



# PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Kevin Karpé  
*San Marcos Representative*

## MINUTES

**Thursday, July 20, 2023**

Chairman Cliff Kaiser called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2023.

### **ROLL CALL**

The roll call was taken.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cliff Kaiser, Kevin Karpé, Chuck Collins, Dan Frazee, John O'Reilly, Gordon Nesbitt, and Jim Swain were present, which represented a quorum.

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

No absent members.

### **COUNTY STAFF PRESENT**

Present were John Otto, Jamie Abbott, Carmela Gutierrez, and Yadira Aguilar. Maru Cham joined the meeting in progress.

### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Mr. Betro advised about the outcomes and directives to County Airport Staff per the meeting with Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer and HOA Palomar Airport Action Network. Mr. Betro said it was a productive meeting. Mr. Betro advised the following: County Airport will develop a dashboard; County Airport Staff will look at other airports and review what "Best Practices" are being used at other airports and also look at adding additional noise monitors around the airport.

### **APPROVE MINUTES FOR MAY 2023 MEETING**

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the May meeting.

Mr. Frazee requested changes be made on the third and fourth page. Page 3 include Anne Baldwin's position title and add that the high heat event was in the landfill. Page 4 instead of 'parodically' write periodically.

Mr. O'Reilly moved the minutes to be approved as amended; Mr. Frazee seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

**SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT PLAN** – J. Abbott

Mr. Abbott advised that the Airport Sustainability Plan has public engagement through the public meetings, first round of meetings which has been an introduction have been held with a lot of good progress.

Mr. Abbott advised that now they will start working with a consultant on building a plan, and after they will continue again with the public meetings. Mr. Abbott informed that no one from the City of Carlsbad showed up to the public meetings.

Mr. Karpé questioned if the consultants were from ARUP and if he can tell us more about them.

Mr. Abbott advised that ARUP are the consultants and that they are very well known for sustainability around the world, they have worked with other projects for the County, including all county airports.

Mr. Kaiser suggested it may be appropriate to have an agenda item regarding the unleaded fuel at the next meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – J. Abbott

Mr. Abbott introduced Carmela Gutierrez the new Real Property Project Manager, she came from Department of General Services, but previously worked for the County Airports as a Real Property Agent.

Mr. Betro advised that there is about twelve HOA's around the airport who are concerned about the issues they have been presenting at PAAC Meetings. Mr. Betro informed that Cipriano Vargas and Rebecca Smith will be reaching out to staff.

Mr. Sung advised about Vista and Carlsbad having nominees to become part of the PAAC committee. Mr. Sung commented that he attended a zoom meeting with HOA representatives and

spoke about resources and the concept of VNAP. Mr. Sung requested to track pilots who are flying during quiet hours and identify who they are.

Mr. Kaiser thanked Mr. Sung and commented that a dashboard should be completed soon and to make VNAP more effective as there is a timeline.

**8th AMENDMENT TO ATLANTIC'S LEASE #6** – C. Gutierrez

Mrs. Gutierrez presented information regarding proposed amendment for aviation properties at McClellan-Palomar Airport. The proposed amendment would adjust rent on January 1, 2024, to reflect market rates as required by the lease language.

Mrs. Gutierrez read the recommended motion “Palomar Airport Advisory Committee recommends that the County Board of Supervisors approve the proposed lease amendment with Palomar Airport Center LLC for Contract 75758R.”

There were no questions or comments from the committee members or the public.

Mr. Kaiser moved that the above motion be approved; Mr. Frazee seconded. Motion was approved with two abstentions.

**VNAP SUBCOMMITTEE** - J. Otto

Mr. Otto advised that there are some items that are still a work in progress. First item is to reinvent and reinstitute the Fly Friendly outreach, the recommendation was to create a video and to post it on the website. The second item was to establish ground school VNAP training module with flight schools, video was also recommended. The next items are to Develop full use of Web Trak features recommended to be added to dashboard as well as portray historical and dynamic noise contours on Web Trak. Another item is to explore ways to make Web Trak more user friendly and automate the PAAC noise report and last item to update contacts and distribution list.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

**FAA LETTER RESPONSE**- J. Otto

Mr. Otto gave a presentation on the Solamar/Spyglass HOA questions to FAA. The following topics and responses include safety, VNAP, noise, ATCT, compliance with B II airport designation, and Part 150 study. Palomar Airport is working on developing a Dashboard to help with a lot of the community concerns.

Mr. Kaiser suggested to Mr. Otto to turn this presentation into a letter and publish to the HOA committees and publish it on the PAAC website.

Mr. Betro advised that Web Trak is not user friendly per the community's perspective. Mr. Betro suggested to implement VNAP during all hours, and to track how many planes deviate.

Mr. Swain commented that ATCT directs pilots based on safety not noise.

Mr. Sung commented that it is very tragic that people have to leave their homes because of how noise impacted their neighborhoods. He shared a story of a family who had to put their home on the market as their child was very sensitive to noise.

### **AIRPORT MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT- J. Otto**

Report for June 2023:

- Monthly Airline Passengers:36
- Annual Airline Passengers:1,342
- Monthly Take-Offs and Landings:10,981
- Annual Take-Offs and Landings: 67,278
- Monthly Complaints: 133
- Annual Complaints: 816
- Community Noise Complaints by Quadrant: Southwest: 43; Southeast: 22 ; Northwest: 61; Northeast: 7
- Jet Flights during quiet hours (2200-0700): 58
- Propeller Flights during quiet hours (0000-0600): 9

There were no questions or comments from the committee or the public.

### **STAFF REPORT – J. Otto**

Mr. Otto update the committee on the new Airport Assistant Manager position, Mark Reiner was offered the job and Jazmine Lagunas will be taking over noise community relations office. Mr. Otto advised that Carlsbad Municipal Water District will start their waterline project on July 26 until November and will cause delays in traffic.

There were no questions or comments from the committee or the public.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. O'Reilly thanked Mr. Otto for meeting with him and a young man who is interested in Airport Management.

Mr. Swain advised that there is a group who is teaching High Schoolers about airports and flying, the name of the group is STEM, he suggested it would be nice to bring Kay Sundaram who is part of the group to present information.

### **SET AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING – September 21, 2023**

Mr. Kaiser requested to invite Kay Sundaram to present about STEM and dashboard update.

Mr. Karpé requested to discuss the start time in our next meeting, briefing on eVTOL activities within the County and PAAC nominees.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Collins moved the meeting be adjourned; Mr. Karpé, seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Yadira Aguilar, Administrative Secretary I

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