



PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

Thursday, August 17, 2017

Chairperson Chuck Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 17, 2017, at the City of Carlsbad Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, California.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Chuck Collins, Vice Chairperson Cliff Kaiser, Ron Cozad, Cal Weeks, John O'Reilly, Gordon Nesbitt, Tom Ricotta, Ron Lovick and Dan Frazee were present, which represented a quorum.

MEMBERS ABSENT

No members were absent.

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Present were Peter Drinkwater, Lee Ann Lardy, Olivier Brackett, John Otto, Laura Estrada, Jessica Turner, Ian Hodgson, Carmela Gutierrez, and Nick Alex.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Thorley advised that it is not clear on the bottom of the agenda that a speaker slip is required for each item that an individual wishes to comment on.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR JUNE 2017 MEETING

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the June 2017 meeting. Mr. Nesbitt moved the minutes be approved, which they were unanimously.

CAL JET ELITE AIRWAYS PRESENTATION –Cal Jet Air, LLC and Elite Airways, LLC

Mrs. Lardy introduced Mr. George Wozniak, President and Mr. Bob Daly, Chairman, of Cal Jet by Elite Airways. Also in attendance were several representatives from Elite Airways, Bob Lyle, Chairman, Robert Lyle, Executive Vice and Dave Dow, VP of Sales and Marketing.

Mr. Wozniak, Mr. Daley and Mr. Dow gave a presentation announcing that Cal Jet by Elite Airways will begin commercial service out of Palomar Airport on September 28th. They will begin by offering two round trip flights to Las Vegas each day. He advised that Cal Jet by Elite Airways is a certified 121 operator and will be flying a CRJ-700. The aircraft is a new generation aircraft and rated Stage 4 for noise. The aircraft will be configured for 64 passengers and will be staffed by an experienced team.

During the presentation, Mr. Wozniak also explained the partnership between Cal Jet Air and Elite Airways.

Committee members welcomed Cal Jet by Elite Airways to Palomar Airport and asked questions to gain more information about the airline and how they intend to operate. The Questions were answered by Mr. Wozniak, Mr. Daley, Mr. Dow and Mr. Lyle.

Following the committee's questions and comments, the following speakers in favor of the airline included: R.J. Lowy, representative from MaxLinear Inc.; Michele Slattery, owner of The Landings; Graham Thorley, Carlsbad resident; Richard Watt, representative from Avis Car Rentals; Jason Chiang, Carlsbad resident and business owner; Jim Swain, Carlsbad resident; Andy Hanse, Pilot that operates out of Palomar; Rock Swanson, Palomar Airport Association President; Ted Vallas, business owner; Craig Foster, President of Jet Source; Diane Lombardo and Jeanne Miura, representatives from Hertz; Don Buckman, Vice-President of Commercial Aviation at ViaSat; and Aaron Mueller, General Manager of Atlantic Aviation. It was also noted that Ms. Malapina of West Inn & Suites provided a letter of support.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – P. Drinkwater

Mr. Drinkwater briefly clarified the roles of County Airports, Cal Jet by Elite Airways, FAA, DOT, and TSA. He explained that County Airports is a facility operator providing the terminal building, auto parking, airport infrastructure maintenance, ARFF and security. Cal Jet by Elite Airways is an air service provider; he explained that their partnership works as such: Elite Airways provides the pilots, the aircraft and the flight attendants and Cal Jet handles marketing, business development, ticket/promotional sales and passenger logistics support. The FAA and DOT provide all the approval for the air carrier to operate and the TSA assures airline security and passenger safety.

Mr. Drinkwater invited Nick Alex, Airport Planner, to provide an update on the Master Plan.

Mr. Alex stated that the Master Plan process is progressing. The County expects to have a draft Master Plan and draft Environmental Impact Report available for public review in early December. He also stated that there will be a 45 days period, beginning in December, when the documents are published on the website, for the public to provide any comments. Staff is currently projecting that the Master Plan will go to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration in May of 2018.

