

**VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, January 7, 2020**

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Jason Price. Members present: Cindy Goodfellow, Gerald Silver, Wayne Williams, Roger Oeland, Kathy Delle Donne, John Parker, Wendy Saunders, Leonel Fuentes, Robert Rodine, Marykate Harris, Thomas Materna, Lisa Petrus and Eric Robinson.

Absent: Mel Roberts, Laurance Rabe, Harold Lee, Araz Parseghian.

The minutes from the November 5, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

**I. STAFF REPORTS:**

**A. Flora Margheritis, Airport Manager:**

Ms. Margheritis welcomed the newly appointed CD4 and CD2 Members: Mr. Thomas Materna, Ms. Lisa Petrus, and Mr. Eric Robinson.

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to LAWA Organization changes: Ms. Deborah Flint departed, Interim CEO is Justin Erbacci; a new Chief Financial Officer will start in mid-January.

Ms. Margheritis stated that in November 2019, VNY conducted 18,202 aircraft operations; this represents a 4.97% decrease in operations as compared to November 2018. VNY's YTD 2019 operations totals are currently down by 16.82% as compared to YTD 2018 totals. The complete CY 2019 operational statistics will be shared at the February 4, 2020 CAC meeting.

Ms. Margheritis gave an update on the Metroplex/SFV Task Force: The Southern San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force held two meetings since the last CAC meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>. The meeting dates were on November 6<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings were attended by approximately a couple hundred people. The November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting was chaired by Councilmember Krekorian and had four community groups presenting: Studio City for Quiet Skies, Benedict Hills Estates/HOA, Advocates for Viable Airport Solutions, and the Sherman Oaks/Encino for Quiet Skies group. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) gave a presentation in response to some of the Task Force member questions submitted in September 2019. The December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting had two presentations, one from the FAA and one from Captain McMullin, a pilot for Southwest Airlines. The meetings are all video-taped and can be found on either the Burbank or Van Nuys Airport webpages. The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at the Burbank Marriott Hotel.

**B. Christian Moreno, Chief of Operations**

Mr. Moreno updated the council as it relates to the Taxiway Bravo rehabilitation project. Mr. Moreno stated that work area 8 is complete and work area 9, which is the last work area began on December 30<sup>th</sup>. The project is scheduled for completion in March 2020. Mr. Moreno noted that Runway 16L 34R reopened on December 20, 2019. Mr. Moreno addressed the council as it relates to the Taxiway Alpha rehabilitation project on the west side of the airport. Construction project is scheduled to begin on April 1, 2020.

**C. Diana Sanchez, Director of Public and Community Relations**

Ms. Sanchez thanked the council members who attended the annual appreciation dinner. Ms. Sanchez addressed the council as it relates to the Noise Symposium in San Diego. Ms. Sanchez introduced new VNY staff member Paul Lee. Ms. Sanchez addressed the council as it relates to Job Shadow Day. Ms. Sanchez reminded the council of the Toiletry Drive held by Councilmember Nury Martinez for human trafficking victims. Ms. Sanchez welcomed the newly appointed CAC members.

**D. Len Krugler, Environmental Specialist**

Mr. Krugler provided the council with a briefing on the Jet Early Turn and Quiet Departure programs for November and December 2019. The briefing summarized the information contained in the monthly environmental handouts (noise reports attached).

Mr. Krugler stated that this information can also be found on the LAWA website at [www.iFlyVNY.com](http://www.iFlyVNY.com) in the Noise Management section.

**E. Lt. Dennis Lau, Officer-in-Charge, Airport Police**

Lt. Lau addressed the council as it relates to airport security. Lt. Lau stated that VNY remains one of the safest places in the San Fernando Valley in terms of crime. Lt. Lau reported a 43% decrease in VNY trespassing incidents as compared to 2018. Lt. Lau updated the council as it relates to law enforcement active shooter training. Lt. Lau announced the appointment of Airport Police Chief Cecil Rhambo.

**II. BOAC AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING VNY**

- A.** Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the following BOAC meeting(s): The November 7, 2019 BOAC meeting; the November 21, 2019 BOAC meeting where there were three items pertaining to VNY and one management report pertaining to an update on the VNY Metroplex issue highlighting the Task Force Meetings; the December 5, 2019 regular BOAC meeting was cancelled; the December 19, 2019 regular meeting had two consent items pertaining to VNY; the January 2, 2020 regular BOAC meeting was cancelled; the next regular BOAC meeting will take place on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at LAX.

Ms. Margheritis shared the Metroplex update given by Deputy Executive Director, Samantha Bricker at the BOAC meeting on November 21, 2019.

The presentation points were:

- VNY Citizens Advisory Council at their November 5, 2019 meeting approved a motion for the BOAC to consider a voluntary nighttime curfew for VNY.
- In response to the CAC motion, LAWA staff is reviewing VNY aircraft flights between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. and is analyzing the data to define and compare operations pre and post Metroplex.
- LAWA staff will share this information with the CAC and BOAC.
- LAWA staff also met with the President of the Van Nuys Airport Association to discuss possible efforts to address community concerns about nighttime aircraft noise.
- The Los Angeles City Attorney sent a letter to the FAA dated October 18, 2019 giving FAA 30 days to comply with departure procedures used at Burbank Airport before

Metroplex was implemented in 2017. At the time, FAA had not provided a response, but there was a response since this date.

