

VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday May 3, 2022

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

Absent: Kimberly Chan, Kathy Delle Donne and Harold Lee.

The minutes from the April 5, 2022, meeting were approved with one correction.

I. STAFF REPORTS:

A. Flora Margheritis, Airport Manager:

Ms. Margheritis noted that she was unable to attend the last CAC meeting, as she attended the NBAA Conference with the VNY Chief of Operations and Noise Officer in San Diego last month. She mentioned that Mr. Page would provide a brief overview of the conference under his staff report.

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on VNY staff, patrons and stakeholders. LAWA staff returned to the office on April 4th with a limited telecommuting schedule. Ms. Margheritis stated that she attended several meetings at LAX and noted how great it was to see folks in person that she had not seen in almost two years. However, she noted that the pandemic's effects are still lingering. LAWA continues to follow the guidance of the CDC and local government regarding face masks. L.A. County Public Health is still requiring masks be worn on public transit within the County and in indoor transportation hubs, including airport terminals. The order requires everyone ages two and over to wear masks in LAWA terminals, and on buses and shuttles, including the FlyAway buses. Ms. Margheritis explained that LAWA recognizes this may create some confusion and LAWA will do its best to communicate with passengers and employees as information is updated on the matter. Signage has been placed at LAX and the VNY FlyAway along with audio messages stating the requirement to wear a mask. Also, if you visit the VNY Admin. Office, a mask must be worn.

Ms. Margheritis asked the council to share vaccine information with their friends and families. Free vaccine and booster clinics will continue to be hosted each Wednesday in May at the Lower/Arrivals Level of the Tom Bradley International Terminal from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. These clinics, held by LAX in partnership with the L.A. County Department of Public Health and MedEx Pharmacies, offer vaccines from Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson. It is open to those seeking a first or second vaccine, or first booster shot, including pediatric doses, as well as second booster doses for those ages 50 and older. Ms. Margheritis offered a special thanks to LAWA health partners and volunteers for continuing to provide these life-saving vaccines.

Ms. Margheritis emphasized that April was a month full of events at VNY, which became known as safety, security, and sustainability month. For starters, on April 19th, VNY hosted the FAA's Runway Safety Program Office, whom held a Runway Safety Action Team meeting virtually and in-person, this meeting was held at the Prop Park. The primary purpose of this meeting was to encourage an open discussion of runway safety issues, drawing on the experience of individuals and organizations that are involved in airport surface operations, and to conduct a risk assessment focused on attempted wrong surface

landings and other surface safety issues. The FAA's Runway Safety Program Manager invited stakeholders to this meeting which included VNY tenants, flight schools, airport operations and maintenance personnel, and several FAA staff from headquarters. Participants helped in identifying risks and developed recommendations and solutions to enhance surface safety. Those recommendations will serve as the foundation for the Runway Safety Action Plan that was developed for VNY during this meeting.

On the Sustainability front, Ms. Margheritis noted that April was also "earth" month. Last Thursday, LAWA held a virtual sustainability roundtable, in honor of Earth month. This was a virtual panel discussion on sustainability programs and practices at LAX and Van Nuys airports. President and CEO, Curt Castagna of Aeroplex Group Partners who is a master tenant at VNY gave a presentation on Sustainable Airport Development at VNY and he highlighted several of the sustainability initiatives at VNY which included:

- Local Green Programs to deal with Paper, Water, and Trash.
- Sustainable Alternative Jet Fuel.
- Unleaded Aviation Gasoline, in which the industry is racing to find a suitable replacement for 100LL.
- Storm Water Mitigation efforts.
- VNY rooftop solar arrays, found at 11 sites which collectively contain 30,000 solar panels.

Ms. Margheritis offered a special shout out and thank you to Mr. Castagna for summarizing all the listed initiatives occurring at VNY and for his support and also for the support from all tenants at VNY who are supporting LAWA and who are helping VNY to achieve its environmental and sustainability goals.

