

**VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES
Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was held at the Van Nuys Airport FlyAway. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Jason Price. Members present: Vice Chair Wayne Williams, Parliamentarian Bob Rodine, Eliot Cohen, Leonel Fuentes, John Parker, Araz Parseghian, Lisa Petrus.

Absent: Sharon Bronson, Kimberly Chan, Kathy Delle Donne, Marykate Harris, Tom Materna, Eric Robinson, Ryan Sanders and Wendy Saunders.

I. Meeting minutes for the February 7

Deferred due to lack of quorum.

II. Public Comment members of the public gave public comment.

The Chair opened the meeting to public comment. The following members from the public spoke during public comment:

Michele Midelleton	Lou Castro
Norma Kemper	Ann
Suzel Bertrand	Barry Heins
Kira Mintz	David R.
Suzanne Hedges	Sammy Mendoza
Sue Steinberg	Anne Marie Radel
Linda Jackson	Yuriko Yanw
Leona Gutirez	Leah Nanni
Bob Bramen	Matt McManus
Linda Erdman	Mireille Eskigian
Evelyn	Alicia Avery
Jesse Woods	

III. Staff Reports

A. Airport Manager Paul

Airport Manager Paul Herrera welcomed attendees to the first in-person meeting since the pandemic.

Mr. Herrera reported that passenger traffic during the final weekend of 2022 was busy and that the winter storm across the country had a noticeable impact on our passenger numbers due to thousands of cancellations and delays across the nation. Numbers for last year indicate 65.9 million passengers moved through LAX. That would be an increase of about 37% compared to the 48 million passengers that LAWA served in 2021. By mid-January of this year, passenger traffic numbers remained steady at about 80 percent compared with the same time in 2019.

Mr. Herrera reported that Van Nuys Airport plays a critical role in the recovery, as do other General Aviation Airports in the region, as it supports the overall health of the National Airspace System. Van Nuys Airport is an important reliever airport that allows for the safe and efficient airspace to thrive. For January 2023, VNY conducted 20,814 aircraft operations, a represents a 14.44%

decrease in operations as compared to January 2022. Mr. Herrera added that jet operations, based on the VNY Airport Noise and Operations Monitoring System (ANOMS), in January 2023 VNY had approximately 5,708 jet operations. This number is down 5% compared to January 2022 (6,007).

Mr. Herrera congratulated Senior Administrative Clerk Carrie Nicoletti from the Van Nuys Construction & Maintenance team for her exemplary work and being recognized as a Gold Star Employee award winner for December, 2022.

Mr. Herrera reported that earlier this last month, Chief Sustainability and Revenue Management Officer Samantha Bricker appeared on Spectrum News to talk about how LAWA is encouraging airlines to adopt sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) as part of our Sustainability Action Plan to achieve net zero emissions by 2045. Ms. Bricker spoke with the station about the importance of increasing the supply of this biofuel alternative, which can be blended into our existing jet fuel and reduces aircraft emissions substantially. LAWA has one of the most ambitious sustainability programs in the nation.

Mr. Herrera reported that air travel may be busier as travelers look for spring break getaways. According to the Transportation Security Administration, the peak spring travel season is expected to be longer this year from roughly Feb. 17 through April 21.

Mr. Herrera congratulated Signature Flight Support, the world's largest private aviation terminal operator, for achieving Carbon Neutrality for 2022 across its global network of more than 200 fixed base operator locations. Signature's investment in carbon neutrality covers greenhouse gas emissions from its ground equipment, vehicles, facilities, electrical and natural gas heating and buildings and is committed to carbon neutrality moving forward.

B. Christian Moreno, Chief of Airport Operations

Mr. Moreno reported that airport operations and airport maintenance have been busy picking up debris because of recent weather, adding that the infield drainage system is working well. Mr. Moreno noted that the LAX crew will conduct in-house paving on Taxiway Bravo 1 slated for April 3 through April 14.

C. Diana Sanchez, Director of Public and Community Relations:

Ms. Sanchez welcomed members back to in-person meetings. Ms. Sanchez reported that Coffee with a Cop was held at the FlyAway on February 22 and thanked the officers and Captain Boiselle for the coordination and successful implementation of the event. She also noted that the coffee was generously donated by TK Coffee.

Ms. Sanchez congratulated Captain Boiselle on his promotion, adding that Captain Boiselle and the Community Relations team participated in Read Across America on March 1 at Stagg Elementary in Lake Balboa. The captain read to 50 students in kindergarten and second-grade classrooms.

Ms. Sanchez reported that UCLA Anderson School of Management students took a behind-the-scenes tour of Van Nuys Airport to learn about sustainable initiatives including installation of solar panels and movement toward the use of unleaded and sustainable aviation fuel. Jet Aviation Director of Fixed Base Operator Services Mike McDaniel spoke with the students about running a fixed base operation.

