

PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Thursday, November 16, 2006

Chairperson Ramona Finnilla called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 16, 2006 in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Ramona Finnilla, Vice-Chairperson Tim Hutter, John Christensen, Chuck Collins, W.C. "Bill" Guier, Ginna Reyes, Tom Ricotta and Howard Williams.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bob Gates

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 September 21, 2006. Chuck Collins motioned that they be approved, Tom Ricotta seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

John O'Reilly of Carlsbad commented that he lived near the airport. He said that he loves the convenience of having the airport nearby and that it is great for the economy.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – P. Drinkwater

A year ago there had been discussion about combining all of the advisory committees and councils into one group. The opinions that Mr. Drinkwater has received, particularly from the Gillespie Field Development Council (GFDC), indicate that while the idea is

worth consideration it should be re-visited at a later date. A compromise was reached to reduce the number of meetings, of the advisory committees and councils. The meetings would be scheduled during the same months for all groups, the dark months being March, July, October and December. Special meetings can still be called as needed. Ms. Reyes asked if Mr. Drinkwater would entertain the thought of meeting in July rather than August, which has traditionally been dark for the PAAC. He said that we was not opposed to it but would need to coordinate the schedule with the GFDC. By a show of hands, the PAAC members agreed to modify their meeting schedule to being dark in March, August, October and December.

Mr. Drinkwater and Mr. Vasquez updated the PAAC on their most recent meeting with the Airport Terminal design team. At the meeting, the operations area and what types of items were needed for the FIS station were discussed as well as the overall concept of the design. Mr. Vasquez said that boards that show a 3-D picture of what the new terminal will look like will be posted in the terminal and updated boards will be presented at the next PAAC meeting. The County plans to bring utilities into the restaurant area and let the restaurant leaseholders decide what they want to do with the layout. Second story capability for the restaurant depends on cost as well as TSA restrictions. Mr. Hutter cautioned against leaving too much of the restaurant design up to the leaseholder. Any tenant improvements made by the first restaurant leaseholder may inhibit subsequent restaurant leaseholders. Mr. Drinkwater said that the Airports Division has the right to review and approve all designs and build-outs. The bids for the project need to be open in June so that the Airports Division can have discretionary funding in hand from the FAA. County Airports wants to build a facility that is simple, clean, energy efficient and the design needs to go together nicely. A pedestrian crossing with imbedded blinking lights may be part of the design for safety.

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – G. Reyes

Ms. Reyes reported that Jim Swain continues to send letters to aircraft flying outside of the quiet hours and/or those that may generate noise complaints. Copies of these letters are mailed to the businesses from which the aircraft operated or taxied to. The Fly Friendly Presentations are designed to remind local residents of the value of Palomar Airport and to acknowledge their noise concerns. The presentation includes a history of the airport and its noise, emphasizes how the noise is measured and dealt with and includes a question and answer period. When the Fly Friendly Committee began meeting over two years ago they identified a number of local homeowners groups and organizations located in the proximity of the airport. Several of these groups have invited the committee to make presentations. Efforts were made to reach those who may be interested in a Fly Friendly Presentation by means of e-mail or telephone two to three times a month for the last year and those who responded were followed up with. Ms. Reyes will be stepping down as chairperson of this committee once the January presentations are completed. She has enjoyed working with the committee members, putting the presentation together and has enjoyed even more the opportunities to present it. She thanked everyone involved in the project, especially Chuck Collins and Steve Cummings who were both very instrumental to the program's overall success. She also

acknowledged Ramona Finnila, Tim Hutter, Maureen Kube, Viola Wheelihan, Gail Carroll, Bob Gates, Bob Ebert and John Christensen for their assistance in furthering and developing the program.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS – J. Swain

The report for both September and October were presented, due to October's meeting having been cancelled.

