



# PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## MINUTES

**Thursday, June 15, 2017**

Chairperson Chuck Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 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, Olivier Brackett, Laura Estrada, Jessica Turner, Anne Baldwin and Nick Alex.

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

Mr. Germann a Lakeside resident with Citizens Against Gillespie's Expansion and Low Flying Aircraft claims that citizens from Lakeside, Carlsbad and South Vista have issues with San Diego County Airports. He expressed his concern with noise and low flying airplanes at Gillespie and claims that they are the same airplanes that Palomar Airport has to deal with.

Mr. Vallas, owner of California Pacific Airlines, expressed his support of San Diego County Airports and advised that he continues to work with the FAA. Mr. Vallas introduced his Director of Operations, Mr. Hook.

Mr. Hook shared his background in aviation and expressed his support for a runway extension.

### **APPROVE MINUTES FOR MAY 2017 MEETING**

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the May 2017 meeting. Mr. Frazee moved the minutes be approved, which they were with Mr. Cozad abstaining.

Mr. Thorley clarified his request for a presentation regarding more noise monitors and reducing noise.

### **AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL PRESENTATION** –Brian Fagan

Mr. Brian Fagan, Support Manager of the Operations Group, with SoCal TRACON provided an informational presentation on what Air Traffic Controllers generally administers. He provided insight on what the controllers in his group do each day (ensuring safety and separation as aircraft move from point A to point B) and how many operations there are in the airspace over San Diego County. He shared that Southern California has one of the busiest airspaces in the country. Mr. Fagan also emphasized that their priority is to move air traffic safely and efficiently.

The PAAC committee and the public were given an opportunity to provide comment and ask questions.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – P. Drinkwater

Mr. Drinkwater did not have a report but did advise that Cal Jet Elite has postponed their presentation.

Mr. Kaiser requested a Master Plan update. Mr. Drinkwater advised that plan is to be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors next summer as progress is being made.

Mr. Thorley wanted clarification that the Master Plan would be provided to the Board of Supervisors next summer. Mr. Collins confirmed that this is correct. Mr. Thorley also wanted to know if an EIR study was conducted by Cal Jet Elite as he compared the lease process between Cal Jet Elite and California Pacific Airlines. Mr. Collins stated that there are different impact statements.

### **REAL PROPERTY REPORT** – A. Baldwin

Mrs. Baldwin did not have a report but did want to answer some pending questions from the committee members from the May PAAC meeting. She clarified that when the County of San Diego purchased Hanger One the leaseholder did owe past due rent, and was accruing late fees and interest. When the sale was finalized, all past due rent and custom fees, late fees, accrued

interest, and outstanding equity, were cleared with the County. Jet Source has about one and a half years left of rent credit as a result of the purchase.

Mrs. Baldwin responded to Mr. Thorley's environmental analysis question for Cal Jet. Mrs. Baldwin explained that there are different levels of environmental review based on the specifics of a project and the County of San Diego has complied with CEQA, as appropriate, regarding Cal Jet Elite Airways.

Mr. Ricotta wanted to know if the County of San Diego receives revenue from Hanger One. Mrs. Baldwin confirmed that the County of San Diego is receiving revenue from four tenants.

Mr. Kaiser wanted to know if the Lowes Center provides revenue. Mrs. Baldwin explained that they have a fixed rent rate schedule for the first 12 years and then fixed rate increases periodically thereafter. Palomar Commons is current with rent payments to County.

Mrs. Baldwin clarified that the difference in rent from landfill impacted leases and non-landfill impacted leases was not significant. She advised that there are approximately nine acres that are located on landfill-impacted property and that there would only be a \$5,000 per month difference in revenue if the inactive landfill was removed and it is not economically feasible to pursue this.

#### **AIRPORT MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT** – J. Turner

Report for May 2017:

- Monthly Operations Count: 14,492
- Annual Operations Count: 66,438
- Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 0
- Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Throughput: 0
- Annual Air Carrier Total Passengers: 0
- Monthly Concerns: 596
- Annual Concerns: 1,888
- Community Noise Concerns by area: Southwest: 155; Southeast: 35; Northwest: 369; Northeast: 37
- Jet Flights during quiet hours (2200-0700): 70
- Propeller Flights during quiet hours (0000-0600): 17

Mr. Kaiser asked if the caller whose data was "analyzed" also included concerns that were not included because the aircraft did not utilize the airport. Ms. Turner confirmed that was the case of the caller from the Northwest quadrant.

Mrs. Turner shared information from a letter she received from a High Country Villas resident in Encinitas who is disabled and was not able to make it to the meeting. The letter stated concerns of noise in the Encinitas airspace. Mr. Collins acknowledged that it is important to point out that her concerns are from flights mainly out of Montgomery Field, none the less, the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee is here to recognize the community's position on noise and their concerns.

Mr. Thorley expressed his concern that the committee is not doing anything about noise concerns as they continue to increase every month. He suggested Palomar Airport start fining pilots just like Santa Monica Municipal Airport.

Mr. Kaiser clarified that periodic noise monitoring studies have been conducted at Palomar Airport and have shown that the average level of noise are well with in Federal regulations.

Mr. Brackett also clarified that Palomar Airport is forbidden by Federal law from instituting any mandatory noise restrictions at the airport, during the last Part 150 noise study, staff purposed restrictions, but the FAA denied them.

**STAFF REPORT** – O. Brackett

Mr. Brackett updated the committee that the water break fix should be completed by next week. He also advised that staff from the County of San Diego attended the FAA’s Western-Pacific Region Airports Conference.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Collins sent a representative from his business to the NATA (National Air Transportation Association) conference earlier this month and states the national director commented that advisory committees, such as the PAAC, play an important role in what needs to be done at airports across the country.

**SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON AUGUST 17, 2017**

Mr. Kaiser wanted to verify the process of adding items to the agenda. Mr. Collins clarified that there are Rules and Regulations, and Mr. Brackett confirmed that process is explained in the PAAC’s Rules of Procedure.

Mr. Kaiser suggested rent rate changes be discussed as well as safety concern waivers that the community should be aware of. Mr. Collins advised that safety statistics are difficult to compile.

Mr. Thorley requested the next agenda have an item explaining how Cal Jet Elite is capable of operating out of Palomar Airport and the size of the runway. Mr. Collins confirmed that operations of the aircraft will not happen unless FAA has approved.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

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Laura Estrada, Administrative Secretary I