



PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Vice Chairman Collins called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2024.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chuck Collins, Dan Frazee, Shirley Anderson, Jim Swain, Gordon Nesbitt, Kevin Karpé, and Armen Kurdian were present, which represented a quorum.

Cliff Kaiser came in while meeting was in progress.

MEMBERS ABSENT

John O'Reilly

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Present were John Otto, Jamie Abbott, Mark Reiner, and Yadira Aguilar.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mrs. Forsythe, a Carlsbad resident, provided a handout to committee members, she requested that it be included on the website. Mrs. Forsythe advised that it will be essential to have live streaming of these meetings.

Mr. Baldus, a Carlsbad resident, and president of the Palomar Airport Association explained the VNAP and how it works. You can also find more helpful information at FlyfriendlySOCAL.com.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2024 MEETING

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the January meeting. Mr. Frazee moved to approve the minutes as written; Mr. Collins seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – J. ABBOTT

Mr. Abbott advised that the Airport Sustainability Plan might wrap up early this summer. Mr. Abbott mentioned the following information, there will be a review of what has been compiled, followed by community engagement and then final review.

Mr. Abbott updated the committee on the PAAC Ordinance Amendment. March 13 was the final review. There will be a 30-day administrative process by Clerk of the Board that ends April 13 for appointment of new members. Two seats are permanent and will expire January 4, 2027, the remaining seven seats are do for appointment. The application process is in the Clerk of the Board portal. Districts will make the nominations of PAAC members. Mr. Abbott advised that according to policy A-74, PAAC members will continue until someone else is appointed.

Mr. Abbott received comments and answered questions from committee members. There were no questions or comments from the public.

AIRPORT MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT- M. REINER

Report for February 2024:

- Monthly Airline Passengers: 932
- Annual Airline Passengers: 1,849
- Monthly Take-Offs and Landings: 12,657
- Annual Take-Offs and Landings: 25,724
- Monthly Complaints: 183
- Annual Complaints: 394
- Community Noise Complaints by Quadrant: Southwest:48; Southeast:39; Northwest:71; Northeast:25;
- Jet Flights during quiet hours (2200-0700): 65
- Propeller Flights during quiet hours (0000-0600): 8

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

5 YEAR LEASE TERM EXTENSION TO ALL AVIATION MOTION LEASES AT ALL 8 COUNTY AIRPORTS – J. Abbott

Mr. Abbott advised about the 5-year lease extensions for County Airports on the previous PAAC meeting on January 18, 2024. Mr. Abbott presented the Lease Amendment to Extend Term 5 years, the recommendations and the motion as follows: "Palomar Airport Advisory Committee

Recommends That the County Board of Supervisors Approve the Proposed Lease Amendment for Aviation Leases Located at All County of San Diego Airports to Add an Optional Term Up To 5 Years to Each Current Term, Not to Exceed a Term of 50 Years to Address COVID Related Impacts and Related CEQA Exemption”.

Mr. Kaiser moved to approve the motion as written “Palomar Airport Advisory Committee Recommends that the County Board of Supervisors approve the proposed lease amendment for aviation leases located at All County of San Diego Airports to add an optional term up to 5 Years to each current term, not to exceed a term of 50 Years to address COVID related impacts and related CEQA exemption”; Mr. Karpe seconded. Four members of the committee abstain, and four members of the committee voted in favor. One committee member was absent. Motion did not pass.

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

STAFF REPORT – J. OTTO

Mr. Otto gave an update on the Dashboard; there is no launch date yet by envirosuite nor county, but the date is close. Mr. Otto advised that they are meeting with envirosuite weekly and checking data daily to make sure data is correct.

Mr. Otto updated on Runway 6/24 magnetic heading redesignation; county airports is having internal meetings on how to proceed.

Mr. Otto advised that two noise microphones have been approved for purchase, Mr. Otto will reach out to city of Carlsbad for placement suggestions. If anyone has an idea of where to place the two new noise microphones, please let Mr. Otto know.

Mr. Otto advised about having conversations with FBO’s regarding fuel tanks and their plan to move to unleaded fuel. Mr. Otto advised that the FBO’s conversations are still early in discussion but moving forward.

Mr. Kaiser commented that he had requested for aircraft data to be extract, such as speed, altitude, position, etc. and be reported at our meetings, with the objective to find the aircrafts or pilots who deviate from VNAP to help us consult those people.

Mr. Otto received comments from the committee. There were no questions or comments from the public.

PAAC MEETING LOCATION – J. OTTO

Mr. Otto presented different locations in Carlsbad to be consider for PAAC Meetings. Mr. Otto advised that the Airports recommendation if we were to move would be the Community Center in Pine Avenue, in Carlsbad.

Mr. Haber, City Manager of Carlsbad, advised that he supports the idea of PAAC meetings being held at Carlsbad and that he would be happy to work and accommodate one of the facilities for PAAC meetings. Mr. Haber advised that location in Faraday and the Chambers are not available for rental or use by outside agencies and are only used for city meetings.

Mrs. Anderson moved to approve motion for PAAC meetings to be relocated to Pine Avenue Community Center in Carlsbad. No one seconded the motion.

Mr. Kaiser requested for county staff to inquire schools to see if there is a facility that will be available for PAAC meetings.

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

FAA QUESTIONS REVIEW- C. Kaiser

Mr. Kaiser advised that in September's meeting, he requested for Mr. Otto to schedule a meeting with FAA regarding pilots who deviate from the VNAP.

Mr. Kaiser said they came up with nine questions and received answers from FAA. Mr. Kaiser advised that he is satisfied with the FAA answers and requested for answers to be posted on the PAAC website.

Mr. Karpé advised it would be beneficial to meet with FAA, PAAC committee members agreed.

Mrs. Nelson, requested for attachments to be included with the agenda if there are any for an agenda item.

Mr. Haber suggested for county to request a round table with FAA.

Mr. Otto advised we can look into formally requesting a round table with FAA.

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

UNIT 3 UPDATE-County Landfills

Mrs. Winfrey is a program manager with County of San Diego DPW-Landfills, she advised that they conduct monthly monitoring as well as monthly and periodically maintenance of the landfill to ensure and protect the environment.

Mrs. Winfrey advised that there is no migration of methane within residential areas. Mrs. Winfrey advised that with guidance of regulatory agencies they are collecting and working on how to collect gas, collected gas is burned through heat. Mrs. Winfrey advised that the high heat event issue was resolved but it was never a danger to the public, but it is still being monitored.

Mrs. Syage commented that it had been reported that the gas pipes were going to be replaced but have not seen a plan or a budget for the replacement of the gas pipelines.

Mrs. Winfrey advised that it is anticipated that this year there will be construction on the gas line releveling. Mrs. Winfrey advised that the goal of the project is for everything that needs to be replaced, be replaced. Phase one of the project has been completed and currently phase two is being worked on.

Mrs. Viney advised about her concerns regarding methane migration and other possible toxic compounds.

Mrs. Winfrey received comments and answered questions from the committee and from the public.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Anderson requested that all agenda items be identified individually.

Mr. Nesbitt requested for presentations to be provided ahead of time for review.

Mr. Karpé suggested to request a round table with FAA.

SET AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING – May 16, 2024

Mr. Karpé requested an update on round table with FAA and control tower.

Mr. Kurdian requested an update for school locations for PAAC.

ADJOURN

Mr. Kaiser moved the meeting be adjourned; Frazee seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

By: 
Yadira Aguilar, Administrative Secretary I