Ms. Margheritis gave a brief update of the December 19, 2019 BOAC meeting. Ms. Margheritis stated that the BOAC was advised that the LA City Attorney filed a Petition for Review on December 12, 2019 alleging that the FAA allowed changes in Burbank Airport departure flight tracks without the proper procedures of an environmental review. Ms. Margheritis stated that Commissioner Roxborough made a request to agendaize the VNY Nighttime Curfew for the next BOAC meeting. As a result LAWA environmental staff is conducting an analysis of the nighttime operations for the BOAC.

Future Task Force meetings are scheduled for:  
January 15, 2020  
February 19, 2020.

Mr. Materna asked on the status of the VNY Voluntary Nighttime Curfew recommendation for the BOAC meeting.

Ms. Margheritis stated that the LAWA Environmental Programs Group will make recommendations based on their analysis.

Mr. Rodine asked if the data will be provided to the BOAC as it was provided the ad hoc committee.

Ms. Margheritis stated that the same data will be provided to the BOAC.

Mr. Silver asked if public interest would be represented with open debate at BOAC meetings.

Ms. Margheritis stated that the report will be presented by Deputy Executive Director, Samantha Bricker, of the Environmental Programs Group.

Ms. Margheritis stated that VNY staff does not set LAWA policy; VNY staff implements policy as set by the BOAC.

### **III. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION**

#### **A. USDA Wildlife – Presentation**

Ms. Margheritis introduced Mr. Eric Peralta, of the USDA Wildlife Services department.

Mr. Peralta conducted a presentation titled “Wildlife Hazard Management at VNY” (attached).

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION**

No items were discussed.

### **V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The Chair opened the Public Comment Period (item V.)

The following community members spoke during the public comment period:  
Ms. Elaine Newman, Resident  
Mr. Ed Burnham, Resident  
Mr. Eliot Cohen, Resident

## **VI. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair thanked the council for their efforts in VNY noise abatement and trying to find a balance between the community and the airport. The Chair recommended that individuals could attend BOAC meetings to express their concerns there as well.

The Chair introduced the newly appointed CAC members and invited them to introduce themselves to the council and public.

Mr. Eric Robinson introduced himself as the newly appointed representative from Councilmember Krekorian's office, District 2. Mr. Robinson is a resident of Studio City.

Ms. Lisa Petrus introduced herself as the newly appointed representative from Councilmember Ryu's office, District 4. Ms. Petrus is on the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

Mr. Thomas Materna introduced himself as the newly appointed representative from Councilman Ryu's office, District 4. Mr. Materna is a resident of Sherman Oaks.

The Chair announced that a vote for the CAC Vice Chair will be held at the following meeting on February 4, 2020.

## **VII. REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUPS**

### **A. Membership – Leonel Fuentes, Chairperson**

Mr. Fuentes resigned as Chairperson for CAC Membership. Mr. Fuentes thanked Ms. Delle Donne for assisting with membership outreach.

The Chair addressed the council as it relates to interest in Membership Chair.

## **VIII. EMERGENCY ITEMS SINCE POSTING OF AGENDA**

No items were discussed.

## **IX. ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Mr. Oeland addressed the council as it relates to portable radios interfering with aircraft transmissions.

Mr. Silver stated that he would like to see a monthly agenda item for ongoing issues with the FAA. Mr. Silver commended Mr. Price on his job as CAC Chair.

Mr. Williams requested a PPRRY discussion/action for the next CAC meeting. Mr. Williams addressed the council as it relates to the PPRRY waypoint. Mr. Williams welcomed the newly appointed CAC members.

Ms. Harris stated she is appreciative of her appointment as a representative from Councilmember Krekorian's office.

Ms. Delle Donne extended a friendly welcome to the newly appointed CAC members.

Ms. Saunders welcomed the newly appointed CAC members. Ms. Saunders thanked LAWA for the presentation by the USDA.

Ms. Goodfellow commended the USDA presentation and welcomed the newly appointed CAC members.

Ms. Petrus addressed the council as it relates to an FAA presentation from the joint Task Force meeting.

Ms. Margheritis stated that the presentation is posted online.

Mr. Parker looks forward to working with the newly appointed CAC members.

Mr. Rodine welcomed the newly appointed CAC members. Mr. Rodine addressed the council as it relates to the Noise Symposium.

Mr. Fuentes welcomed the new CAC members.

Mr. Materna thanked Councilmember Ryu for his appointment to the CAC and members of the public for their support. Mr. Materna stated he is interested in attending the Noise Symposium.

Mr. Roberts welcomed the newly appointed CAC members and thanked the public for their feedback.

Mr. Robinson stated he is honored to join the council and is looking forward to finding solutions to improve airport operations.

The Chair thanked the newly appointed CAC members for joining the council and looks forward to working with them. The Chair announced Mr. Materna as the selected member to attend the Noise Symposium.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

8:31 p.m.