

**VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, July 7, 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, David Rankell, Wayne Williams, Mel Roberts, Harold Lee, Gerald Silver, Laurence Rabe, David Bernardoni, Cindy Goodfellow, John Parker, Jason Price

Members Absent: Vahid Khorsand, Kathy Delle Donne, Roger Oeland, Wendy Saunders

The Council vacancies as of July 7, 2015 are as follows: One appointment from Councilmember Felipe Fuentes' Office.

The minutes from the June 2, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

**1.) STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Romo stated the new fiscal year started on July 1, 2015 and a Look Ahead report will be shared with the CAC later this fall.

Mr. Romo stated the VNY Customs facility opened for service on May 21, 2015 and overall it is working out well.

Mr. Romo stated the VNY RFP due date for submissions was June 29, 2015 and two proposals were received.

Mr. Romo stated the VSafe Program at VNY continues to mitigate vehicle/pedestrian deviations (VPD).

Ms. Margheritis stated the leaseholds at VNY are delineated by red lines and VNY has an active campaign called "Bottom line do not cross the red line" to prevent VPD's that often lead to runway incursions. She stated they take these deviations very seriously and thoroughly investigate them.

Mr. Schultz asked Mr. Romo about the status of the Sherman Way tunnel.

Mr. Romo stated there is nothing new to report at this time. He stated he has done what he can by working with the Mayor's Office. The Mayor's Office has allocated \$500,000 for the tunnel but he has not heard any updates on this funding. He stated VNY is not responsible for the upkeep of the Sherman Way tunnel but he has tried to build partnerships to make people aware of the problem. The lighting update for the tunnel should begin in two weeks.

Mr. Sanders asked Mr. Romo if he could update the CAC on the status of the Sherman Way tunnel on a monthly basis during his Staff Reports.

Ms. Lynda Levitan of Councilmember Nury Martinez' Office stated as of July 1<sup>st</sup> the Sherman Way tunnel should be cleaned once a month using the \$500,000 funds allocated for this issue.

Ms. Levitan handed out a flyer regarding the Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles 2015 as the Flame of Hope is run through Van Nuys on July 23, 2015 at noon at Van Nuys City Hall. (attached)

**2.) REPORT FROM CHAIR**

Mr. Sanders introduced the newly appointed CAC member Jason Price.

Mr. Price stated he is an active member of the VNY Prop Association, has owned a business at VNY since 2007, has been pilot since 2003, and is grateful to serve on the CAC.

Mr. Sanders stated he attended the VNY Fly Friendly Awards Program luncheon held at the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron. He stated there were more recipients than last year and he is pleased with the awareness of noise issues at VNY.

Mr. Sanders asked about the City owned property across the street from Home Depot on Roscoe Boulevard and the graffiti issue on the buildings at this property.

Mr. Romo stated a request has been made to provide estimates on demolishing the structures on this property.

Mr. Sanders stated Prop Association is looking to building a better community rather than trying to find a location to meet.

**Working Group Reports – Discussion/Action  
Membership – David Rankell, Chairman**

Mr. Rankell stated the CAC has one vacancy from Councilmember Felipe Fuentes' Office.

**Outreach – Ron Merkin, Chairman**

Nothing to report.

**By Laws – Don Schultz, Chairman**

Nothing to report

**VNY Noise Issues – Gerald Silver, Chairman**

Mr. Silver stated he has not received any updates on progress from the City Attorney's Office on prosecuting noise violators and asked for this data.

**VNY Helicopter Issues – Wayne Williams, Chairman**

Mr. Williams stated pilots in the industry are resisting any change so that no regulation goes into effect. The FAA is putting together a voluntary solution to use off-shore routes for certain areas. The Los Angeles Area Helicopter Noise Coalition is not satisfied at the rate that things are going. Mr. Williams stated there are solutions for the problem but until regulations are put in place, nothing will happen.

Mr. Silver stated there is an issue with privately owned military aircraft and noise.

Mr. Rankell stated he witnessed and heard this type of aircraft at VNY recently and reported it to the Noise Complaint line and is waiting on a response letter.

**3.) BOAC AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING VNY**

Mr. Romo discussed the agenda items for the BOAC Meeting on June 18, 2015.