Ms. Margheritis mentioned that another notable tenant to commend at VNY is Clay Lacy Aviation, who was recently certified as a member of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Green Power Partnership. The FBO was recognized for sourcing 33% of its energy from renewable resources, including 700,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of wind power and the installation of a 750,000-kWh solar array and 40 electric vehicle chargers at its facilities, including its VNY headquarters. The Green Power Partnership is a voluntary program that helps increase green power use to reduce air pollution and other environmental impacts associated with electricity use.

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

Ms. Margheritis noted that airports are emerging from the pandemic and the recovery in air travel continues. LAWA continues to see strong passenger numbers at LAX. In fact, for the month of April, LAX had passenger levels of about 76% compared to April 2021 and these numbers are expected to climb this summer. It's no surprise that for CY 2021, LAX was ranked the 5th busiest airport in the world, and this ranking is likely climb in the years ahead.

In March 2022, VNY conducted 21,263 aircraft operations, this represents a 17.51% decrease in operations when compared to March 2021. Even with this decrease in overall aircraft operations VNY's YTD 2022 operations totals are currently up by 0.25% as compared to YTD 2021 totals. For jet operations, based on the Noise and Operations Monitoring System, in March 2022 VNY had approximately 6,465 Jet operations. This number is up 19% compared to March 2021. According to data from FlightAware, a flight-tracking website, U.S. private aviation traffic is up about 15% from its 2019 levels, while

airline traffic remains down about 13%. Globally, business aircraft activity was up by 17 percent compared to this same time in 2019. This helps explain what is happening at VNY and other general aviation airports across the country.

Analysts do expect a rebound in commercial flights to eventually draw some passengers back to scheduled airlines. Ms. Margheritis stated that it will be interesting to see what happens in the months ahead.

B. Christian Moreno, Chief of Operations:

Mr. Moreno addressed the council as it relates to the construction projects at VNY.

Runway 16L/34R construction continues without any major issues. The contractors are working on the new LED lights and paving will begin on May 12th, which will take 3 weeks to complete.

Mr. Moreno addressed the council as it relates to the Virtual Pilot Controller Forum. Reps from local flight schools, aviation businesses, ATCT staff and FAA Safety team. The forum provided two-way communication to discuss safety concerns, where approximately 130 pilots were in attendance.

Mr. Moreno noted that construction updates can be found online at www.iflyvny.com.

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

Ms. Sanchez addressed the council as it relates to Aviation Career Day which was held on April 29th. Ms. Sanchez noted that there were 20 exhibitors and 200 students whom attended.

Ms. Sanchez announced that the Aviation Careers Education (ACE) weeklong program will begin on July 18, 2022.

In April VNY supported the Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce Women's speaker series.

On May 13th VNY will be supporting Mid-Valley YMCA open house and in June VNY will sponsor their pancake breakfast.

D. Ryan Page, Airport Superintendent of Operations

Mr. Page addressed the council as it relates to the NBAA Schedulers and Dispatchers Conference in San Diego. He emphasized that the VNY Quieter Nights Program was mentioned in a session regarding nighttime operations and noise programs.

Mr. Page provided the council with a briefing on Noise Comments and the Jet Early Turn and Quiet Jet Departure programs for March 2022. 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.

Mr. Cohen addressed the council as it relates to the number of flights that violate the voluntary curfew at VNY. Mr. Cohen asked Mr. Page on clarification of the flight numbers and requested that the item be placed on the June meeting agenda.

Mr. Page advised Mr. Cohen to contact his office to discuss the numbers.

Ms. Margheritis reminded the council that VNY has a voluntary Quieter Nights Program, that encourages jet operators to avoid flying between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. and that the program is not a voluntary curfew.

Mr. Materna commented that the council has not received any quarterly reports on the Quieter Nights Program. Mr. Materna stated that they should receive monthly reports as the council does on the Fly Friendly and Early Turn programs.

E. Lt. Anthony Boisselle, Officer-in-Charge, Airport Police

Lt. Boisselle addressed the council as it relates to the safety and security event with tenants at VNY. Airport Police worked closely with tenants to educate on the Incident Command System. Lt. Boisselle commended all participants involved in the event.

