

VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 1, 2021

A virtual meeting of the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chair, Wayne Williams. Members present: Leonel Fuentes, Robert Rodine, John Parker, Thomas Materna, Lisa Petrus, Araz Parseghian, Eric Robinson, Kathy Delle Donne, Ryan Sanders, Kimberly Chan, Eliot Cohen and Heren Molina.

Absent: Jason Price, Wendy Saunders, Harold Lee and Marykate Harris.

The minutes from the May 4, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

The Chair announced the passing of retired CAC member, Gerald Silver. Mr. Rodine made a motion for a moment of silence in remembrance, and the Chair seconded the motion.

I. STAFF REPORTS:

A. Flora Margheritis, Airport Manager:

Ms. Margheritis offered her condolences on the passing of Mr. Silver. She noted that Mr. Silver did many great things for the community and was very passionate about what he did.

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on VNY staff, patrons and stakeholders. As always, employee safety remains a top priority and both LAX and VNY continue to abide by public health guidance, including the use of face masks. More and more LAWA employees are getting vaccinated. LAWA remains optimistic as pandemic restrictions are lifted. LAX continues to see its passenger numbers increase and this increase is expected to continue as the summer season approaches. Ms. Margheritis noted that over the Memorial Day weekend, LAX averaged almost 60% of passengers when compared to 2019 numbers and the month of May saw averages above 50% in passenger numbers.

Ms. Margheritis noted that VNY continues to see good progress in airport construction. In January, Mr. Curt Castagna, President of the Aeroplex/Aerolease Group presented to the CAC on several tenant development projects happening at VNY. Measurable progress has been made with the Ground Service Equipment facility now completed and with the mid-field project and north-site project well underway. Once the Taxiway Alpha project is completed, Ms. Margheritis hopes to have HNTB, LAWA's engineering consulting firm, present to the CAC on the overall project, in the fall.

Ms. Margheritis informed the council that the FAA's recent announcement of the award of more than \$898.9 million in infrastructure and safety projects through the FY2021 Airport Improvement Program (AIP) is good news for airports. This total includes \$113.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding. Grant projects funded through the Airport Improvement Program promote safety, efficiency, environmental stewardship, infrastructure, and security at the nation's airports. FAA's announcement included many grants for many airports, and VNY will be receiving more than \$18 million for the resurfacing of the Runway 16R project. This project will extend the useful life of the runway pavement. Work is scheduled to begin in February 2022 and should be completed by November 2022.

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to aircraft operations:

She noted that April of last year was the worst month for VNY, in terms of aircraft operations conducted, because of the pandemic. At that time VNY saw over a 60% decrease in overall aircraft operations and over an 80% decrease in jet operations when compared to 2019. Therefore, when current Operations in 2020 are compared to 2021, VNY is showing huge percentage increases. In April 2021, VNY conducted 25,969 total aircraft operations, which represents a 152% increase in operations when compared to April 2020. VNY's YTD 2021 operations totals are currently up by 35.52% as compared to YTD 2020 totals. Based on the Noise and Operations Monitoring System, the April 2021 average daily jet operations totals have increased when compared to April 2020. Ms. Margheritis also noted that VNY had approximately 5300 jet operations in April 2021 compared to the approximate 990 jet operations in April of 2020, the lowest monthly total at VNY due to the pandemic impact. Beyond April 2020, aircraft operations started improving.

B. Christian Moreno, Chief of Operations

Mr. Moreno offered his condolences to Mr. Silver's family and friends.

Mr. Moreno stated that the Taxiway Alpha Rehabilitation Project continues on schedule and is expected to be completed by July 1, 2021. All construction updates and pictures can be found on the VNY webpage.

Mr. Moreno addressed the council pertaining to tenant improvement projects. Most of the rooftop solar projects are either completed or well into construction, and this will make VNY one of California's leading general aviation airports for solar energy production.

Mr. Moreno shared that over the next two weeks, VNY will be working with the LAX paving crew to perform repairs and preventative maintenance. He also added that Los Angeles County Fire Department will be adding a Chinook helicopter to its contract air fleet for this fire season, which will be located on the LA County ramp starting June 13. The Super Scoopers will operate as normal, sometime between September 1 to the end of the year.

C. Diana Sanchez, Director of Public and Community Relations

Ms. Sanchez offered her condolences for Mr. Silver.

Ms. Sanchez announced the upcoming LAX Airfield and Terminal Restoration Project virtual public meeting to be held on June 29 and how to register to attend.

Ms. Sanchez addressed the council as it relates to the annual Mid-Valley YMCA Pancake Breakfast.

D. Ryan Page, Airport Superintendent of Operations

Mr. Dan Yeung offered his condolences for Mr. Silver and noted that a lot of staff worked directly and indirectly with him.