1. [RESOLUTION NO. - Consent to Assignment of Lease VNA-7804 from Home Depot USA, Inc. to First City Pacific and sublease back to Home Depot USA, Inc.: For the premises located at 16800 Roscoe Boulevard at Van Nuys Airport](#)

PURPOSE: To provide consent for administrative actions pursuant to the leases.

5. *RESOLUTION NO. - Award a three (3)-year Contract to Danning, Gill, Diamond & Kollitz, LLP: For legal services to assist Los Angeles World Airports and City Attorney's Office with bankruptcy advice, litigation and other related legal issues, for cost not to exceed \$300,000*

PURPOSE: Award a \$300,000 contract to Danning, Gill, Diamond & Kollitz, LLP for legal services to assist Los Angeles World Airports and the City Attorney's Office with bankruptcy advice, litigation, and other related legal services.

7. *RESOLUTION NO. - Fiscal Year 2016 Los Angeles World Airports General All-Risk Property/Casualty and Earthquake Perils Insurance Policies: With Underwriter Lexington Insurance Company for total coverage limits of \$2.5 billion and \$25 million, respectively, for a total cost not to exceed \$4,252,072*

PURPOSE: Secure comprehensive General All-Risk Property, Earthquake and Boiler and Machinery coverages for Los Angeles World Airports' (LAWA) sizable property assets with appropriate limits of insurance coverages.

8. *RESOLUTION NO. - Fiscal Year 2016 Los Angeles World Airports General Aviation Liability and War & Allied Perils (Terrorism) Insurance Policies: With Underwriter Global Aerospace Insurance for total coverage limits of \$1.3 billion and \$1 billion, respectively, for a total cost not to exceed \$3,162,742*

PURPOSE: Secure comprehensive General Aviation Liability and Terrorism coverages for Los Angeles World Airports' (LAWA) liability risk exposures with appropriate limits of insurance coverages to provide protections from risk perils.

9. *RESOLUTION NO. - Three (3)-year Contract with Air Transport IT Services Inc.: To continue a Maintenance and Support License Agreement for the PROPworks Revenue Agreement Management and Invoicing System for a cost not to exceed \$375,000*

PURPOSE: Maintain a software license agreement with Air Transport IT Services, Inc., and pay annual license fees in order to continue using the PROPworks software.

10. *RESOLUTION NO. - Award a three (3)-year Contract to Burns & McDonnell: For Airside and Landside Airport Pavement Management System for Los Angeles World Airports, for cost not to exceed \$5,480,551*

PURPOSE: Provide an update to the airside Airport Pavement Management System and establish a roadway pavement management, pavement engineering and pavement project definition and analysis services for Los Angeles World Airports.

11. *RESOLUTION NO. - Award two (2) separate three (3)-year Contracts to Gensler and Ricondo and Associates, Inc.: For Airport Planning Professional Services to support various architectural, passenger terminal planning and related projects for Los Angeles World Airports, for annual costs not to exceed \$1,470,000 and \$1,120,000, respectively*

PURPOSE: Provide professional airport planning services to assist Los Angeles World Airports, particularly for Los Angeles International Airport North Terminal Improvements, including Terminal 2, Terminal 3 and the Terminal 3 - Tom Bradley International Terminal Connector, as well as enhancements to the Terminal 6/7 Federal Inspections Services (Customs) area.

12. *RESOLUTION NO. - "No Early Turn" Policy at Van Nuys Airport: For all departing fixed wing aircraft to reduce aircraft noise for nearby communities*
19. *RESOLUTION NO. - Determine the salary for Executive Director Deborah Ale Flint*
20. *RESOLUTION NO. - Approval of relocation costs: In the amount not to exceed \$55,000 for Executive Director Deborah Ale Flint*

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

Ms. Josie Zarate, member of the public, President of the Lake View Terrace Improvement Association and Vice President of the Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council in Lake View Terrace and surrounding communities stated her community also shares the aircraft and helicopter noise problems with the Valley community.

Mr. Sanders asked that she discuss this issue with Mr. Silver, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Rankell.

**5.) NEW BUSINESS**

No items were discussed.