Lt. Boisselle stated that there were no significant security incidents since the last CAC meeting held on April 5, 2022.

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, April 5, 2022, there was one virtual BOAC meeting.

The regular scheduled meeting for Thursday, April 7th was cancelled.

At the Special meeting held on Thursday, April 14th, there was one consent item related to VNY. A resolution for a 24-month Lease with Geva Construction, Inc., for office space at Aviation Plaza at VNY Airport.

The regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 21st was cancelled.

The regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 5th was cancelled.

The next BOAC Meeting will be held via teleconference and is scheduled for Thursday May 19th at 10 a.m.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Chair opened the Public Comment Period (Item III.)

The following community members spoke during the public comment period:

Mr. Barry, Resident

Mr. David Rankell, Resident

Ms. Lisa, Resident

Ms. Clarissa Keller, Resident

Community members submitted written comments are attached.

IV. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. North Valley Occupational Center Mechanics School – Presentation

Mr. Refugio Rios conducted a presentation titled “North Valley Occupational Center”.

The Chair thanked Mr. Rios for his presentation.

Mr. Materna asked what the cost to students is and if they expect an increase in students.

Mr. Rios stated that classes are free at the moment since local community colleges currently offer free courses. Mr. Rios noted that there is currently a waitlist for students to enroll. He commented that the school was closed during the pandemic and is still getting back on track, the current challenge is to find instructors.

Ms. Sanchez noted that many students go on to work at VNY and noted that recently a student spoke at Aviation Career Day who attended NVOC and has since been placed at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Mr. Rodine addressed Mr. Rios as it relates to grants for NVOC.

Mr. Rios noted that the students receive grants from several agencies including Clay Lacy Aviation.

B. The Path to Unleaded Aviation Gas, Presentation by LAWA Environmental Programs Group – Discussion/Action

The Chair introduced Mr. Robert Freeman, LAWA Airport Environmental Manager.

Mr. Freeman conducted a presentation titled “VNY Pathway to Unleaded Avgas”.

The Chair thanked Mr. Freeman for his presentation and introduced Mr. Tim Roehl from GAMI.

Mr. Roehl conducted a brief verbal presentation.

The Chair thanked Mr. Roehl for his presentation and opened the Public Comment Period (Item IV B.)

The following community members spoke during the public comment period:

Ms. Beth, Resident

Mr. Barry, Resident

Mr. David Rankell, Resident

Ms. Clarissa Keller, Resident

Ms. Robin, Resident

Ms. Cat, Resident

Community members submitted written comments are attached.

The Chair opened the item for discussion.

Mr. Sanders thanked Mr. Roehl for his presentation and noted that as the manager of The Prop Park at VNY he is happy to answer any questions and offered some clarification. He stated that the Park is invested and dedicating their time and energy in getting the proper fuel. Mr. Sanders thanked the public callers for their comments and noted that they are

being heard. He emphasized that VNY is committed to transitioning into a non-lead fuel environment as soon as feasibly possible. He stated that 100LL fuel is used by 1% of users at VNY but the tenants are working hard to phase out lead-based fuel at VNY.

Ms. Petrus thanked the presenters and Mr. Sanders for the information and for providing grounds for discussion.

Mr. Cohen noted that he appreciated the presentations. He urged that once an agency like the FAA gets involved in approving a new fuel, they can corrupt the process.

Mr. Cohen emphasized that the council should support the motion to push the FAA to move swiftly on phasing out lead-based fuel. He noted that there are thirteen schools surrounding VNY with developing children.

Mr. Materna addressed Mr. Sanders on the sale of 100LL fuel at VNY.

Mr. Sanders stated that the Prop Park sells about 50% of all 100LL fuel at VNY.

Ms. Margheritis informed the council that most FBO's at VNY sell 100LL fuel and VNY charges a delivery fee of eleven cents per gallon.

The Chair asked Mr. Roehl on the estimate for his fuel to arrive to market.