Mr. Dan Yeung introduced the new VNY Noise Officer, Mr. Ryan Page. Mr. Page gave a short overview of his background/experience and noted that he is looking forward to his new role. Mr. Page provided the council with a briefing on Noise Comments, and the Jet Early Turn and Quiet Jet Departure programs for April 2021. The briefing summarized the information contained in the monthly environmental reports (attached).

Updates and information can also be found on the LAWA website at www.iFlyVNY.com under the Noise Management Section.

Ms. Kathryn Pantoja gave a brief update on the Van Nuys Departure Noise study that was initiated per a recommendation from the Southern San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force. LAWA was asked to conduct a noise study to determine different ways to obtain the lowest noise levels from jet departures. The study began in mid-April and is anticipated to be completed in summer 2021. The consultant will be evaluating four different types of departure procedures/techniques that are used in the industry.

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

In the absence of Lt. Lau, Sgt. Beacom provided an update on safety and security at Van Nuys Airport.

Sgt. Beacom reported that there have been no significant safety or security issues to report since the last CAC meeting on May 4, 2021.

II. BOAC AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING VNY

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, and due to continuing concerns over COVID-19, the BOAC has continued to meet via teleconference. Since the last CAC meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 there were two virtual BOAC meetings.

The regularly scheduled meeting for May 6, 2021 had three VNY related items for action: The first item was for a resolution for a first amendment to a contract with Lawson Products Inc. to increase the contract authority and to extend its term to cover purchases of essential industrial hardware. The second item was for a resolution for a 39-month lease with JAJ Enterprises, Inc. dba Graphics International covering office space at Aviation Plaza. The third item was for a resolution for a 63-month lease with Gallardo Law Group, PC also covering office space at Aviation Plaza at VNY.

The meeting held on Thursday, May 20, 2021 had two specific VNY related items: The first item was for a resolution for an acceptance of grant offers and execution of grant agreements with the FAA to cover Airport Improvement Program funds for noise mitigation at LAX and runway rehabilitation at VNY. The second item was for a resolution for Submission of Application, Acceptance of Allocation of Funds, and Execution of Grant Agreement with the State of California Department of Transportation to cover an Airport Improvement Program matching grant for the runway rehabilitation projects.

The next BOAC Meeting, will be held via teleconference, is scheduled for Thursday, June 3, 2021.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

The following community members spoke during the public comment period:

Mr. Dean, Resident

Ms. Susan Ashley, Resident

Mr. Peter, Resident

Mr. John Smith, Resident

Mr. David Rankell, Resident

Several community members submitted written comments (attached).

IV. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION

No items were discussed.

V. OLD BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION

No items were discussed.

VI. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair noted that some council members have missed many meetings. He requested that those who do not have time to dedicate to this committee to please notify their appointed entity and step aside to allow others to serve.

The Chair stated that there will be no CAC meeting in July.

VII. REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUPS

A. Membership

The Chair requested Ms. Margheritis to inquire with the Mayor's office about the filling of the two vacant member positions.

VIII. EMERGENCY ITEMS SINCE POSTING OF AGENDA

No items were discussed.

IX. ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mr. Parseghian addressed the public and encouraged them to reach out to their federal elected officials regarding the noise issue. He offered his condolences to Mr. Silver's family.

Ms. Delle Donne commended the Chair on a well-run meeting and also offered her condolences regarding Mr. Silver.

Mr. Parker noted that he reads all public comments that come into the council. He requested that the CAC be given copies of the master plan for VNY, and offered condolences to Mr. Silver's family.

Mr. Rodine offered condolences for Mr. Silver and addressed the public regarding the airport's control of flight standards. He encouraged the public to contact their representatives regarding noise.

Mr. Materna thanked the Chair for a well-run meeting and addressed the council regarding the Agenda and the airport's master plan. He welcomed Mr. Page to the staff.

Mr. Robinson addressed the council with regard to how the May meeting was ended.

Mr. Cohen noted that Mr. Silvers shoes are big to fill and offered his condolences. Mr. Cohen addressed the council as it relates to the change of the PPRRY Waypoint.

Mr. Fuentes welcomed Mr. Page.

Ms. Chan thanked the members of the public for calling in and requested, on behalf of the FAA control tower, that the community not call the tower about noise issues and follow LAWA's process for filing noise complaints.

Mr. Williams thanked the council for attending and addressed the council regarding the short Agenda. He requested the VNY staff to send a copy of the master plan to all council members and for it to be posted to the VNY CAC webpage. Mr. Williams addressed staff in regards to requested motions.

Mr. Rodine addressed the council as it relates to the Brown Act.

Mr. Materna requested that the founding resolution document be sent to all Council members.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

8:29 p.m.