

VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday, January 6, 2015
MINUTES

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Elliot Sanders. Members present: Elliot Sanders, Don Schultz, Ron Merkin, John Parker, Gerry Silver, David Rankell, Kathy Delle Donne, Cindy Goodfellow, Vahid Khorsand, Wendy Saunders, Wayne Williams, Harold Lee, Roger Oeland, David Bernardoni, Roger Ortiz

Members Absent: Laurence Rabe

The Council vacancies as of January 6, 2015 are as follows: Two appointments from the Mayor's Office.

The minutes from the November 4, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

1.) STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Romo introduced BOAC Commissioner Dr. Cynthia Telles. Commissioner Telles is the Valley representative on the BOAC.

Commissioner Telles stated she recently had a very informative meeting with Mr. Sanders and Mr. Schultz. She has seen their correspondence and learned from them the dedication and commitment the CAC has with the airport and the surrounding community. One of the issues brought to her attention is the early turn issue that seems to have increased in the last six months. She stated this issue has been brought to the attention of the manager at VNY and the BOAC and they are hoping to take some action and be as supportive as possible of the situation. Commissioner Telles shared that she is on the faculty at UCLA School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry, Director of the Outpatient Clinic. She has been a Commissioner for 14 years under Bradley, Riordon, Hahn, and the current Mayor Garcetti. She has been on the Ethics Commission, Women's Commission, Children's Commission, and Library Commission, but this has been the most exciting and challenging Commission to serve on. She has also been on a variety of Community and Corporate Boards. She stated she is pleased to be here and is hoping the dialogue continues with her and the CAC.

Mr. Romo introduced Sergeant Robert Richardson, the new Commanding Officer at VNY. He is working on security issues, mainly inventory and access points in the perimeter.

Mr. Kenny LaSalle from the Office of Congressman Tony Cardenas stated he is attending on behalf of his partner Brian Gavidia, the Transportation Liaison for the Valley District. Mr. LaSalle stated he handles case work with the FAA and Mr. Gavidia handles the field work.

Mr. Romo stated the Aviation Career Day event this year will be held on March 20th. He strongly urges participation in this event.

Mr. Romo stated Ms. Margheritis and Ms. Sanchez will attend the NBAA Schedulers and Dispatchers Conference in San Jose from February 2-6, 2015. He stated VNY will have a booth at this conference.

Mr. Romo stated the Customs and Borders Protection location at VNY has gotten more approvals and the location will be usable in the first half of 2015.

Mr. Romo stated the Sherman Way Tunnel continues to be a challenge but not for a lack of work from LAWA. He stated the LED lighting project should be underway around April/May with completion by summer. He stated the tunnel falls under the Bureau of Street Services. Between LAWA, Street Services and the Mayor's Office they are aware of the need to pay more attention to the graffiti in the tunnel, but Street Services says they don't have the money to do the work.

2.) REPORT FROM CHAIR

Mr. Sanders shared the passing of former CAC member, Mr. Harold Sullivan, on December 19, 2014.

Mr. Rankell stated he attended the funeral services and that Mr. Sullivan had 78 years of City service starting in 1927 and concluded with his service in the CAC in 2013.

Mr. Sanders stated the CAC/LAXAAC Holiday Dinner at the Proud Bird on December 4, 2014 was very nice. He stated Commissioner Valeria Velasco and Mr. Romo both made comments about the CAC. He encouraged all CAC members to attend these dinners in the future.

Mr. Schultz also encouraged all members to attend these dinners as only six CAC members attended the December 4th dinner, but the LAX Advisory Council had a 90% turnout of their members.

A. Working Group Reports – Discussion/Action

Mr. Silver stated he, Mr. Williams, Mr. Rankell, and Mr. Bob Anderson (head of the group) are members of the Los Angeles Area Helicopter Noise Coalition. He stated Mr. Anderson has attended the meeting tonight to make a presentation regarding Helicopter Noise Relief. Mr. Rankell stated Mr. Anderson is a nuclear engineer.

Mr. Anderson stated he is a Board member of the Sherman Oaks Homeowner's Association. He proceeded with making his Power Point presentation. (Attached)

Mr. Schultz, Mr. Silver, Mr. Tatro, Mr. Oeland, Mr. Williams, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Merkin, and Ms. Goodfellow discussed the presentation further.

