



PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Vista Representative

Vacant
Carlsbad Representative

Kevin Karpé
San Marcos Representative

MINUTES

Thursday, January 19, 2023

Chairman Chuck Collins called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2023.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chuck Collins, Cliff Kaiser, John O'Reilly, Dan Frazee, and Gordon Nesbitt, Jim Swain, Kevin Karpé were present, which represented a quorum.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Win Cramer was absent.

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Present were Olivier Brackett, John Otto, Laura Estrada, Jamie Abbott, Maru Cham, Mark Reiner, Jazmine Lagunas, Michelle Mansor, Ian Hodgson, and Joe Ryan.

PAAC MEMBER CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

Mr. Collins announced that the Chair and Vice Chair elections are an annual requirement.

Mr. Collins nominated Mr. Kaiser for Chairman; Mr. Karpe seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Frazee nominated Mr. Collins for Vice Chairman; Mr. Swain seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Sung is a Carlsbad resident, board member of HOA at Mariners Point, very close to Poinsettia Park. Mr. Sung commented that July's meeting was very interactive and learned a lot. Primary concern for him and neighbors is noise, there are two categories. Mr. Sung commented that large aircraft are not staying over Palomar Airport Road as he believes they should be. He also claims that WebTrack is not very user friendly.

Mr. Sung challenged the PAAC to look at three things this year. First with VNAP, sending more letters as "warnings" to those who don't follow it. Second, noise monitors placement review, Black Rail monitor should be moved back to Poinsettia Park. Lastly, Dashboard that Mr. Karpe spoke about from John Wayne Airport is very good system Palomar could possibly adopt.

Chairman Kaiser thanked Mr. Sung and advised that Palomar Airport Staff has a Community & Noise Relation coordinator on board, if flight track is not friendly to use, call Airport Staff directly to report.

Mr. Betro is a Carlsbad resident; he is part of Solomar HOA's. Mr. Betro commented that noise is a big issue, seven months ago he thought PAAC was going to review a more robust way of monitoring noise. He is in support of having a consumer/resident friendly way such as the Dashboard Mr. Sung mentioned.

Mr. Betro advised that they requested detailed information to clarify who can use Palomar Airport, such as military, large DIII level aircraft and others. He also encouraged the PAAC to support the local HOA's to petition for a more assertive way to enforce the VNAP.

Chairman Kaiser thanked Mr. Betro and stated that him and Mr. Collins met with Mr. Betro and others at their community several months ago, he did advise that the community is right on the departure path, and it is very difficult to make changes to that pattern. Chairman Kaiser also advised that VNAP is voluntary. PAAC is willing to engage in the discussion but there are things that we might not be able to solve. He also mentioned that FAA has established criteria that allows DIII aircraft to use Palomar Airport.

Mr. Brackett advised, he has reached out to FAA, but has not received a response and cannot force them to come, and that he is not sure if they are still dealing with FOIA.

Chairman Kaiser encouraged staff to continue to reach out to FAA.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR November 2022 MEETING

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the November meeting.

Mr. O'Reilly moved the minutes be approved; Mr. Frazer seconded. Minutes were approved with two abstentions.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

PAAC VACANCY- D. FRAZEE

Mr. Frazee advised that for this committee to be efficient all members need to be present at minimum to form a quorum at each meeting. There is a member who has not been present since November of 2021.

Mr. Collins announced that he received an email of formal resignation from the committee member.

Mr. Frazee withdraw the motion, as it was a motion item.

Chairman Kaiser summarized that Carlsbad representative Win Cramer has resigned, the Vista representative has been a vacancy for several months and PAAC is waiting for directions from the Board of Supervisors on how to move forward with the allocation of representatives.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – J. ABBOTT

Mr. Abbott spoke about high heat event in Unit 3 landfilled which is located on the East side of the airport and updated that temperatures are coming down. Mr. Abbott announced that Anne Baldwin retired at the end of last year 2022 and that we are currently working with HR to get a new person. Mr. Abbott also advised we are still actively working with the Board of Supervisors and staff for PAAC memberships.

Chairman Kaiser questioned if the new supervisor for our area understands the value of Palomar Airport and challenges in the community.

Mr. Abbott commented that he believes she does, and we will put out an invite to formally invite the supervisor out and make sure that it is understood. She has been briefed by her staff.

AMENDMENTS TO ADJUST RENT TO FOUR ATALNTIC LEASES- M. CHAM

Mrs. Cham advised that this motion is a request to recommend approval of Amendments to Four Atlantic Aviation Leases at McClellan-Palomar Airport. Mrs. Cham presented information regarding proposed rent adjustments for McClellan-Palomar Airport to adjust rents to market rates as required by the existing lease language. All affected lessees agree with the proposed rent adjustments.

