

**VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, February 2, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Elliot Sanders. Members present: Elliot Sanders, Ron Merkin, Gerald Silver, Don Schultz, Vahid Khorsand, Jason Price, Laurence Rabe, Harold Lee, Kathy Delle Donne, Wayne Williams, Craig Welzbacher, Mel Roberts, John Parker, Cindy Goodfellow

Members Absent: Wendy Saunders, Roger Oeland, David Rankell

The Council vacancies as of November 3, 2015 are as follows: One appointment from Councilmember Felipe Fuentes' Office.

The minutes from the November 3, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

**1.) STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Romo discussed VNY Operations and Fuel Delivery statistics. (Attached)

Mr. Romo introduced the new Van Nuys Airport Police Commanding Officer, Sergeant Darren Gilbert who is a 26 year veteran of LAWA.

**A. Noisier Aircraft Phase out Update**

Mr. Romo made a Powerpoint presentation and discussed the Noisier Aircraft Phase out. (Attached)

Mr. Romo handed out a LAWA regarding the VNY Noisier Aircraft Phase Out and Related Noise Abatement. (Attached)

Mr. Sanders, Mr. Romo, Ms. Goodfellow, and Mr. Williams continued to discuss this issue.

Mr. Williams recognized Mr. Silver's efforts in implementing this phase out.

**2.) REPORT FROM CHAIR**

Mr. Sanders stated the January CAC Meeting was cancelled due to the severe weather.

Mr. Sanders stated there is a new Working Group named Rainwater Reclamation. The Chairperson for the group will be Mr. Craig Welzbacher.

Mr. Welzbacher discussed the new Working Group. (Attached)

Mr. Sanders also stated the CAC Holiday Party was a great event and encouraged all members to attend.

**A. Working Group Reports – Discussion/Action  
Membership – David Rankell, Chairperson**

Nothing to report.

**Outreach – Ron Merkin, Chairperson**

Nothing to report.

**By Laws – Don Schultz, Chairperson**

Nothing to report.

### **VNY Noise Issues – Gerald Silver, Chairperson**

Mr. Silver discussed the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) document titled Regional Air Passenger Demand Forecast Scenarios for 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan. (Attached) He encouraged the CAC to visit the website for more information. The website is SCAG.ca.gov.

### **VNY Helicopter Issues – Wayne Williams, Chairperson**

Mr. Williams encouraged everyone to visit the LAHelicopternoise.org/mobilize website to comment on the helicopter noise. He asked for this link be shared by staff.

### **Social Media Outreach – Vahid Khorsand, Chairperson**

Mr. Khorsand requested the Working Group Chairs to email him a 100 word summary and if available a link regarding their committees so he can include it on the social media.

### **3.) BOAC AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING VNY**

Mr. Romo stated there were four BOAC Meetings since the last CAC Meeting. They were held on November 2, 2015, November 17, 2015, December 8, 2015, and January 12, 2016. The next BOAC Meeting will be held on January 29, 2016.

Mr. Sanders asked about the possibility of a BOAC Meeting in Van Nuys.

Mr. Steve Martin stated the Board Office is trying to nail down a date in March 2016, but this is not yet confirmed.

Mr. Romo stated he will make sure the CAC is aware when the BOAC Meeting in Van Nuys is confirmed.

### **4.) PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS - Discussion**

Mr. Ed Burnham, member of the public, stated he and his wife asked that the aircraft noise item be added to the CAC agenda. The CAC Chair advised them in order to get this issue agendized they need to have more people attend the CAC meeting. Mr. Burnham stated they reached out to the community and got many people to attend the CAC meeting and even more chairs were needed to accommodate the attendees. The CAC Chair advised them that not enough people showed up to the meeting and this item would not be agendized. Mr. Burnham stated they are asking for the CAC to reconsider their request to have this issue of VNY aircraft noise agendized.

### **5.) NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Roscoe Boulevard RFP – Discussion/Action**

Mr. Steve Martin made a Powerpoint presentation and discussed Proposed Lease with Jet Aviation, Inc. Fixed Base Operations at Van Nuys Airport. (Attached)

Mr. Silver, Mr. Martin, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Williams, Mr. Parker, Ms. Delle Donne, and Ms. Goodfellow continue to discuss this item.

Mr. Sanders requested that a Jet Aviation representative attend and address a future CAC Meeting.

#### **B. National Helicopter lease extension amendment – Discussion/Action**

Mr. Martin stated National Helicopter at VNY has a lease of 1.5 acres. It is located east of the creek and just south of Signature North. A 10-year lease extension with National Helicopter will be brought to the BOAC. Mr. Martin stated there is no new business is associated with this lease and it requires investment and rehabilitation on the site.

Helen Kosmala, owner of National Helicopter and member of the public, stated they have been a tenant of VNY since 1962. They are Part 135, Part 133, and Part 137 operator. They are a FAA repair station. They also repair and install air conditioning and conduct charters. The only service they do not provide is flight instruction.

## **6.) OLD BUSINESS**

No items were discussed.

## **7.) EMERGENCY ITEMS SINCE POSTING OF AGENDA – Discussion/Action**

No items were discussed.

## **8.) ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Schultz stated the ongoing graffiti issue in the Sherman Way tunnel. He stated the only change has been the new lighting.

Mr. Romo stated they have been working with the Council Office, the new lighting is much brighter than before, and Street Services is supposed to clean it on a regular basis.

Ms. Lynda Levitan, Field Representative for Councilmember Nury Martinez, stated Street Services is waiting on repairs to the tunnel before they clean it. She stated it costs \$30,000 to clean the tunnel. They are also looking at a new camera system.

Mr. Parker stated he will work with Mr. Welzbacher on the Rainwater Reclamation Working Group.

Ms. Goodfellow asked about the people cutting into the fence and tagging aircraft. She stated they need more police visibility.

Mr. Romo stated that Assistant Chief Maggard (LAWA) met with Captain Vernon (LAPD) and three major tenants on the field regarding this issue. An enhanced deployment and building a stronger relationship with the West Valley Police Department was discussed.

Mr. Sanders asked for a briefing to the CAC after the Safety & Security Standown Meeting.

Mr. Williams requested the CAC to agendize the Public Comment noise issue.

Mr. Sanders stated he will consider this request.

Ms. Delle Donne stated they cannot outreach to all community groups as stated by Mr. Silver.

Mr. Silver stated several months ago he brought up the need for criteria to assist the BOAC in making decisions. The points that he brought up were to make a decision on proposals that involve significant community outreach, proposals that provide periodical reports of VNY to the CAC on the evaluation of performance of parcels that are already developed or the proposal to include a transitional period for the maximum use of Stage 4 operations as a means to reduce noise at VNY.

Mr. Welzbacher stated that tagging is normally territorial and a lot of these kids who are tagging have nowhere to show their art. He suggested offering them a mural wall to display their art in order to deter them from tagging the Sherman Way tunnel.

Ms. Levitan stated this would not work in this case and she will discuss further with Mr. Welzbacher.

**9) ADJOURNMENT:**

8:28 p.m.