

**VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018**

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, David Rankell, John Parker, Ron Merkin, Mel Roberts, Wayne Williams, Gerald Silver, Kathy Delle Donne, Cindy Goodfellow, Araz Parseghian, Wendy Saunders, Laurence Rabe

Absent: Roger Oeland, Jason Price, Harold Lee

The Council vacancies as of May 1, 2018 are as follows: One appointment 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

Mr. Sanders apologized to council for his absence at last month's CAC meeting.

The minutes from the May 1, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

**1.) STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Christian Moreno addressed the council on behalf of Flora Margheritis as it relates to the VNY statistics: He reported 23,280 aircraft operations in April 2018. This shows a 25.14% increase in operations compared to April 2017. Year-to-date operations are up 20.22% as compared to 2017.

Mr. Moreno informed the council regarding the Los Angeles County Fire Department annual lease. This will be brought before the Board of Airport Commissioners to award a 1 year lease for their seasonal fire operations. The proposed 3 year lease is still in negotiations.

Mr. Moreno informed the council regarding the upcoming RFP for the former Balboa Brick lot located on Roscoe Boulevard across from the Home Depot. This would be for a 5 year ground lease potentially used for vehicle parking or storage.

Mr. Moreno congratulated Clay Lacy on behalf of LAWA on being the first fixed based operator at the Van Nuys Airport to be certified by the L.A. Green Business Program.

Mr. Moreno addressed the council as it relates to the BOAC Special Open Session meeting, which occurred May 3, 2018, in which there were two agenda items pertaining to VNY; the May 17, 2018 BOAC meeting had four items pertaining to VNY; the next BOAC meeting will take place June 14, 2018.

Ms. Sanchez thanked council for their participation at the Pancake Breakfast event. The event raised over \$2000.

Ms. Sanchez reminded the council of the Friendly Flyers Luncheon on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Invitations were sent to all council members.

Ms. Sanchez announced that there will be a blood drive on June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Van Nuys FlyAway. She invites all to participate.

Ms. Sanchez informed the council of the Fly-In at the Prop Park on September 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Sanchez stated more information will be provided as date approaches.

Sgt. Dubois addressed the council on behalf of Lt. Lau.

Sgt. Dubois notified the council that LAX dispatchers will be coming out for a ride-a-long with Van Nuys Airport Police to get familiarized with the Van Nuys Airport in order to be better informed when dispatching officers.

Sgt. Dubois updated the council with regards to an incident involving an individual setting a jacket on fire at the Airtel on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The suspect was apprehended and taken into custody.

## **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, one vacancy in CD 6, and one vacancy in CD 7.

### **Outreach & Communications – Ron Merkin, Chairperson**

Nothing to report

### **VNY Helicopter Issues – Wayne Williams, Chairperson**

Nothing to report

### **Social Media Outreach – Jason Price, Chairperson**

Absent

### **Environmental Issues – Vacant**

### **VNY Noise Issues – Gerald Silver, Chairperson**

Mr. Williams addressed the council as it relates to the document “Understanding Van Nuys Airport Southerly Departure Profiles” which discusses the Metroplex program drafted by Mr. Silver and Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams asked council for their feedback and suggestions for this document.

Ms. Goodfellow suggested going beyond documents and informed the council about a video the Long Beach Airport has on their website. This video is shot from the sky and shows pilots suggested flight paths. Ms. Goodfellow suggested this type a video may work at the Van Nuys Airport.

Mr. Rankell suggested this document be simplified for the general public.

Mr. Sanders is in favor of editing and simplifying this document

Mr. Williams stated the intent of this document was to give the public detailed information, and that the council would ultimately sit down and speak to the public.

Mr. Rankell is in favor as long as this document is open for change and modification. Mr. Rankell also stated that council should also work in conjunction with LAWA in regards to this document.

Mr. Merkin suggested simplifying this document by showing bullet points. Mr. Merkin also suggested showing way points.

Ms. Rabe is in favor of this document. She also suggested it should be simplified.

Ms. Rabe stated she would like council to come up with suggestions and possibly work with Len in the LAWA Noise Section on how to alleviate these procedures from a flying standpoint.

Mr. Sanders asked for edits from all council members who have issues with this document and from LAWA.

## **2.) PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS - Discussion**

Mr. Rodine addressed the council as it relates to the document “Understanding Van Nuys Airport Southerly Departure Profiles” drafted by Mr. Silver and Mr. Williams.

## **3.) REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

Mr. Sanders addressed the council regarding the YMCA Pancake breakfast. He was very thankful to all who participated. Mr. Sanders encouraged council to attend these types of events.

Mr. Sanders suspend all working groups except for the membership working group, until further notice. Mr. Sanders suggests the council redefine these ad hoc committees and change their focus involving all members of this council.

Mr. Sanders suggested adding an environmental committee.

Mr. Sanders stated he will entertain suggestions regarding the new ad hoc committees. He will start assigning the new ad hoc committees at the next CAC meeting on August 7.

## **4.) NEW BUSINESS**

No Items were discussed.

## **5.) OLD BUSINESS**

No Items were discussed.

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

No items were discussed.

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

Mr. Parseghian stated he is excited about the new direction for this council.

Ms. Rabe thanked Mr. Silver and Mr. Williams for the document “Understanding Van Nuys Airport Southerly Departure Profiles”. She is willing to brainstorm to come up with solutions to make this council relevant.

Mr. Williams advised council that the intent behind the document “Understanding Van Nuys Airport Southerly Departure Profiles” is an attempt to provide more information and capability to the community. He appreciates the input from this council.

Ms. Delle Donne stated change is good. Ms. Delle Donne is in favor of council’s new direction using all resources to help the community.

Ms. Saunders addressed council as it relates to the “Understanding Van Nuys Airport Southerly Departure Profiles” document. She would like to possibly see a series of these educational pieces.

Ms. Saunders stated she is in favor of the new direction for this council.

Ms. Saunders thanked Ms. Sanchez and Mr. Sanders for their participation in the Pancake Breakfast.

Ms. Goodfellow stated she believes in the mission of this council and is in favor of the new direction.

Mr. Parker suggested simplifying the document "Understanding Van Nuys Airport Southerly Departure Profiles".

Mr. Rankell addressed the council as it relates to the new direction ahead. He stated this new direction will bring in airport tenants and operators providing this council with a better, in depth understanding of what they do.

Mr. Rankell stated he is pleased with the progress this council has made this far.

Mr. Sanders informed council that staff will be bringing in more information and will be more involved beginning at the next CAC meeting.

Mr. Sanders referred to a newspaper article in the Los Angeles Times regarding a shortage of pilots. He stated if flight training is not supported, we will continue to run into these issues.

Mr. Merkin is in favor of the new direction. Mr. Merkin believes this new direction will help our fellow steak holders.

Mr. Roberts suggested the council look into the routing of complaint calls and if needed make recommendations to have complaint calls routed in a more efficient manner.

Mr. Sanders stated he looks forward to comments and suggestions from the council.

Mr. Sanders suggested if council members do not wish to participate in this new direction they should speak to their appointing office.

Mr. Sanders announced there will be no CAC meeting in July in observance of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday.

**8) ADJOURNMENT:**

8:26 p.m.