



PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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San Marcos Representative

MINUTES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Chairman Chuck Collins called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at the City of San Marcos Council Chambers, 1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA, 92069.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gordon Nesbitt, Jim Swain, Chuck Collins, Cliff Kaiser, Win Cramer, Dan Frazee, Kevin Karpé and Tom Ricotta were present, which represented a quorum.

MEMBERS ABSENT

John O'Reilly was absent.

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Present were Olivier Brackett, Shawn Raysin, and Elena Espinoza.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Bender expressed his concern with the lack of transparency between the County of San Diego and the public regarding issues pertaining to Palomar Airport such as; airport capacity, landscaping and with the Environmental Impact Report. He requested that the County look into this issue before the beginning of the new year.

Mr. Swanson, President of the Palomar Airport Association (PAA) announced that the Toys for Tots collection drive has begun. The boxes have been placed throughout County Airports to help collect toys for children. The boxes will be airlifted on December 7th to Ramona Airport and on

December 14th to Fallbrook Airpark for the Marine Corps to collect. Mr. Swanson also informed that he is a counselor for the Federal Aviation Administration Safety Team (FAASTeam). The FAASTeam holds quarterly safety seminars at Palomar Airport to assist in making the aviation community aware of the Fly Friendly program and to be able to hand out Voluntary Noise Abatement Procedures (VNAP) brochures.

John Stewart, a resident of Spy Glass Hill/Heron Bay in Carlsbad, provided comment regarding his concern for the noise and safety of his community with the aircraft that fly over his neighborhood. He stated that the aircraft that fly over the neighborhood are mainly smaller aircraft that are practicing touch and go's and he believes that these aircraft are flying at a low altitude above their homes. Chairman Collins advised that Palomar Airport works with different programs that assist with educating pilots on the safety and noise concerns that are brought up from the community as well as informing them of the Voluntary Noise Abatement Procedures (VNAP). He also spoke about the VNAP subcommittee that is being formed for the purpose of making sure that it's current and to be able to come up with ways to alleviate noise in the community.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 MEETING

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the September meeting.

Mr. Frazee moved the minutes be approved; Mr. Ricotta seconded. Minutes were approved with one abstention from Mr. Nesbitt.

Vice Chairman Kaiser requested for the minutes to be published sooner so that the committee members can review. Mr. Brackett responded by stating that staff will look into publishing the minutes sooner.

DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT – C. Collins

The PAAC members reviewed the Draft Annual Report for 2019.

Mr. Brackett read the recommended motion, *“Palomar Airport Advisory Committee recommends that the Chairman sign the Annual Report for 2019, as will be completed after the November 21, 2019 meeting.”*

Vice Chairman Kaiser moved the motion be approved; Mr. Swain seconded. Motion was approved with two dissenting votes.

Mr. Bender commented on how the recommendations provided on the annual report and the meeting minutes do not reflect what the public is requesting.

Mr. Thorley stated that he agreed with Mr. Bender's comment. He believes that the annual report lacks detail and that there were multiple requests from the public for items to be on the agenda. Chairman Collins advised Mr. Thorley that the Annual Report is created following the guidelines of the Administrative Code 738 from Article XL.

Mrs. Thorley did not agree with the Committee approving the motion to sign the Annual Report prior to the report being complete. She suggested having a special meeting or a conference call before the deadline to review and sign the Annual Report.

Mrs. Syage, a Carlsbad resident, expressed her dislike for the amount of progress that the PAAC made throughout the year. She questioned why a noise report isn't included in the Annual Report. She also disagrees with the PAAC approving the motion to sign the Annual Report prematurely. She agreed with Mrs. Thorley in suggesting for PAAC to have a conference call to review the Annual Report prior to signing it.

Mr. Karpé agreed with the public and suggested to change the due date on the Annual Report to allow for the committee to review and approve the report after it has been finalized.

Vice Chairman Kaiser stated that even though the Annual Report doesn't hold a lot of detail, the report is meeting the guidelines of the County's ordinance. He suggested having a discussion at a future meeting of creating a supplemental report in addition to the annual report that would hold more detail.

Mr. Nesbitt suggested to attach the minutes of all the meetings in the year as a supplemental report and to change the due date for the Annual Report to be towards the end of January.

NEXTGEN BRIEFING– K. Karpé

Mr. Karpé, the San Marcos Representative, provided a presentation on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) NextGen. He informed the public of what NextGen and Metroplex is and described how NextGen/Metroplex affects Palomar Airport.

