



PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Kevin Karpé
San Marcos Representative

MINUTES

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Chairman Cliff Kaiser called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2023.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cliff Kaiser, Dan Frazee, John O'Reilly, and Gordon Nesbitt were present, Kevin Karpé joined the meeting in progress, and represented a quorum.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chuck Collins and Jim Swain

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Present were John Otto, Jamie Abbott, Carmela Gutierrez, Mark Reiner, and Yadira Aguilar.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Betro commented that he has been tracking flights above his home with a decibel reader and he observed that nine out of ten aircraft do not follow VNAP. Mr. Betro would like to see a more robust implementation of VNAP. Mr. Betro advised that when him and Mr. Greening started coming to the meetings it was only their HOA's and now there is 16 HOA's involved.

Mr. Kaiser encouraged Mr. Betro to isolate concerns related to VNAP from safety concerns in his response letter noise.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR JULY 2023 MEETING

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the July meeting.

Mr. Frazee moved the minutes to be approved; Mr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT – C. Kaiser

Cliff Kaiser presented the Draft Annual Report.

Mr. Kaiser advised the annual report is requirement by the County to report the highlights of what PAAC has done this year, including each motion item at each meeting. This is due by December 31st to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Kaiser advised he will review the changes to the report after November's meeting and sign with everyone's concurrence in the November vote.

There were no questions or comments from committee members or the public.

SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT PLAN – J. Abbott

Mr. Abbott advised that the Airport Sustainability Plan is in the public engagement process, first round of public engagement was wrapped up a few months ago. Comments and ideas have been taken to the consultant and County team. Abbott advised that they are starting to build the plan and that in a few more months public engagement meetings will start again to present the draft plan. Mr. Abbott advised that hopefully they will have a finalized plan first part of next year.

There were no questions or comments from the committee members or the public.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – J. Abbott

Mr. Abbott announced that the new DPW Director is Derek Gade, he oversees all airports operations for the County of San Diego. Mr. Abbott advised he will give quarterly or semiannual reports about Advanced Aerial Systems moving forward. Mr. Abbott advised that Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), is the name that covers most of these vehicles, eVTOL is the electric vertical takeoff and landing, the idea behind these systems is that they don't need conventional runways, and that eVTOL are electrically powered. Mr. Abbott advised that they will be looking at the County's needs to see how they can fit in the system, there are many others who are looking into it as well, such as NBAA, and FAA. Mr. Abbott commented that we will need to plan on how to move forward to accommodate future systems.

Mr. Sung requested to put more effort into the VNAP as it is a community issue, continue to look for solutions like the dashboard, encourage pilots to comply and more noise monitors.

Mr. Kaiser advised that Palomar Airport has a Voluntary Noise Abatement program in place, is voluntary and has no force of action. There are a few steps that pilots need to follow. Noise is one thing, but safety is different, safety is enforced by FAA.

Mr. O'Reilly advised that Palomar Airport is not considered noise impacted airport like other airports are.

WESTERN FLIGHT RENT ADJUSTMENT 3 LEASES– C. Gutierrez

Mrs. Gutierrez presented information regarding proposed Seventh Amendment to three Leases that will amend the rental section to reflect the below negotiated rental.

- Lease 75728R is \$3,073 per acre per month. Western Flight currently pays \$10,307 per month for this 3.41-acre Lease. Approval of the proposed amendment will raise the base monthly rent to \$10,479.

- Lease 75729R is \$2,505 per acre per month. Western Flight currently pays \$10,097 per month for this 4.12-acre Lease. Approval of the proposed amendment will raise the base monthly rent to \$10,321.

- Lease 75730R is \$3,073 per acre per month. Western Flight currently pays \$1,361 per month for this .45-acre Lease. Approval of the proposed amendment will raise the base monthly rent to \$1,383.

Mrs. Gutierrez read the recommended motion “Palomar Airport Advisory Committee recommends that the County Board of Supervisors approve the proposed lease amendment with Western Flight, Inc. for Contracts 75728R, 75729R, 75730R.”

There were no questions or comments from the committee members or the public.