Mrs. Cham read the recommended motion “Palomar Airport Advisory Committee recommends that the County Board of Supervisors approve the proposed lease amendments with Palomar Airport Center LLC for Contracts 75627R, 75628R, 75629R, and 75631R.”

Mrs. Cham received comments and answered questions from the committee members. There were no questions or comments from the public.

Mr. O'Reilly moved that the above motion be approved, Mr. Frazee seconded. The motion was approved with one abstention.

AIRPORT MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT – M. Reiner

Report for December 2022:

- Monthly Airline Passengers: 249
- Annual Airline Passengers: 2859
- Monthly Take-Offs and Landings: 11,542
- Annual Take-Offs and Landings: 145,719
- Monthly Complaints: 277
- Annual Complaints: 4,666
- Community Noise Complaints by Quadrant: Southwest:94; Southeast: 99; Northwest:56; Northeast: 28;
- Jet Flights during quiet hours (2200-0700): 71
- Propeller Flights during quiet hours (0000-0600): 6

Mr. Reiner received comments and answered questions from the committee members.

STAFF REPORT – O. Brackett

Mr. Brackett advised that there was no major event during the Holidays. Mr. Brackett commented that landfills are still working on the East side of the runway, and monitoring methane. People asked if we are extending the runway, we are not, that is a major project that has to go to Board of Supervisors for approval, landfills can't use their money for airport operations, we are not paying for landfill maintenance, those two things are separate. Any Capital Projects have to be ran by the PAAC, be a public item, and go to the Board of Supervisors, which is a public process.

Chairman Kaiser requested that every meeting there is an update regarding the Airport Master Plan. Mr. Brackett confirmed updates will be given every meeting, and that updates are also available on our website for all the airports.

Mrs. Thorley commented that she would like to address the issue with landfills and lack of transparency, as she claims they only found out through a PRA request. Mrs. Thorley advised that environmental issues like this should be reported to the community, she requested a website or method of contacting someone for this info.

Mr. Brackett advised that we would look into this as it is the responsibility of the Inactive Landfills Department.

Mr. Thorley advised that he did not see any notification regarding landfills. He claims that ALP going from a BII airport to a DIII airport means having heavier airplanes landing on landfills then originally stated when the Airport first opened.

Chairman Kaiser thanked Mr. Thorley and asked if the landfill is affected by the weight of the planes?

Mr. Brackett advised that he has never heard of a correlation between aircraft landing and landfills because the runways and taxiways are not impacted by the landfill.

Chairman Kaiser clarified that the Airport is a BII airport and that we currently have DIII aircraft using the airport, and we will continue to have DIII aircraft as is allowed by FAA.

Mr. Brackett confirmed that the Board voted for airport to stay BII and DIII discussion has not happened.

Mr. Brackett clarified to Mr. Swain that the runway and taxiways are not built on the landfill. There are some parking areas that are impacted by landfill however no movement area built on the landfill.

Mr. Thorley claims that when a heavy aircraft lands the shockwave impacts all the land under it and after years it will destroy the landfill. He also asked if the ALP is submitted directly to the City of Carlsbad.

Mr. Brackett advised that when the ALP is completed it will be available as a public document.

Chairman Kaiser requested feedback regarding any correlation between the shockwave and landfill issues.

Mr. Brackett advised he will look into this.

Chairman Kaiser advised that the Carlsbad Council, will not get the ALP for approval or disapproval as is a County and FAA issue. It will be a public document. When time comes to make any improvements or changes to the airport based on ALP they may or may not go to the council, as necessary.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Frazee thanked Mr. Collins for his work as a member since 2001, and as a chairman since 2008.

Mr. Frazee commented that City of Vista and City of Carlsbad will be advised of vacancies, it is important for those cities to have input and to receive input from their member on our board.

Mr. Brackett thanked Mr. Collins and advised that it has been a pleasure working with him and welcome Mr. Kaiser on his new position.

SET AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING – March 16, 2023

Mr. Frazee advised that the community brought up Mr. Karpé's dashboard is successfully used at other airports. It might be beneficial to this committee to get briefed on it in an upcoming meeting. Mr. Karpé would like to share about it on our March's meeting.

ADJOURN

Mr. Collins moved the meeting be adjourned; Mr. Frazee seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

By: *Yadira Aguilar*
Yadira Aguilar, Administrative Secretary I