Ms. Sanchez acknowledged Clay Lacy Aviation for funding over \$500,000 in scholarships to support the next generation of aviation professionals pledging \$281,000 to students through new scholarships, in addition to the \$225,000 in scholarships it has granted since 2015.

Ms. Sanchez encouraged members and guests to visit the iflyvny.com website to learn more about modernization and the Vision Study.

Lastly, Ms. Sanchez thanked the IT Department for installing the TV to record the meeting, adding that the sound will be posted on the CAC section of the website.

D. Ryan Page, Environmental Management Report:

Mr. Page reported the monthly statistics January 2023 including noise comments, Jet Early Turns and the Quiet Departure/Fly Friendly Program. The briefing summarized the information contained in the environmental reports which can be viewed on VNY's website at www.iFlyVNY.com under the Noise Management Section.

IV. BOAC Agenda Items Concerning VNY

Mr. Herrera reported that since the VNY CAC Meeting, which was held on Tuesday, February 7th, there have been two BOAC meetings February 16 and March 2, 2023.

Mr. Herrera noted that at the Thursday, February 16th meeting three items under Consent for Board Action pertained to VNY. The first was an award for a five-year Non-Exclusive Concession Agreement to First Class Vending, Inc. covering vending machine services at LAX and VNY. The second was a three-year contract to Sialic Contractors Corporation dba Shawnan for supply and delivery of pavement grinding equipment and services at Los Angeles International Airport and Van Nuys Airport. The third award was for a three-year contract to Doty Brothers Equipment Company for on-call general engineering services for utility repair and installation at LAX and VNY, for cost not to exceed \$2,250,000

Mr. Herrera noted that at the Thursday, March 2, 2023 meeting held in Van Nuys, there was one item under Consent for board action pertaining to VNY, an award for a three-year contract to DownStream Services, Inc. covering sewer cleaning and inspection services.

Mr. Herrera added that the next BOAC Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16th at 10 a.m. This meeting will be held in-person but will also be broadcast live. Members of the public wishing to make a public comment at the BOAC meetings must do so in-person, call-ins are not an option.

Mr. Herrera reported on the VNY CAC communication process regarding LAWA procurements nothing that negotiations have concluded for a potential award of lease to a successful bidder for Ground Lease at the former National Helicopter site on the northwest corner of the airport for a non – fixed base operation aviation facility at 16750 Roscoe Blvd. LAWA sought proposals from qualified individuals or firms to enter into a lease for aviation land located at 16750 Roscoe Blvd. This property is approximately 108,647 square feet (2.4942 acres) of paved land with 8,000 square feet of hangar/office space. The property is near the airport's runway/taxiway system.

RFP Release Date: 7/19/2021

RFP Close Date: 10/21/2021

Mr. Herrera added that the lease will be on an upcoming BOAC meeting agenda.

Mr. Herrera reported that a set of non-aeronautical requests for proposals is now closed for an award of lease to a successful bidder for ground-mounted & roof-top solar at Van Nuys Airport.

RFP Release Date: 5/24/2022

RFP Close Date: 7/25/2022

This item will be placed on an upcoming BOAC Meeting Agenda in the coming weeks. Mr. Herrera added that the award of lease for 16231 Waterman Dr. (Boncef Helinet, LLC) for the potential redevelopment of land and existing facilities at the Van Nuys Airport continues to track through the approval process with City Council.

Mr. Herrera reiterated the CAC Communication Process Regarding LAWA Procurements that are awarded reporting that the proposer will move into the project phase where the successful bidder will be invited to make a project presentation to the VNY CAC to solicit input and feedback. In addition, the CAC and members of the community will be provided an opportunity to provide comments and input on developments as they progress through the entitlement and/or environmental process as required by the City Planning Department.

V. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair addressed the council as it relates to the ad hoc committee formation naming Wayne Williams, John Parker and MaryKate Harris as committee members.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Whiteman Update

A presentation was made by Jeanne Fenimore. No action was taken due to lack of quorum.

B. Vision Study Update

An update was given by Kathleen King. No action was taken due to lack of quorum.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION

No items were discussed.

VIII. REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUPS

A. Membership

Mr. Parseghian addressed the council as it relates to vacant positions.

B. Vision Study Ad Hoc Committee

Mr. Williams and Mr. Parker gave an update to the council as it relates to the Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

IX. ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

E. Cohen addressed the council as it relates stage 3 and stage 4 jets and the FAA.

A. Parseghian addressed the council as it relates to congress and the FAA adding that if anyone knows of candidates to serve on the CAC, please contact the Mayor's office.

B. Rodine addressed the council as it relates to VNY not being the busiest general aviation airport.

L. Petrus requested a report on scheduled flights and why they are flying out of VNY and ask the neighbors north of Ventura Blvd. to be aware that flights might move back further north.

Chairman Price thanked everyone for attending.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

9:27 p.m.