3.) BOAC AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING VNY

Mr. Romo discussed the agenda items for the BOAC Meetings on December 4 and December 18.

December 4, 2014 BOAC items:

13. RESOLUTION NO. - Appropriation of Year 2 funding: In combined not-to-exceed amounts of [i] \$75,000,000 for AVB Management Partners (DA-4834) and Parsons Transportation Group Inc. (DA-4835) covering project management and construction management services, and [ii] \$22,000,000 for Hill International Inc.-APSI Construction Management JV (DA-4828) and Integrated Project Controls Team JV (DA-4829) covering project controls support services, for the Capital Improvement Program of Los Angeles World Airports

December 18, 2014 BOAC items:

1. RESOLUTION NO. - Award of three (3)-year Contract to Global Access Supply, Inc.: For Crouse-Hinds, ADB and Flight Light airfield navigational aids and parts, and airfield constant current regulators and replacement parts for Los Angeles World Airports, for overall cost not to exceed \$2,610,000

PURPOSE: Award a contract for Crouse-Hinds, ADB and Flight Light airfield navigational aids and parts, and airfield constant current regulators and replacement parts to Global Access Supply, Inc. for an overall amount not to exceed \$2,610,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Adoption of the report requesting that the Board of Airport Commissioners find that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III Class 1(4) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines; approve award of a three (3)-year contract to Global Access Supply, Inc. for Crouse-Hinds, ADB and Flight Light airfield navigational aids and parts, and airfield constant current regulators and replacement parts for an overall amount not to exceed \$1,950,000 at Los Angeles International Airport, \$450,000 at LA/Ontario International Airport, \$210,000 at Van Nuys Airport, and a combined overall amount not to exceed \$2,610,000; and authorize the Executive Director to execute said contract upon approval as to form by the City Attorney. (David Shuter, 424-646-5111)

12. **RESOLUTION NO.** - Award of three (3)-year Contract to Davis, Cowell & Bowe, LLP: For legal services to assist Los Angeles World Airports and the City Attorney's Office with labor law and related matters, including litigation, for cost not to exceed \$300,000

PURPOSE: Approve a three (3)-year contract with the law firm of Davis, Cowell & Bowe, LLP for legal services to assist Los Angeles World Airports and the City Attorney with labor law and related matters, including litigation, for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Adoption of the report requesting that the Board of Airport Commissioners find that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines; further find that, pursuant to Charter Section 371(e)(2), competitive bidding for these professional services would not be practicable or advantageous; further find that, pursuant to Charter Section 371(e)(10), competitive bidding for this work would be undesirable, impractical or impossible; further find that, pursuant to Charter Section 1022, this work can be performed more economically or feasibly by an independent contractor than by City employees; approve award of a three (3)-year contract to the law firm of Davis, Cowell & Bowe, LLP, for legal services to assist Los Angeles World Airports and the City Attorney with labor law and related matters, including litigation, for an amount not to exceed \$300,000; and authorize the Executive Director to execute said contract upon approval as to form by the City Attorney. (Raymond Ilgunas, 424-646-5010)

13. **RESOLUTION NO.** - Second Amendment to Contract DA-4859 with Morrison & Foerster LLP: To increase the not-to-exceed contract amount by \$875,000, for legal services to assist Los Angeles World Airports and the City Attorney's Office with the City's pending litigation involving John Russo Industrial Sheetmetal, Inc.; and appropriation of said amount to cover litigation costs

PURPOSE: The Second Amendment to Contract DA-4859 will allow the law firm of Morrison & Foerster LLP to continue to assist the City Attorney's Office in providing legal services to Los Angeles World Airports in connection with the City's pending litigation involving John Russo Industrial Sheetmetal, Inc.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Adoption of the report requesting that the Board of Airport Commissioners find that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines; further find that, pursuant to Charter Section 371(e)(2), competitive bidding for these professional services would not be practicable or advantageous; further find that, pursuant to Charter Section 371(e)(10), competitive bidding for this

work would be undesirable, impractical or impossible; further find that, pursuant to Charter Section 1022, this work can be performed more economically or feasibly by an independent contractor than by City employees; approve the Second Amendment to Contract DA-4859 with Morrison & Foerster LLP funding an additional \$875,000 to the contract authority amount; and authorize the Executive Director to execute said Second Amendment upon approval as to form by the City Attorney. (Raymond Ilgunas, 424-646-5010)

