

PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Chairperson Ramona Finnila called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at the City of Carlsbad Faraday Building, 1635 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Ramona Finnila, Vice-Chairperson Tim Hutter, Chuck Collins, W.C. "Bill" Guier, Ginna Reyes, Tom Ricotta and Howard Williams were present.

Members present represent a quorum.

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Christensen and Bob Gates.

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

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

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the meeting of February 21, 2008. Howard Williams moved the minutes be approved. They were approved with Ginna Reyes abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON ELECTION – R. Finnila

Ms. Finnila was nominated for Chairperson and Mr. Hutter was nominated as Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Collins moved the nominations be approved. They were approved unanimously. These changes will be effective (put date here).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – P. Drinkwater

Mr. Drinkwater said that the “Wings over Gillespie” event had been cancelled but there may be other air shows at Gillespie Field in the near future. He also spoke of a new Air and Space Museum being built, possibly at Brown Field. He further reported on Customs Operations at Palomar Airport in terms of full cost recovery requirements. He discussed a comprehensive economic vitality study concerning Palomar Airport soon to be underway with a consultant.

As part of the director's report, Lee Ann Lardy gave an update on the restaurant for the new terminal. The County plans to re-issue the request for proposal for a restaurant tenant.

WESTERN FLIGHT, INC. (LEASES 1, 2 AND 3) SECOND AMENDMENTS TO AVIATION LEASES NEGOTIATED RENTAL ADJUSTMENT - L. Lardy

Ms. Lardy presented a motion item asking the PAAC to recommend that the County Board of Supervisors approve the second amendment to three aviation leases between the County of San Diego and Western Flight, Inc. Mr. Guier moved that the PAAC approve the motion, which carried with Ms. Reyes abstaining.

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – J. Swain

Mr. Swain reported that he, Mr. Collins and Mayor Jim Desmond of San Marcos had given a Fly Friendly Presentation to Palomar Estates West. The presentation has been updated. He said that it was well received and they obtained good feedback. Mr. Guier also reported on the presentation..

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT – J. Swain

- ➔ Monthly Operations Count: 18,476
- ➔ Annual Operations Count: 49,271
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 3,671
- ➔ Annual Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 10,615
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Throughput: Revenue Out: 3,204; Revenue In: 2,920; Non-Revenue Out: 467; Non-Revenue In: 503; Total Passenger Throughput: 7,094
- ➔ Local Traffic: 5,199
- ➔ Itinerant Traffic: 13,277
- ➔ Monthly Concerns: 778
- ➔ Annual Concerns: 2,135

- Ratio of Concerns to Operations for March: 778 concerns for 18,476 aircraft, which is 1 concern for every 24 operations.
- Community Noise Concerns by area: Southwest: 643; Southeast: 20; Northwest: 80; Northeast: 32; Out of the area: 3.
- Noise Concerns by type: Noise: 383; VNAP: 75; Low: 284; Over flights: 36; Uncategorized: 2.
- Noise Concerns by aircraft type: Propellers: 615; Jets: 124; Helicopters: 34; No Aircraft Type Specified: 5.
- Noise Concerns by time of day: 0700-1700: 459; 1700-2200: 201; 2200-0700: 118.
- Flights during quiet hours: 304.

Mr. Swain, Mr. Vasquez, Mr. Drinkwater and the PAAC members discussed the methods of tabulation and reporting the noise concerns and the means by which the public receives information about operations at Palomar Airport. Two members of the public commented on the noise concerns.

STAFF REPORT – W. Vasquez

Mr. Vasquez gave an update on Customs, the terminal redevelopment project and the blast fence. He reported that the Collings Foundation would be displaying and flying World War II aircraft at the Western Flight leasehold. He also discussed Magellan Aviation’s construction. He shared Palomar Airport’s new website with the PAAC.

Ginna Reyes, working as an independent contractor with County Airports, reported on recent contacts with some airlines that may be interested in serving Palomar Airport.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hutter reported on the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce tour of the airport and thanked the airport staff, particularly Mr. Vasquez and Mr. Brackett, for their participation.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON MAY 15, 2008

The next meeting of the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee will be on May 15, 2008.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

By: _____
 Dan Thompson, Administrative Secretary I