations Count: 16,594
- ➔ Annual Operations Count: 47,021
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Enplanements: 4,017
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Enplanements Count through March: 10,586
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Throughput: Revenue Out: 3,615; Revenue In: 3,321; Non-Revenue Out: 402; Non-Revenue In: 396
- ➔ Local Traffic: 5,452
- ➔ Transient Traffic: 11,142
- ➔ Monthly Concerns: 37
- ➔ Annual Concerns through February: 72
- ➔ Ratio of Concerns to Operations: 37 concerns for 16,594 aircraft, which is 1 concern for every 448 operations.
- ➔ Noise Concern by area: Southwest: 36 concerns; Escondido: 1 concern.

- Noise Concern by type: Noise: 7; VNAP: 15; Low: 15; Over flights: 0
- Noise Concern by aircraft type: Propellers: 13; Jets: 20; Helicopters: 4
- Noise Concern by time of day: 0700 to 1700: 20; 1700 to 2200: 2; 2200 to 0700: 15

Mr. Cummings also gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the number of flights from 10 pm to 5 am and from 5 am to 7 am for March 2006. Mr. Hutter asked if the actual number of operations during those time periods could be printed on the graph. Mr. Cummings said that he could do that. The PAAC discussed establishing a baseline to determine the impact of the Fly Friendly Program.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS – ESTABLISH ADHOC ARRIVAL VNAP SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON TO BE SELECTED FROM PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – G. Vasquez

County Airports staff recommended that Tim Hutter, Ginna Reyes, Jim Desmond, Jim Swain, Ron Cozad, Cathe Fair and Tom Harnish be appointed to the PAAC ADHOC Arrival Committee, known as the R24 VNAP Sub-Committee. The actual start date of the committee was undetermined. Ms. Finnilla recommended that the sub-committee be given a start date to get to know each other and their task, organize their sub-committee and appoint a chair. The sub-committee meets, at least initially, during the day and will have their first meeting at Magellan Aviation. Bob Gates motioned that the seven people named be appointed to the PAAC ADHOC Arrival Committee. Chuck Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORT – G. Vasquez

Mr. Vasquez reported that Victor Sigafus will be traveling to Oshkosh, Wisconsin to get a walk through of the new fire truck, which will be arriving at the airport in mid to late May.

After being out of service for 74 days the Instrument Landing System (ILS) came up on March 30th, thanks to great cooperation between the FAA and the County.

Ocean Air is now known as BVP Associates.

Mr. Vasquez also showed slides of the progress of the north side ramp project, now known as True North. The County has also sent 164 certified letters to people on the tie down waiting list. Copies of the letters were included in the PAAC member's binders. An informational meeting has been scheduled for May 3rd from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Olympic Resort. The tie down fee was set based on taking an average of the tie down fees being charged by the FBOs on the field and then deducting from that amount, accounting for some of the services the County won't be initially providing on the north side ramp. Initially, the True North area will have portable toilets for the public to use and through upcoming phases of the project restrooms, wash racks, an aircraft fueling

system and telephone services are planned to be added. Fueling options for the True North area were discussed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – P. Drinkwater

Mr. Drinkwater said that he had looked at some very encouraging preliminary plans for the ramp area that would replace the parking lots outside of Western Flight and the new terminal. The natural resources of the land, including the contours of the land should help with reducing the cost of the project. He also said that the planned landscape design looked very impressive. A foam board presentation from the site planner should be available by June which will allow the PAAC to analyze, constructively offer solutions and make observations regarding the plans. There is a national award for design and construction for which the north side project may be in consideration due to its unique design and use of space. Mr. Drinkwater also spoke of the FAA's safety concerns of vehicles traveling along the zip line. A presentation regarding True North to the PAAC is being planned for a future meeting

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Reyes announced that there had been a reception for Vision Air at Western Flight. Vision Air previewed their aircraft, a Dornier 328 which seats thirty passengers. Over 100 people attended, with several local business people meeting the Vision Air executives. The aircraft is state of the art, brand new, efficient, quiet and very noise friendly. It has great capacity for luggage storage and almost a completely stand up cabin. Impersonators of Marilyn Monroe and Elvis Presley made appearances and provided entertainment at the reception. Ms. Reyes said that several local businesses assisted with the reception and impressed the Vision Air executives who are now planning an official roll out, announcing their service between Carlsbad and Las Vegas, which should happen sometime in May. Olivier Brackett purchased a ticket and flew back to Las Vegas on the Vision Air return flight and reported that he was very impressed with the noise level, Vision Air's maintenance facilities in Las Vegas and the overall service level, including transportation to the hotels where passengers are staying.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON MAY 18, 2006

Ms. Finnilla announced that the next meeting would be held on May 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

By: _____
Dan Thompson, Administrative Secretary I