

VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 6, 2017

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Elliot Sanders. Members present: Elliot Sanders, Jason Price, David Rankell, Kathy Delle Donne, Gerald Silver, Vahid Khorsand, Cindy Goodfellow, Craig Welzbacher, Wayne Williams, Roger Oeland, Laurence Rabe, Wendy Saunders

Members Absent: Ron Merkin, Harold Lee, Mel Roberts, John Parker

The Council vacancies as of September 6, 2016 are as follows: Two appointments from Councilmember Monica Rodriguez Council District 7.

The minutes from the May 2, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved with one minor correction to change the membership Chairperson from David Rankell to John Parker.

1.) STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Christian Moreno, Van Nuys Airport Chief of Airport Operations, addressed the council as it relates to the VNY statistics: he reported 18,603 aircraft operations in April 2017 and this shows a 7.38% increase in operations compared to April 2016. Year to date operations are up 3.1% compared to last year.

Mr. Moreno addressed the council as it relates to the Annual AAAE Conference held at Long Beach from May 7-10, 2017. Various VNY staff attended and Ms. Sanchez made a presentation at the conference.

Mr. Moreno addressed the council as it relates to the monthly cleaning of the Sherman Way tunnel.

Lt. Lau addressed the council as it relates to incidents on May 19, 2017 when a person accessed the airfield and aircraft under false pretenses, on May 25, 2017 when a woman with a gun entered an FBO, and on June 5, 2017 a semi trying to make a u-turn hit a perimeter fence and pulled 180 feet off.

A. BOAC Agenda Items Concerning VNY – Discussion/Action

Mr. Moreno addressed the council as it relates to the May 4, 2017 and June 1, 2017 BOAC Meetings.

2.) REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

A. Working Group Reports – Discussion/Action
Membership – John Parker, Chairperson

Nothing to report.

Outreach & Communications – Ron Merkin, Chairperson
Nothing to report.

VNY Noise Issues – Gerald Silver, Chairperson
Mr. Silver addressed the council as it relates to the closure of Santa Monica Airport.

VNY Helicopter Issues – Wayne Williams, Chairperson

Mr. Williams addressed the council as it relates to his visit to the Napa Valley to discuss the impacts of a helipad on private property and he addressed the council on the FAA and helicopter noise in Los Angeles.

Social Media Outreach – Vahid Khorsand, Chairperson

Nothing to report.

Rainwater Reclamation – Craig Welzbacher, Chairperson

Nothing to report.

Ms. Goodfellow addressed the council as it relates to the Grand Opening of the new hangar at Aerolease being held on June 28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Claude Birch, member of the public, addressed the council as it relates to helicopter noise issues, fumes, and the new hangars along Balboa.

Mr. Gil Garnas, member of the public, addressed the council as it relates to increased flights over his home and the closure of Santa Monica Airport.

4.) NEW BUSINESS

A. Member Jason Price Report on 2017 UC Davis Noise Symposium in Palm Springs – Discussion/Action

Mr. Price addressed the council as it relates to his attendance to the 2017 UC Davis Noise Symposium in Palm Springs.

5.) OLD BUSINESS

A. Update Santa Monica Airport Status – Discussion/Action

Mr. David Hopkins, Vice President of the Santa Monica Airport Association, addressed the council as it relates to the Santa Monica Airport status. (Powerpoint presentation attached)

Mr. Silver introduced a motion as follows:

“Whereas the Van Nuys Airport Citizen’s Advisory Council is extremely concerned that the closure of Santa Monica Airport or shortening of its runway will have a detrimental impact on Van Nuys Airport and the San Fernando Valley Community. Van Nuys Airport Citizen’s Advisory Council directs the Board of Airport Commissioners to use its best efforts to oppose the closure of Santa Monica Airport and any effort to shorten the Runway.”

The motion passed with 12 in favor and zero against.

B. FAA Tower Privatization proposal by Trump Administration – Discussion

Mr. Sanders addressed the council as it relates to the FAA Tower Privatization proposal by the Trump Administration. (Articles attached)

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

No items were discussed.

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

Mr. Oeland addressed the council as it relates to the Santa Monica Airport closure.

Ms. Rabe addressed the council as it relates to airport noise.

Ms. Saunders addressed the council as it relates to LAWA sponsoring the Mid-Valley YMCA Breakfast fundraiser.

Ms. Goodfellow addressed the council as it relates to helicopter chartering issue.

Mr. Rankell addressed the council as it relates to the Santa Monica Airport closure.

Mr. Sanders addressed the council as it relates to the great job the council has done with the Santa Monica Airport closure issue.

Mr. Price addressed the council as it relates to privatization of services.

8) ADJOURNMENT:

8:45 p.m.