Mr. Thorley asked if the County was subsidizing or reducing fees for Cal Jet by Elite Airways. He also asked for clarification when the Master Plan going to the Board of Supervisors and if there would still be a public workshop. In response to the first question, Mr. Drinkwater stated that Cal Jet by Elite Airways is receiving the same considerations that any other new applicant would be receiving. Mr. Alex then clarified that Staff is currently projecting that the Master Plan will go to the Board of Supervisors in May of 2018. He confirmed a public workshop will be held early 2018, probably January or February.

REAL PROPERTY REPORT – L. Lardy

Mrs. Lardy advised that she was available for questions. There were no further questions from the committee or the public.

FOURTH AMENDMENTS TO AVIATION LEASES WITH SCIF PALOMAR, LLC dba MAGELLAN AVIATION – L. Lardy, I. Hodgson

Mr. Hodgson, Senior Real Property Agent, presented information regarding proposed amendments with SCIF Palomar, LLC dba Magellan Aviation. Mr. Hodgson advised that the lessee requested the fourth amendment to revise the County Buy Out provision. He also advised that this consideration would adjust the rent to reflect the current market rate. Mr. Hodgson then read the recommended motion *“Palomar Airport Advisory Committee recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the Fourth Amendments to Aviation Leases between the County of San Diego and SCIF Palomar, LLC for County Contract Numbers 104566 and 104567.”*

Committee members asked questions regarding the impact of the changes and how the increases were established. Mr. Hodgson and Mrs. Lardy provided additional information regarding the potential impacts of the proposed action. Mr. Thorley provided questions from Mr. Bender in his absence, many of which had already been addressed during the presentation and previous questions. Mr. Collins accepted questions in writing with no additional comment.

Mr. Kaiser moved that the above motion be approved, the motion was approved unanimously.

AIRPORT MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT – J. Turner

Ms. Turner shared that two Fly Friendly presentations were recently provided. She also shared the items discussed at the Noise Officers’ Meeting that was held at San Diego International on August 10th. Those items included the implementation and impacts of MetroPlex and changes in how airports are reporting noise concerns.

At the beginning of the Performance Report, Ms. Turner shared pictures of the construction that has been in progress for the noise monitor relocation. Yet to be completed is the landscaping and final changes in the noise system software. The monitor should be fully commissioned in the very near future.

Report for July 2017:

- Monthly Operations Count: 14,498
- Annual Operations Count: 94,130
- Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 0
- Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Throughput: 0
- Annual Air Carrier Total Passengers: 0
- Monthly Concerns: 459
- Annual Concerns: 2,603
- Community Noise Concerns by area: Southwest: 282; Southeast: 42; Northwest: 115; Northeast: 20
- Jet Flights during quiet hours (2200-0700): 77
- Propeller Flights during quiet hours (0000-0600): 47

Mr. Thorley expressed concern that the noise monitor is not located at the end of the runway and asked the distance of the new location from the airport. Ms. Turner advised she will report back. Mr. Thorley also inquired about the number of aborted landings and referenced a recent jet aircraft operation.

STAFF REPORT – O. Brackett

Mr. Brackett advised of the media event held on August 16th to announce the start of commercial service. He said the event was well attended and the community expressed excitement for the new service. Mr. Brackett also responded to a question from a previous meeting requesting more information about the airport's rates and charges review process. He reported that the County's Schedule of Rates and Charges were adopted in 1975 and are reviewed annually to determine if and revisions are needed. He explained that based on that review it may be determined that changes are not necessary. He also explained there have been nine amendments since the Schedule of Rates and Charges was originally adopted. Thus, they are regularly reviewed, but not adjusted upon each review.

Committee members followed up with questions regarding one of the recent Fly Friendly presentations and a fence near one of the FBO's.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Frazee stated that he is glad the noise monitor has been relocated and knows that we will soon be getting useful data from that site.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

No items were requested.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

By: Laura Estrada
Laura Estrada, Administrative Secretary I