Mr. Roehl stated that the timeline is uncertain and could be 6-12 months.

Mr. Rodine noted that 100LL fuel needs to be phased out safely and effectively as some operators will still require the 100LL.

Mr. Roehl addressed the council as it relates to piston aircraft. He clarified that about 70% of piston aircraft can use the 94-fuel. The other 30% aircraft however tend to use more fuel. Mr. Roehl noted that although the FAA oversees safety considerations for aircraft, the market will decide the rest.

Mr. Freeman reported that there's no resistance on LAWA's end to bring unleaded fuel to VNY. If the operators are asking and the FBO's are willing to supply the gas they have full support from LAWA.

Mr. Materna presented a motion to the council (attached).

Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

Mr. Rodine noted his disagreement on the language of the motion.

Mr. Rodine addressed the council as it relates to the Eliminate Aviation Gas Led Emissions (EAGLE) campaign.

Mr. Sanders offered an amendment to the motion presented by Mr. Materna to include the following language "Additionally, the CAC encourages LAWA to provide financial incentives that will allow unleaded avgas to be offered at a competitive price point to 100LL".

Mr. Williams seconded the amendment and voiced his support for the motion.

The Chair called for the vote.

The motion passed with a rollcall vote of eleven "affirmative" votes (A. Parseghian, W. Saunders, J. Parker, M. Harris, L. Petrus, T. Materna, E. Cohen, L. Fuentes, R. Sanders, H. Molina W. Williams); and one "no" vote (R. Rodine) and one "abstention" (J. Price).

The Chair presented a motion to continue the meeting past 9:30 p.m.
The motion passed unanimously.

C. Determination to Continue Holding CAC Meetings via Teleconference and/or Videoconference: Under Assembly Bill 361 Section 3(e)(3). Discussion/Action

The Chair opened the item for discussion.

Mr. Rodine presented a motion "Pursuant to AB 361 Section 3(e)(3), the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council finds that holding Council meetings in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of the members. Pursuant to AB 361 Section 3(e)(3), the Council finds that the COVID-19 State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of Council and Council members to meet safely in person. As such, the Board should continue holding Council meetings via teleconference and/or videoconference."

Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

Mr. Rodine encouraged the council to continue to go virtual as the rise of a new COVID variant possess health concerns.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair announced a special meeting to be held on May 31, 2022.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION

No items were discussed.

VI. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

No items were discussed.

VII. REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUPS

A. Membership

The Chair announced Mr. Parseghian as Chair for the Membership working group.

Mr. Rodine reminded the Chair that two council members have missed the allotted amount of council meetings.

The Chair reported that their respected appointers have been notified.

VIII. EMERGENCY ITEMS SINCE POSTING OF AGENDA

No items were discussed.

IX. ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mr. Parseghian thanked the Chair for the appointment as Chair for the Membership working group. He applauded Mr. Freeman and Mr. Roehl for their presentations.

Ms. Saunders thanked the community members for their continued involvement and bringing the leaded-fuel issue to the attention of the CAC.

Ms. Harris commended the presentations and the discussion.

Ms. Harris thanked Mr. Materna for his motion.

Ms. Petrus thanked the night's presenters.

Ms. Petrus noted that the Quieter Nights Program is a program and not a curfew.

Mr. Materna addressed the council as it relates to the Quieter Nights Program and commented that the council should receive updates on a monthly basis.

Mr. Materna addressed the council as it relates to rumors of VNY expanding to the Home Depot leasehold.

Mr. Sanders gave thanks to the council for the discussion.

Mr. Sanders thanked the community for their verbal and written comments.

Ms. Molina thanked the council for her attendance at the Noise Symposium and looks forward to providing an update at an appropriate time.

Mr. Williams commended Mr. Materna for working on the motion he presented.

Mr. Williams stated that there are many problems to be resolved at the airport.

Mr. Williams thanked Mr. Sanders for his detailed input on the discussion.

The Chair thanked the council on their cooperative efforts to push the motion.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

9:43 p.m.