**6.) OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Update from Ad Hoc Committee on “Early Turns” – Discussion/Action**

Mr. Schultz introduced a motion as follows:

**Whereas, the Van Nuys Airport Citizen’s Advisory Council (CAC) has heard testimony from a number of Lake Balboa residents complaining about “Early Turns” creating “New Noise Impacts” emanating from propeller aircraft departing Van Nuys Airport (VNY) to the south, and,**

**Whereas, these said noise complaints to the CAC began in the month of November, 2013, and continued on a monthly basis to this date, and,**

**Therefore, it is hereby resolved that the CAC moves to adopt the following recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee and urges the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) in conjunction with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to implement these recommendations immediately:**

**Recommendations**

- 1. Update “Early Turns” language in the Airport Facility Directory (AFD)**
- 2. Per FAA recommendation: Show complete map that currently exists in Operations/VNY covering all four corners of the southerly departure including the Ad Hoc’s Working Group departure map identifying the Water Reclamation Plant**

**3. Per FAA recommendation: Share the recently approved BOAC resolution and items 1) and 2) with the FAA**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Silver.

Mr. Schultz stated the BOAC Resolution that was presented at the June 18 BOAC Meeting lacked nearly all the details and recommendations by the CAC Ad Hoc Committee. The presentation called the agenda item a reaffirmation of an existing policy. Mr. Schultz stated he was disappointed by this statement. However, Mr. Schultz thanked Commissioner Telles for stating the efforts of the CAC and Ad Hoc Committee in developing recommendations that address the Early Turn problem. He stated otherwise the BOAC would have only heard the various noise mitigation measures on unrelated issues that LAX staff detailed. Mr. Schultz also thanked the VNY staff for working on this issue. He thanked Ms. Margheritis for working with the small Working Group and her very important revision to the map used for this issue.

Mr. Price stated there has been a noticeable increase in VNY staff and FAA recognizing and addressing this issue.

Mr. Williams asked if pilots from other airports are being made aware of this issue.

Mr. Romo stated it is not definitively clear where the problem is coming from. He stated the goal is to try to educate. He and Ms. Margheritis have met with the two flight schools at Whiteman and will meet with three flight schools from Santa Monica Airport on Friday. He stated that people have been informing them they know about this policy. He stated they want to push education and awareness.

Ms. Goodfellow, Mr. Price, Mr. Bernardoni, Mr. Schultz, Ms. Margheritis, Mr. Romo, Mr. Silver, and Mr. Rankell continued to discuss this item.

The CAC unanimously voted to stop discussion and vote on the Motion.

The Motion passed with 12 in favor and 1 against.

Mr. Romo discussed and showed the update to the LAWA.org website in regards to the No Early Turn issue. The new thumbnail has been added under the VNY tag at LAWA.org. By clicking on the No Early Turn thumbnail, the public and pilots can find the RWY 16L/16R Traffic Pattern map, printable No Early Turns poster, and additional information.

Mr. Williams, Mr. Price, Mr. Romo, Mr. Sanders, and Ms. Rabe continued to discuss this item.

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

No items were discussed.

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

Mr. Price stated he appreciates the opportunity to work with the CAC.

Mr. Silver asked if LAWA could assign identifying numbers on all airport documents.

Mr. Romo said they will look at this suggestion.

Ms. Rabe stated that pilots put together the map regarding No Early Turns and that the community has been coming to the CAC for help. She stated the No Early Turns Policy is not a big request for pilots and it will help the public and pilots live together peacefully.

Ms. Goodfellow stated she likes the new flyers and posters and stated the website is wonderful.

Mr. Parker congratulated all on the progress made on the Early Turns issue.

Mr. Schultz thanked the Ad-Hoc Committee and working group.

Mr. Sanders stated the No Early Turns poster is laminated on the back of the Prop Association admission tags.

Mr. Merkin stated this has been one of the most important items the CAC has dealt with.

Mr. Lee stated the Ad-Hoc Committee did a great job.

Mr. Rankell asked when the noise complaint responses will be up-to-date. He thanked Mr. Romo and Ms. Margheritis for meeting with the various flight schools. He also asked Mr. Craig Welzbacher, member of the public, to keep the CAC posted.

Mr. Roberts thanked all for contributing to the Early Turn issue.

**9) ADJOURNMENT:**

8:46 p.m.