

**VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018**

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by David Rankell. Members present: David Rankell, Ron Merkin, Mel Roberts, Gerald Silver, Kathy Delle Donne, Cindy Goodfellow, Araz Parseghian, Wendy Saunders

Absent: Elliot Sanders, Wayne Williams, Roger Oeland, John Parker, Jason Price, Laurence Rabe, Harold Lee

The Council vacancies as of May 1, 2018 are as follows: One appointment from Councilmember Monica Rodriguez Council District 7; one member from Councilmember Bob Blumenfield Council District 3; one member from Councilmember Nury Martinez Council District 6

The minutes from the April 3, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

**1.) STAFF REPORTS**

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the VNY statistics: She reported 21,103 aircraft operations in March 2018 and this shows an 8.83% increase in operations compared to March 2017. Year-to-date operations are up 18.43% as compared to 2017.

Ms. Margheritis discussed the AAAE Conference she and Mr. Christian Moreno attended in April. Ms. Margheritis informed the council that after discussion with other airport representatives at the conference she found operational numbers are up at all surrounding airports.

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the demolition at Jet Aviation. Despite some environmental challenges this project appears to be on track.

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the construction at the Prop Park. This project is a few months behind schedule and should be completed in the early part of 2019.

Ms. Margheritis stated there are no security updates at this time.

Ms. Margheritis informed the council there are no major VNY items going to the Board at this time. Ms. Margheritis stated the council will be notified of any major VNY items pertaining to leases or other items.

Ms. Sanchez gave an update as it relates to Aviation Career Day which took place last week. Ms. Sanchez thanked Ms. Goodfellow and Mr. Moreno for being part of the panel.

Ms. Sanchez announced the promotion and transfer of Mr. Brandon Nunn to LAX.

Ms. Sanchez notified the council that on May 18, 2018 The Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce will be honoring the Van Nuys Airport for their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and Aerolease will be honored for their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Ms. Sanchez stated the Van Nuys Airport 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be postponed for a later date. Ms. Sanchez also notified council of the \$5 Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for the YMCA on Saturday, June 2, 2018. In addition, Ms. Sanchez stated the Frequent Flyers Event will take place at the end of June.

Ms. Margheritis notified the council of her upcoming vacation and absence for the June 4, 2018 CAC meeting. Ms. Sanchez and Mr. Moreno will attend in her absence.

**A. BOAC Agenda Items Concerning VNY – Discussion/Action**

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the BOAC meeting on April 5, 2018, in which there were no items pertaining to VNY; the April 19, 2018 BOAC meeting had two items pertaining to VNY; the next BOAC (Special Open Session) meeting will take place on May 3, 2018.

**2.) REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

Mr. Rankell had nothing to report.

**A. Working Group Reports – Discussion/Action**

**Membership – John Parker, Chairperson**

Absent

**Outreach & Communications – Ron Merkin, Chairperson**

Nothing to report

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

Mr. Silver addressed the council as it relates to an email (attached) from a resident regarding the increase of helicopter/aircraft noise traffic.

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

Absent

**Social Media Outreach – Jason Price, Chairperson**

Absent

**Environmental Issues – Vacant**

**3.) PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS - Discussion**

Ms. Jennifer Aslan addressed the council as it relates to helicopter/aircraft noise in Sherman Oaks.

**4.) NEW BUSINESS**

No Items were discussed.

**5.) OLD BUSINESS**

No Items were discussed.

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

No items were discussed.

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

Mr. Silver addressed the council about a document he and Mr. Williams have been working on (Understanding Van Nuys Airport Southerly Departure Profiles).

Mr. Rankell reminded Mr. Silver that before releasing any document as public record it must be brought before the council for approval.

Mr. Rankell confirmed there have been no documents brought before the council for approval.

Mr. Merkin suggested Mr. Silver add this document to the agenda for the June 5, 2018 CAC meeting.

Mr. Parseghian thanked Ms. Sanchez for the Van Nuys Airport tour last week.

Ms. Delle Donne commended Mr. Rankell on being Chair for this meeting.

Ms. Saunders commented on the public speaker's issue stating she is sorry she is going through this and hopes she feels heard.

Ms. Saunders congratulated Ms. Sanchez on the Aviation Career Day event. She also thanked Ms. Sanchez and the Van Nuys Airport for sponsoring the YMCA Pancake Breakfast on June 2, 2018.

Ms. Goodfellow commented on the public speaker's issue stating she is sorry for what she is going through.

Ms. Goodfellow confirmed with Ms. Margheritis that the Prop Park is in the last phase of construction.

Ms. Goodfellow invited Mr. Parseghian to tour the Aerolease facility and asked if he had any interest in taking the lead in the Environmental Work Group. Mr. Parseghian responded he is already in discussions with John Parker.

Ms. Goodfellow commended Ms. Sanchez and the Van Nuys Airport on Aviation Career Day.

Mr. Merkin commented on the public speaker's issue stating it is disturbing. He also stated he has heard the helicopter/aircraft noise she is speaking about and believes the cause is the waypoints, which he hopes will change. He suggested Ms. Aslan present the medical documentation she mentioned in her comment.

Mr. Rankell apologized to Ms. Sanchez for not being able to attend the Aviation Career Day event.

Mr. Rankell suggested when a council member or member of the public has a noise complaint they should be referred to the Van Nuys Airport Noise office to submit an official noise complaint.

Mr. Silver opposed adjournment.

## **8) ADJOURNMENT:**

7:41 p.m.

**Gerald A. Silver**

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**From:** "Claude Birch" <usababu2002@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <homeowners-encino@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2018 5:40 AM  
**Subject:** Re: #317 VAN NUYS AIRPORT UPDATE...

Mr. Silver,

Thank you for this email. Unfortunately i will not be able to attend the meeting this evening.

I would like to inform the council that the increase in air traffic is very noticeable in my neighborhood. The level of noise and fume pollution has increased. The noise of jets taking off and landing continues way past 11.00 pm.

Helicopters fly over and hover for long time over the neighborhood west of the airfield upto Balboa Blvd.

Helicopters fly low and over our neighborhood. The flight path along the creek is ignored.

The complaints I raise are never recorded in the minutes of a meeting. Hence all is well with every council meeting. The editing of neighbors complaints in the minutes is an issue. The council in short only has good news to report. Hence our issues are not taken seriously.

If you could inform the council on my behalf I would appreciate it.

Best regards,  
Claude Birch

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Sun, Apr 29, 2018 at 4:22 PM, homeowners-encino@earthlink.net <homeowners-encino@earthlink.net> wrote:

**#317 VAN NUYS AIRPORT UPDATE**

**From: Homeowners of Encino  
Stop the Noise! Coalition**

To: Parties Interested in Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Noise

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**May 1, 2018 – Agenda: 7:00 p.m.**

**VAN NUYS FLYAWAY**

**2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**