

# VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

## MINUTES

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was held at the Airtel Plaza Hotel 7277 Valjean Avenue, Van Nuys, California, 91406.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chairman Jason Price. Members present: Parliamentarian Bob Rodine, Eliot Cohen (arrived after roll call), Kathy Delle Donne, Tom Materna, Heren Molina, John Parker, Araz Parseghian (arrived after roll call), Lisa Petrus.

Absent: Vice Chair Wayne Williams, Sharon Bronson, Leonel Fuentes, MaryKate Harris, Eric Robinson and Wendy Saunders.

### I. Meeting minutes for the April 4, 2023

- a. Approved on consent.

### II. Staff Reports

#### A. Airport Manager Paul Herrera

Airport Manager Herrera thanked everyone for their participation and involvement as VNY looks for a more permanent place to host the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) meetings. Mr. Herrera indicated that the CAC will meet at the Airtel Plaza Hotel next month as staff continues to evaluate venues. Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) expresses condolences on the passing of former Mayor Richard Riordan who passed away last on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Riordan paved the way for current modernization programs at LAWA.

Mr. Herrera noted that on April 11, the Board of Airport Commissioners met and shared a heartfelt thank you to outgoing Commissioners Belinda Vega and Gabriel Eshaghian for their service to LAWA. Mr. Herrera added that the Los Angeles City Council unanimously approved Mayor Karen Bass' appointment of Commissioner Vanessa Aramayo to the Board of Airport Commissioners.

Mr. Herrera announced that LAWA has been awarded Environmental Finance's 2023 Green Bond of the Year: US Muni Bond award – the first time an airport has been granted this distinction, adding that with this announcement, LAWA reconfirms our commitment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045.

Mr. Herrera declared that LAWA joined the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI) and United Airlines to reaffirm LAWA's commitment to a greener future at LACI's 'How to Do Business' event. Mr. Herrera declared that LAWA is proud to work with industry partners who share in the vision for a more sustainable future of air travel adding that by 2045 there will be zero carbon emissions from LAWA operations across both LAX and VNY and 100% renewable electricity use. Mr. Herrera noted that the goal will be achieved through expanding recycling programs, solar power generation and reimagining how we build cutting edge infrastructure as part of our multibillion-dollar capital improvement program.

Mr. Herrera thanked all those that participated in the in-person and virtual open houses and have provided feedback. Mr. Herrera noted that 230 people registered for the Vision Study Open House held on Wednesday, April 19 adding that attendees were able to share where they lived or worked, meet aviation related companies, technical experts, and other representatives for around VNY. Mr. Herrera further explained that attendees learned about land use alternatives derived from previous input and were allotted the opportunity for further feedback. Mr. Herrera noted that the results of the survey can

be found at VNY Vision Study | Events (iflyvny.com). Mr. Herrera also discussed the Virtual Open House which occurred on Saturday, April 22.

Mr. Herrera thanked Board of Airport Commission member Nicholas Roxborough for meeting with more than a dozen legislative representatives for a preview of the VNY Vision Study earlier in the day on April 19. The information session included an explanation of what the Vision Study will contain as well as how it fits into the overall planning process for land use in the San Fernando Valley.

Mr. Herrera announced that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) *is requesting* input from stakeholders on its “Noise Policy Review (NPR).” The notice states “The FAA will consider how changes to the civil aviation noise policy may better inform agency decision-making, the types of impacts it considers in making decisions (e.g., community annoyance, certain types of adverse health impacts highly correlated with aviation noise exposure), and potential improvements to how the FAA analyzes, explains, and presents changes in exposure to civil aviation noise.” Mr. Herrera emphasized that there is a 90-day comment period which started May 1 and ends July 31. Mr. Herrera encouraged interested parties to submit their comments noting that the FAA is hosting a series of virtual public meetings this month. Further information can be obtained at [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov) and links to the NPR are available on the VNY Noise Portal ([www.noiseportal.lawa.org/vny](http://www.noiseportal.lawa.org/vny)).

Mr. Herrera discussed VNY’s operational statistics for March noting there were 24,337 aircraft operations which represents a 14.46% increase as compared to March 2022. VNY’s YTD 2023 operations totals are currently up by 4.48% as compared to YTD 2022 totals. Mr. Herrera added that VNY conducted 5,643 jet operations based on the Airport Noise and Operations Monitoring System (ANOMS) which is lower by 12.71% compared to March 2022 (6,465) and Up 3.26% compared to last February.

#### B. Christian Moreno, Chief of Airport Operations

Mr. Moreno discussed that 20,000 square feet of asphalt were repaired on taxi way bravo one. Mr. Moreno also noted that a City of Los Angeles Arborist inspected the trees along Hayvenhurst noting that 19 trees were removed due to safety concerns, adding that the remaining trees will be trimmed.

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

Ms. Sanchez thanked those members who were able to participate in the Vision Study Open Houses in April. Ms. Sanchez noted that LAWA participated in Denim Day on xxx to bring awareness to sexual assault and to combat victim blaming. Ms. Sanchez noted that since the last CAC meeting, VNY Community Relations has supported Tierra Del Sol’s annual fundraising golf tournament. Tierra Del Sol is an organization that empowers people with developmental disabilities through Workforce Development and College to Career training. Ms. Sanchez added that CR also attended the Greater Van Nuys Rotary’s annual fundraiser to help support local charitable organizations and the annual Valley Economic Alliance Valley of the Stars Gala. Ms. Sanchez continued discussing future events VNY CR team will participate in during the coming weeks.

