



PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Clifford Kaiser
Chairperson

Shirley Anderson
Carlsbad Representative

Howard Krausz
General Public

Larry Cohen
General Public

Clayton Lackey
Industry Representative

Gordon Nesbitt
Oceanside Representative

Armen Kurdian
Vista Representative

Garry Greening
Carlsbad Representative

Kevin Karpé
San Marcos Representative

MINUTES

Thursday, July 18, 2024

Mr. Kurdian called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2024.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shirley Anderson, Gordon Nesbitt, Garry Greening, Clayton Lackey, Howard Krausz, Larry Cohen, and Armen Kurdian were present, which represented a quorum.

Cliff Kaiser came in while roll call was taken.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kevin Karpé

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Present were Murali Pasumarthi, John Otto, Jamie Abbott, Mark Reiner, Yadira Aguilar and Tom Bosworth.

VICE CHAIR ELECTION

Chairperson Kaiser advised that elections for Chairperson will be in January 2025.

Mr. Kurdian was nominated by Mr. Kaiser to be elected for the remainder of the year as the PAAC Vice Chairperson, 3 committee members voted in favor Mr. Kaiser, Mr. Nesbitt and Mr. Lackey, 4 committee members opposed Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Greening, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Krausz. Mr. Karpé was absent. Motion did not pass.

Mrs. Anderson self-nominated for Vice Chairperson. Mr. Greening moved the motion to elect Mrs. Anderson as Vice Chairperson, Mr. Cohen seconded. Motion was approved with 6 committee members in favor, Mr. Greening, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Kurdian, Mr. Kaiser, Mr. Krausz, and Mr. Lackey, one dissenting vote from Mr. Nesbitt, and Mr. Karpé absent.

Chairman Kaiser received comments and answered questions from committee members, and from the public.

MOTION ITEM ROLL CALL

Chairperson Kaiser advised that at the previous PAAC meeting it was suggested to record roll call after every motion item.

Mr. Cohen moved the motion item roll call, Chairperson Kaiser seconded. Motion was approved with Mr. Karpé absent. All other committee members voted in favor, Mr. Kaiser, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Greening, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Krausz, Mr. Cohen, and Mr. Kurdian

Mrs. Syage requested for roll call to be done after every motion to avoid confusion and mistakes on the meeting minutes.

Mr. Kaiser received comments and answered questions from committee members and from the public

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mrs. Syage welcomed new PAAC members. Mrs. Syage requested for meetings to be video stream, Mr. Syage advised she understands is not a county requirement, but said it is helpful for clarity and transparency. Mrs. Syage requested for presentations to be included on the website when the agenda is posted.

Mr. Betro, a Carlsbad resident, thanked the PAAC committee for moving meetings to Carlsbad. Mr. Betro advised that the PAAC committee is to make recommendations to the BOS. Mr. Betro suggested that PAAC committee members get clarification on conflict of interest regarding voting on Motion items.

Mrs. Venolia welcomed new PAAC members. Mrs. Venolia requested to the committee to have better ways for the residents to be able to communicate with COSD. Mrs. Venolia Strongly suggested the meeting be video stream as it would be a better method to inform all residents, even those who cannot come in person.

Mr. Baldus president of the Palomar Airport Association (PAA), announce the third annual youth aviation event on Saturday September 14th, 2024, from 9am-12pm at Palomar Airport.

Mr. Gonsalves added that at the Youth Aviation event they will be able to offer two or three discovery flights. Mr. Gonsalves advised that if there is an option to petition more hangars will be helpful as there is a lack of hangars in San Diego County.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR MAY 2024 MEETING

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the May meeting.

Mr. Kurdian requested for changes to be made on the fourth page under committee member comments. The following sentence was changed: Mr. Kurdian advised pilots to be vigilant when using GPS for any sign of GPS anomalies or inaccuracies, when flying to continue to navigate safely.

Mr. Cohen moved the minutes be approved as amended; Mr. Kurdian seconded. Minutes were approved with one committee member absent.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – J. ABBOTT

Mr. Abbott welcomed new PAAC members and thanked staff for assisting with venue changes, he advised that if anyone from the public or committee has questions, they can reach out to him.

Mr. Abbott advised that the County has been working with FAA after the Master Plan approval from Board of Supervisors in 2021. Mr. Abbott advised that the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) was created and sent to FAA for review. FAA reviewed the ALP and signed it; ALP is important for grant funds for the future development of the airport.

Mr. Abbott received comments and answered questions from committee members and from the public.

PALOMAR AIRPORT SUSTAINABILITY PLAN J. ABBOTT

Mr. Abbott updated on the Airport Sustainability Plan. The Sustainability Management Plan Draft is being finalized and is currently under stakeholder review, outreach will begin after the review is completed. Recommended changes will be considered in final draft. Resources for related projects will be included. Final report will be available on our website and hopefully done by the September meeting.

Mr. Abbott received comments and answered questions from committee members and from the public.

FAA ROUND TABLE – J. ABBOTT

Mr. Abbott updated the committee on the FAA round table, requested by the City of Carlsbad. County is currently working with Economic Development and Government Affairs (EDGA) team, District Three office and elected officials to find a date that works for everyone for the round table.

