

**VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018**

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Elliot Sanders. Members present: Elliot Sanders, David Rankell, John Parker, Ron Merkin, Mel Roberts, Wayne Williams, Cindy Goodfellow, Wendy Saunders

Absent: Gerald Silver, Harold Lee, Jason Price, Roger Oeland, Kathy Delle Donne, Laurence Rabe

The Council vacancies as of January 9, 2018 are as follows: Two appointments 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 November 7, 2017 meeting were approved with one correction reference to Advisory Councilmember comments. Mr. Sullivan should be changed to Mr. Lee.

1.) STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Margheritis thanked councilmembers for attending the Holiday Party.

Ms. Margheritis introduced and welcomed Ms. Barba as the new Van Nuys Airport / CAC Secretary. Ms. Quinteros will continue to assist during transition and training.

Ms. Margheritis referred to Deborah Flint's announcement of the upcoming retirement of LAWA Deputy Executives, Mr. Roger Johnson in Administration and Ms. Debbie Bowers in the Commercial Development section.

Ms. Margheritis discussed upcoming projects: Western Jet Aviation solar project, Jet Aviation developments, completion of the Prop Park by end of this calendar year and Air Traffic Control Tower renovation project.

Ms Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the VNY statistics: she reported 21,271 aircraft operations in November 2017 and this represents a 16.55% increase in operations compared to November 2016.

Lt. Lau addressed the council on security at the airport and reported no significant incidents since the last CAC meeting in November 2017.

Lt. Lau discussed new perimeter lighting on north and south end of the airport by end of 2018.

A. BOAC Agenda Items Concerning VNY – Discussion/Action

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the BOAC meeting which occurred November 16, 2017, in which there were two agenda items pertaining to VNY; the December 14, 2017 BOAC had no items pertaining to VNY. The next meeting will take place January 18, 2018. Ms. Margheritis indicated she does not have an exact date as of yet for the next BOAC meeting held at VNY.

The council unanimously decided to schedule the next CAC meeting for February 6, 2018.

2.) REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Sanders thanked VNY for hosting the holiday party. Mr. Sanders addressed the council as it relates to the resignation of Mr. Craig Welzbacher and Vahid Khorsand. Mr. Jason Price will be taking on the responsibility of Social Media Outreach.

A. Working Group Reports – Discussion/Action

Membership – John Parker, Chairperson

Mr. Parker addressed the council as it relates to the one vacancy in CD 3. Someone has been appointed and should be here next month. No updates on the vacancies for CD 7.

Outreach & Communications – Ron Merkin, Chairperson

Nothing to report.

VNY Noise Issues – Gerald Silver, Chairperson

Absent

VNY Helicopter Issues – Wayne Williams, Chairperson

Nothing to report.

Social Media Outreach – Jason Price, Chairperson

Nothing to report.

Mr. Sanders requested that Jason Price take the seat as Chairperson for Social Media Outreach.

Environmental Issues – Vacant

Mr. Sanders addressed the council regarding Western Jet's solar project. Since Mr. Welzbacher's resignation, Mr. Sanders will assign a councilmember to keep the council and citizens apprised of future developments with this and other environmental issues.

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

No Items were discussed.

4.) NEW BUSINESS

A. Conflict in Next Meeting Date (2/6/18) – Discussion/Action

VNY Staff (Flora Margheritis, Diana Sanchez, and Christian Moreno) will be at the Annual NBAA conference in Long Beach and will not be available to attend the February 6, 2018 meeting. Mr. Sanders proposed changing date to February 13, 2018. After further discussion, Ms. Diana Sanchez, VNY Public and Community Relations, agreed to return from the conference for the February 6, 2018 meeting. The next CAC meeting will stand and take place as scheduled on February 6, 2018.

5.) OLD BUSINESS

A. Los Angeles County Lease – Presentation and discussion (attached)

Ms. Margheritis introduced Ms. Milos from LAWA Commercial Development Group (CDG), Chief Thomas Ewald and Assistant Chief Derek Alkonis from Los Angeles County Fire

Ms. Milos discussed details as it relates to the upcoming potential Los Angeles County Helicopter Lease.

Mr. Merkin introduced a motion as follows:

“The VNY CAC approve the upcoming new lease between LAWA and L.A. County Fire contingent upon their establishment of an L.O.A. to mutually address noise abatement issues.”

The motion passed with 7 in favor; 0 against; and 1 abstention.

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

No items were discussed.

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

Ms. Goodfellow welcomed Ms. Barba and thanked VNY for Holiday Party.

Mr. Parker welcomed Ms. Barba and thanked VNY for Holiday Party.

Mr. Rankell thanked VNY for Holiday Party.

Mr. Sanders pointed out to council that VNY is making an effort to find better ways to record these meetings.

Mr. Merkin apologized for not attending the Holiday Party. Mr. Merkin suggested placing L.A. County Lease back on the agenda for February meeting

8) ADJOURNMENT:

8:15 p.m.