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

Vice Chairman Kaiser proposed that agenda item number 7-Airport Monthly Performance Report be accepted digitally by posting it on the PAAC website and without having a presentation and to postpone agenda item number eight-SNA vs CRQ Presentation until the January meeting due to the length of the current meeting. Chairman Collins agreed with both proposals.

VNAP SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE– J. Swain

Mr. Swain informed the public that the VNAP subcommittee will consists of three PAAC members and four members of the public. The PAAC members that are involved in the subcommittee include; Jim Swain, Kevin Karpé and Win Cramer. The three members had a meeting to discuss who will be elected from the public. The four that were chosen are; Shirley Anderson, Eric Fehrs, Susan Davidson and Joe Godfrey. Mr. Swain stated that they will begin to schedule meetings after December 1, 2019. He informed that presentations will be made to the PAAC providing updates on what was discussed during the subcommittee meetings.

Mr. Brackett clarified that the VNAP subcommittee is an Ad Hoc Subcommittee and is not subject to the Brown Act. Vice Chairman Kaiser asked if the subcommittee meetings need to be published?

Also, can the public be excluded from the meetings? Mr. Brackett will follow up with County Counsel and will contact each PAAC member individually.

Mr. Karpé discussed visiting several locations such as; Southern California's Terminal Radar Approach Control, Palomar Airport's Air Traffic Control Tower and also receiving a briefing from the Flight Standards District Office at Montgomery Field Airport. He stated that visiting these locations will assist in educating the subcommittee on the VNAP.

Mr. Swain received and answered questions from the committee members and the public.

AIRPORT MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT – S. Raysin

Report for October 2019:

- Monthly Airline Passengers: 0
- Annual Airline Passengers: 0
- Monthly Take-Offs and Landings: 12,957
- Annual Take-Offs and Landings: 133,748
- Monthly Complaints: 507
- Annual Complaints: 4359
- Community Noise Complaints by Quadrant: Southwest: 392; Southeast: 3; Northwest: 43; Northeast: 69
- Jet Flights during quiet hours (2200-0700): 67
- Propeller Flights during quiet hours (0000-0600): 19

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

STAFF REPORT – O. Brackett

Mr. Brackett announced that Mr. Griffiths had stepped down as Director of Airports. He will remain with airports but is now a Real Property Agent. He stated there currently is an open recruitment for Director of Airports. In regard to landscaping, Mr. Brackett stated that the County of San Diego (COSD) continues to work with a landscaping contractor and should have a draft plan by December. Once the draft plan is available, COSD will begin to work with the City of Carlsbad and their landscape consultant. He also stated that COSD has agreed to purchase the Durkin Property by January 15, 2020. In the previous meeting Mr. Frazee and Mr. Swain had both suggested changes for the PAAC Rules of Procedures. He advised Mr. Frazee that he has completed his request and removed "odd numbered months" from rule number one in the PAAC Rules of Procedure and he advised Mr. Swain that he completed his request also in replacing "legislative body" with "advisory body".

Mr. Brackett and the committee members reviewed and discussed the PAAC Rules of Procedures. Chairman Collins and Vice Chairman Kaiser advised Mr. Brackett that the Rules of Procedures that they were reviewing did not include changes that were approved in previous meetings. Mr.

Brackett advised the committee that County staff will review and provide an updated document at the January PAAC meeting.

Mr. Brackett provided a presentation on Palomar Airport's recent Triennial Mass Casualty Exercise. This year's event was a simulated plane crash. A moulage crew was hired to provide mock injuries to the victims. The event included various participants from the following Cities; Encinitas, Carlsbad, San Marcos, Oceanside and Vista.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

No comments were provided.

SET AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING – January 16, 2020

Mr. Karpé requested to have a discussion on the Annual Report due date. He also requested to have a discussion on the start time of the PAAC meetings. Both as informational items.

Vice Chairman Kaiser requested to discuss the supplemental report along with the Annual Report.

Mr. Cramer requested to have a VNAP Subcommittee discussion as an informational item. He also would like to discuss having the agenda reflect the order of the duties and responsibilities of the PAAC.

Chairman Collins requested to have a discussion on the length of the meetings.

Mr. Brackett suggested discussing the number of items on the agenda.

ADJOURN

Mr. Frazee moved the meeting be adjourned; Mr. Ricotta seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 pm.

By: 

Elena Espinoza, Administrative Secretary I