Mr. Abbott received comments and answered questions from committee members and from the

public.

AIRPORT ENTERPRISE FUND – J. ABBOTT

Chairperson Kaiser requested for this item to be tabled for next meeting.

AMERICAN AIRLINES LEASE AGREEMENT – J. ABBOTT

Mr. Abbott presented American Airlines lease agreement terms. American Airline proposes a two-year lease, from February 13, 2025- February 12, 2027. American Airlines will have two flights per day to Phoenix, Arizona using an Embraer 175. Premises: office space, two ticket counter spaces and Kiosk, parking facilities and aircraft ramp space.

The Board will consider the following actions: Board Policy F-44 and CEQA.

Mr. Abbott read the Recommended motion “Palomar Airport Advisory Committee recommends that the County Board of Supervisors approve the proposed lease with American Airlines”.

Chairperson Kaiser asked if the lease is not approved, what will happen. Mr. Abbott advised that if lease is not approved other accommodations would need to be made.

Mr. Krausz advised he would like to have the opportunity to read the lease as it was given with short notice before voting. Mr. Krausz suggested for motion to be tabled.

Chairperson Kaiser suggested that before moving forward with the discussion a motion should be moved.

Mr. Kurdian moved to approve the motion as written “Palomar Airport Advisory Committee recommends that the County Board of Supervisors approve the proposed lease with American Airlines” Mr. Nesbitt seconded.

Mr. Otto advised that TSA services will have to start at the airport.

Mr. Abbott advised that the airport is working on final detail negotiations that will go to the Board of Supervisors in a board letter. Mr. Abbott advised that there is a lot of logistical work that needs to be done prior to American Airlines starting service.

Mr. Kurdian drop the motion for the approval of the lease.

Chairperson Kaiser advised that motion will be tabled for next PAAC meeting.

Mr. Abbott received comments and answered questions from committee members and from the public.

STEM AVIATION ACADEMY: Inspiring future pilots, mechanics & leaders in STEM-Kay Sundram

Kay Sundram presented about STEM Aviation Academy. STEM Aviation Academy is a California non-profit public benefit corporation whose mission is to create positive experiences in general aviation and to inspire America's youth to pursue careers in flight operations. Mrs. Sundram advised that STEM Aviation Academy helps youth to be able to have hands on learning, to help youth become pilots, aircraft mechanics and leaders. For more information about this program visit www.stemaviation.org.

Mrs. Sundrum received comments and answered questions from committee members, there were no comments or questions from the public.

STAFF REPORT – J. OTTO

Mr. Abbott wanted to Clarify that American Airlines will be starting services and advised that an announcement will be made by them and that they will start selling tickets soon. Mr. Abbott advised that it is American Airlines on their own who took the initiative to sell tickets. Mr. Abbott advised that operationally we are proceeding with American Airlines but that there are logistical things that the County is working on to accommodate the service.

Mr. Otto advised that the City of Carlsbad is finishing up the water project in the Airport.

Mr. Abbott and Mr. Otto received comments and answered questions from committee members and from the public.

HISTORICAL DATA FROM NOISE MONITORS – J. OTTO

Mr. Kaiser requested to tabled item for next meeting.

UPDATE ON NEW NOISE MONITOS – J. OTTO

Mr. Kaiser requested to tabled item for next meeting.

UPDATE ON DASHBOARD – J. OTTO

Mr. Kaiser requested to tabled item for next meeting.

QUIET HOURS DISCUSSION – J. OTTO

Mr. Kaiser requested to tabled item for next meeting.

AIRPORT MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT- M. REINER

Chairperson Kaiser advised that the Airport Monthly Performance Report can be found on the website.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Greening commented that he agrees with having the American Airlines Lease Motion item tabled to the next meeting as the information was recently given.

Mrs. Anderson said she is happy to be back in Carlsbad.

Mr. Krausz advised he is happy to be part of the PAAC Committee and hopes to be able to work and help with coming up with solutions.

Mr. Cohen gave a short introduction about himself and advised he is honored to be part of the PAAC Committee.

Mr. Lackey advised he is an industry representative, appointed by the CAO and that he is happy to be part of the PAAC Committee as he represents the Airport community as is also important to show representation.

Mr. Kurdian advised it was a good idea to have meetings back in Carlsbad as more citizens were able to assist and express themselves.

Mr. Nesbitt gave a short introduction about himself. Mr. Nesbitt advised that he likes to promote aviation to young kids.

Chairperson Kaiser briefly spoke about himself. Mr. Kaiser said he is happy to see a lot of people and advised that he hopes to continue seeing a big crowd expressing themselves about what concerns them to see how we can better assist and get things done.

SET AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING – September 19, 2024

Mr. Kaiser requested to add important tabled items in our next meeting one being the American Airlines Lease Agreement Motion.

ADJOURN

Mr. Cohen moved the meeting be adjourned; Greening seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

By: 
Yadira Aguilar, Administrative Secretary I