- ➔ Monthly Operations Count: (Sep.: 16,836; Oct.: 16,692)
- ➔ Annual Operations Count: (Sep.: 147,310; Oct.: 164,002)
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: (Sep.: 5,312; Oct.: 4,990)
- ➔ Annual Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: (Sep.: 41, 012; Oct.: 46,002)
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Throughput: Revenue Out: (Sep.: 4,890; Oct.: 4,572); Revenue In: (Sep.: 4,408; Oct.: 4,353); Non-Revenue Out: (Sep.: 422; Oct.: 418); Non-Revenue In: (Sep.: 375; Oct.: 423); Total Passenger Throughput: (Sep.: 10,095; Oct.: 9,766)
- ➔ Local Traffic: (Sep.: 3,522; Oct.: 4,132)
- ➔ Itinerant Traffic: (Sep.: 13,314; Oct.: 12,560)
- ➔ Monthly Concerns: (Sep.: 130; Oct.: 92)
- ➔ Annual Concerns: (Sep.: 887; Oct.: 979)
- ➔ Ratio of Concerns to Operations for September: 130 concerns for 16,836 aircraft, which is 1 concern for every 130 operations.
- ➔ Ratio of Concerns to Operations for October: 92 concerns for 16,692 aircraft, which is 1 concern for every 181 operations.
- ➔ Noise Concern by area: Southwest: (Sep.: 90 concerns; Oct.: 76 concerns); Southeast: (Sep.: 21 concerns; Oct.: 10 concerns); Northwest: (Sep.: 10 concerns; Oct.: 3 concerns); Northeast: (Sep.: 6 concerns; Oct.: 2 concerns); Escondido: (Sep.: 2 concerns; Oct.: none); Santa Luz: (Sep.: 1 concern; Oct. none); Elfin Forrest: (Sep: none; Oct.: 1 concern)
- ➔ Noise Concern by type: Noise: (Sep.: 46; Oct.: 33); VNAP: (Sep.: 47, Oct.: 47); Low: (Sep.: 27 concerns; 12 concerns) Over flights: (Sep.: 10; Oct.: none).
- ➔ Noise Concern by aircraft type: Propellers: (Sep.: 64; Oct.: 32); Jets: (Sep.: 55; Oct.: 56); Helicopters: (Sep.: 11; Oct.: 4); No Aircraft Type Specified: 0 for both September and October.
- ➔ Noise Concern by time of day: 0700 to 1700: (Sep.: 50; Oct.: 34); 1700 to 2200: (Sep.: 15; Oct.: 7); 2200 to 0700: (Sep.: 65; Oct.: 51)
- ➔ Flight operations during quiet hours during September: 2200 to 0500: 224 [Props: 169, Jets: 47 (10 concerns received), Helicopters: 8* (0 concerns received)]; 0500 to 0700: 160 [Props: 115, Jets: 45 (34 concerns received), Helicopters: 0 (0 concerns received)].
- ➔ Flight operations during quiet hours during October: 2200 to 0500: 223 [Props: 138, Jets: 60 (9 concerns received); Helicopters: 25** (0 concerns received)], 0500 to 0700: 153 [Props: 115; Jets: 38 (31 concerns received); Helicopters: 0 (0 concerns received)].

* Seven of the helicopter flights were for Mercy Air, one was for General Aviation.

** All twenty-five helicopter flights were for Mercy Air.

Mr. Hutter asked Mr. Swain if several noise complaints from one individual in the Southeast quadrant had any commonality, such as aircraft type or time of night. Mr. Swain said that they may be due to some helicopter traffic in that area.

R6/24 VNAP COMMITTEE – T. Hutter

Mr. Hutter reported there had been two R6/24 VNAP committee meetings since the last meeting and they have come up with a conceptual map representing the recommended changes to the VNAP arrival procedures. The map is going to the County's Cartographic section. They have been granted a \$1500.00 allowance to come up with a draft map. The draft map will then be sent to the FAA for their review and comment. ATCT personnel are working with the committee and have attended their last two meetings. They are unsure how long the FAA review will take but the ATCT staff is working to determine that timeframe. Mr. Hutter is striving to present the draft conceptual map at the January PAAC meeting.

STAFF REPORT – G. Vasquez

Mr. Vasquez reported that while the fuel tank was supposed to be delivered in October, the company that fabricates the fuel tank is going out of that line of work and have limited staff working on the tank. It is scheduled to be delivered no later than December 10th or 12th. County Airports has put out an RFP to handle fueling on the True North ramp and Western Flight has awarded the contract. The beacon will be relocated from in front of Magellan to the vicinity of the ASOS windsock. Bill Long of the FAA is coming to the airport tomorrow to look at the north ramp. Mr. Long is working with the Imperial County Airport which has a Part 139 operation. He is trying to help them network with other airports, specifically Palomar, to help develop their Airport Certification Manual, their airport security plan and their emergency plan. Rules and Regulations Manuals have been distributed to the airport businesses. If members of the PAAC would like a copy of the Rules and Regulations manual they can be sent to their homes. A driver's training program is being developed by the Airport Operations staff for those who drive in the movement areas. The airport will be doing some paving and crack filling in the next month to six weeks. The Part 150 study will be received from the FAA on approximately December 17, 2006. County Airports will look at their comments and have a presentation for the PAAC in January.

There is a conservation easement north of Faraday. A conservation company is in charge of managing the easement where they have found an extensive mountain bike trail. The trail is pretty treacherous and presented a liability issue. The conservation company removed the trails. Mr. Drinkwater added that the bike trail is called the "Flight line" trail. The City of Carlsbad has all responsibility for trails in that area. In response to more than 350 e-mails to Supervisor Horn, Mike Grimm of the City of Carlsbad is going

to call a meeting of the parties involved. Mr. Vasquez has instituted regular weekly inspections of all of the County's property which adjoins the airport.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Finnila announced that Jim Desmond who is working with R6/24 VNAP Committee is now the Mayor of San Marcos. She also said that Mr. Drinkwater had told her that it looks like the Customs on Request service is going to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on December 16, 2006. Ms. Reyes and Mr. Collins spoke of their experience at the recent National Business Aviation Association Convention. Additionally, Mr. Guier's surgery was successful.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON DECEMBER 21, 2006

Ms. Finnila canceled the December 21, 2006 PAAC meeting and announced that the next meeting would be on January 18, 2006.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

By: _____
Dan Thompson, Administrative Secretary I