#### D. Ryan Page, Environmental Management Report

Mr. Page reported the monthly statistics for March 2023 including noise comments, Jet Early Turns and the Quiet Departure/Fly Friendly Program. The briefing summarized the information contained in the environmental reports which can be viewed on VNY’s website at [www.iFlyVNY.com](http://www.iFlyVNY.com) under the Noise Management Section.

#### E. Sergeant Clint Beacom, Officer-In-Charge

Sergeant Beacom noted that VNY Airport Police has 14 officers and three supervisors adding that the patrol areas extend from Gloria to Balboa and from Roscoe to Van Owen. VNY Airport Police engage in community-based policing and problem-oriented policing. During the winter months there was an increase in theft, mainly catalytic converter. VNY Airport Police increased patrols and were able to reduce theft to only one in the last 60 days, adding that airport police will continue to monitor the situation.

### III. BOAC Agenda Items Concerning VNY

Since the last VNY CAC Meeting held on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, the BOAC held one special meeting on April 11, 2023. The BOAC meetings on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> were cancelled. There were three items under consent for board action pertaining to VNY.

Three (3)-year Contract with Standard Signs Incorporated: Covering specialized airfield signs and replacement parts for Los Angeles International Airport and Van Nuys Airport, for a cost not to exceed \$1,050,000.

Award of one year contract, with two (2) one-year extension options, to Variable Speed Solutions, Inc.: Covering supply and delivery of variable frequency drives and related services and repairs for Los Angeles International Airport and Van Nuys Airport, for cost not to exceed \$450,000.

Approval for a funding authority of \$700 or one member of the Los Angeles International Airport Area Advisory Committee and one member of the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council to attend the virtual University of California Davis 36th Annual Aviation Noise Emissions Symposium from May 1, 2023 thru May 3, 2023

No regular items for board action were considered for this meeting.

\*The next BOAC Meeting is a Special Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. This meeting will be held in-person but will also be broadcast live. Members of the public wishing to make a public comment at the BOAC meetings must do so in-person.

The VNY CAC Communication Process Regarding LAWA Procurements:

Negotiations continue for an Award of Lease for Ground Lease Non – Fixed Base Operator Aviation Facility at 16750 Roscoe Blvd. The request for proposal (RFP) is referred to as Ground Lease Non – FBO Aviation Facility 16750 Roscoe Blvd. A date for this lease to be placed on the BOAC agenda for consideration has not been scheduled.

Another set of Non-Aeronautical RFPs that was posted and is now closed is for an Award of Lease to a successful bidder for Ground-Mounted & Roof-Top Solar at Van Nuys Airport.

The ground mount solar RFP will likely be placed on the June 1 BOAC meeting agenda for an award of lease and the rooftop RFP will likely be awarded in late June/July timeframe.

The award of lease for 16231 Waterman Dr. (Bonseph Helinet, LLC, for the potential redevelopment of land and existing facilities at Van Nuys Airport continues to track through the approval process with City Council. It appears that Council District Offices would like to hear about the Bonseph Lease at an upcoming Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee (TTT) meeting. While there is a possibility of hearing it at the meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm, it is still not final. If the Bonseph lease does make it on the agenda for May 16, the public may want to consider making plans to attend and share their thoughts on

this lease at the TTT meeting. Public testimony will be taken at that hearing. The meetings are in person at City Hall and all participants must be on-site. People will be able to listen to the meeting remotely, but not provide testimony or otherwise participate with a remote connection. Once this item goes to full Council, after TTT, there is unlikely to be an opportunity for additional comment specific to this item because the public hearing will be held in the TTT Committee. Please sign up and track the agenda for TTT if you wish to provide comments on this item.

Once the BOAC and City Council award these leases, the proposer will move into the project phase where the successful bidder will be invited to make a project presentation to the VNY CAC to solicit input and feedback. In addition, the CAC and members of the community will be provided with an opportunity to comment on the developments as they progress through the entitlement and/or environmental process as required by the city.

#### **IV. Public Comment members of the public gave public comment.**

The Chair opened the meeting to public comment. The following members from the public spoke during public comment: Howard Cohen, Shawn Kurzweil, Penny Alpert, Suzanne Gutierrez, Sue Steinberg, Brad Smith, Mike Mintz, Fran Potaski, Alicia Avery, Mireille Eskigian, Janet Peterson, Linda Jackson, Evelyn Residue and David Rankell.

#### **V. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

There was no report.

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Vision Study Presentation – Kathline King and Christine Hemphill provided a detailed description of the Vision Study process and the three alternatives presented for consideration and feedback.
- b. The Chair opened the meeting to public comment. The following members of the public spoke: Suzanne Gutierrez, Sue Steinberg, Bob Bramen, Alicia Avery and Jacqueline Torossian.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by J. Parker, seconded by Lisa Petrus. Motion passes with a roll call vote of six in favor and two opposed. Affirmative (K. Delle Donne, H. Molina, L. Petrus, J. Parker, B. Rodine) and two opposed (E. Cohen and T. Materna).

Chairman Price adjourned the meeting with a roll call vote at 9:16 p.m.