18. RESOLUTION NO. - Appropriation of not to exceed \$16,000,000: For Los Angeles City and other agency services, materials, equipment and salaries for the Capital Improvement Program of Los Angeles World Airports

PURPOSE: Provide capital funds in the not-to-exceed amount of \$16,000,000 for Los Angeles City and other agency services, materials, equipment, and salaries to deliver the Capital Improvement Program for Los Angeles World Airports.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Adoption of the report requesting that the Board of Airport Commissioners find that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines; and appropriate capital funds in the not-to-exceed amount of \$16,000,000 to provide for Los Angeles City and other agency services, materials, equipment, and salaries associated with implementation of the Capital Improvement Program at Los Angeles World Airports. (Roger Johnson, 424-646-7553)

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

No items were discussed.

5.) NEW BUSINESS

No items were discussed.

6.) OLD BUSINESS

A. Follow-up on Early Turns by Scott Tatro – Discussion/Action

Mr. Tatro made a statement regarding Early Turns. (Mr. Tatro's notes are attached)

Mr. Krugler, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schultz, Mr. Rankell, Mr. Williams, Mr. Silver, and Mr. Oeland discussed this issue further.

Mr. Sanders requested LAWA return to the CAC on a quarterly basis to report on the status of this issue.

Mr. Craig Weltzbacher, member of the public, spoke about the early turn issue and shared a handout called Noisy Flight Schools Rile Airport Neighbors dated May 18, 2011. (handout attached)

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

No items were discussed.

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

Mr. Khorsand stated he is the lead organizer for United Chamber events. He stated they are looking for nominations for the Inspirational Women of San Fernando Valley event. The event will occur on May 7, 2015 and they are looking for 50 nominees. Please visit www.unitedchambers.org for more information on this event.

Mr. Rankell stated Santa Monica Airport currently charges landing fees and if they are unable to bring a resolution to the early turn issues at VNY, it might be an option for VNY to charge fees. Mr. Rankell also stated the VNY Noise Office investigates a maximum of five complaints per caller/per month. He stated maybe they can increase the maximum for early turn complaints in order to obtain a better grasp on where these planes are and what else is near them.

Mr. Schultz stated they should look at the idea introduced by Mr. Silver regarding the Letter of Agreement between parties that agree if the voluntary option for pilots fails in regards to early turns.

Mr. Parker stated the International Special Olympics will be in Los Angeles at the end of July. This is the biggest event in Los Angeles since the Olympics in 1984. The American delegation will be located at CSUN.

Ms. Goodfellow thanked LAWA for the Holiday Dinner. She also thanked Mr. Tatro and Mr. Krugler for the work they are putting in for the early turn issue. She stated the Sherman Way tunnel is very important.

Mr. Williams stated there is a milestone reached for the removal of Stage 2 aircraft. He recognized Mr. Silver for achieving this milestone. He stated it took 25 years to accomplish, but hopefully the early turn issue won't take this long. He thanked Mr. Tatro and Mr. Krugler for staying on this issue.

Ms. Saunders thanked Commissioner Telles for attending the meeting tonight. She also thanked Mr. Tatro and Mr. Krugler for their efforts. Ms. Saunders stated the Mid Valley YMCA will have a fundraising event at the Panda Express in Van Nuys on Monday, January 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. A percentage of proceeds will go to the Mid Valley YMCA. She also thanked Ms. Sanchez for serving on the Board of the Mid Valley YMCA.

Mr. Silver stated he appreciates Commissioner Telles attending the meeting tonight.

Commissioner Telles stated this is a very informative meeting. She has spoken to Gina Marie Lindsey regarding the early turn issue and has spoken to management on what they might do. She stated they need to look forward to see if the BOAC can do a resolution that would be helpful in relation to this issue.

9) ADJOURNMENT:

8:58 p.m.