Mr. Kaiser moved that the above motion be approved; Mr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

LOKER SALE – C. Gutierrez

Mrs. Gutierrez advised that motion was passed for Loker sale in April 2019, the property is 2 acres, located by 2800 block of Loker Avenue in Carlsbad, it is an industrial property. The First tentative date for the meeting to be held with the Board of Supervisors to approve the sale to move forward is October 24, 2023, and the second one will be on January 23, 2024, these dates could be rescheduled. More details to come in future meetings.

Mr. Kaiser asked why the property is being sold.

Mrs. Gutierrez advised Mr. Kaiser that the property has been labeled as, surplus, and it's not on county property and has no use for aviation needs.

Mr. Frazee questioned if it has been sold already or will be sold on auction.

Mrs. Gutierrez responded to Mr. Frazee that it will be sold by public auction.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

AIRPORT MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT- M. Reiner

Report for August 2023:

- Monthly Airline Passengers: 90
- Annual Airline Passengers: 1,542
- Monthly Take-Offs and Landings:13,201
- Annual Take-Offs and Landings: 90,671
- Monthly Complaints:246
- Annual Complaints: 1,281
- Community Noise Complaints by Quadrant: Southwest:11 ; Southeast: 4 ; Northwest: 4; Northeast: 3
- Jet Flights during quiet hours (2200-0700): 65
- Propeller Flights during quiet hours (0000-0600): 9

Mr. Betro advised that the complain process is not useful as it does not change anything, therefore the public rather not make phone calls. Mr. Betro also advised that he will get the word out for the public to make phone calls.

Mr. Noldy advised he lives north of the airport; he said neighbors come to him with concerns as they know he has aviation background. Mr. Noldy advised he is concern about safety as there is aircraft flying low around neighborhoods.

Mr. Nesbitt advised the control tower accommodates based on safety.

STAFF REPORT – J. Otto

Mr. Otto updated the committee on Carlsbad Municipal Water District he said they started the waterline project, that will be completed around mid-December. Mr. Otto advised that the Landfills heat event is over but will still be monitor. Landfills will start to import soil, as they continue to work on landfill cap. Airport will be closing some nights during October and November, they are working to grade and level the cap. Mr. Otto also advised that FAA had a pilots meeting, that there were about 60 pilots from different places, the FAA talked to pilots about flying tighter patterns, to fly friendly as much as possible and to follow VNAP.

Mr. O'Reilly questioned how FAA knows if a Pilot makes a violation.

Mr. Otto let Mr. O'Reilly know that usually by a complaint that was made by calling FSDO, and FSDO investigates.

Mr. Otto advised that Envirosuite is running into some issues with the dashboard an upgrade was needed, but they are still committed to go live on October 31, 2023.

Mr. Otto advised that October 5th, JSX will start flights to Las Vegas from Carlsbad, they will fly 5 days of the week using an ERJ135 and possibly ERJ145.

START TIME FOR FUTURE PAAC MEETINGS

Mr. Karpé advised that it will be beneficial to start the meeting an hour earlier.

The PAAC members agreed it will be beneficial.

Mr. Karpé moved motion of the start time to be changed to 6:00 PM starting next meeting in November to be approved; Mr. Frazee seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Frazee advised that at our next meeting we should talk about starting a committee for the Monthly Airport Performance Report to receive input from PAAC committee members and the community to what is important to have in the Monthly Airport Performance Report.

Mr. Kaiser agreed with Mr. Frazee as it is helpful to review the report and initiate that process in our next meeting. Mr. Kaiser advised that if we initiate the process, we will need to keep it for the next meetings as new committee members might be appointed next year in January 2024.

Mr. Kaiser advised that there will be two formally assigned members in November's meeting, that he has point out to staff members and Board of Supervisors staff that they are not formally appointed as of January of this year but have continue to serve in these meetings.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

SET AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING – November 16, 2023

Mr. Kaiser requested about a discussion on forming a subcommittee for Monthly Airport Performance Report, and the Annual Report.

ADJOURN

Mr. O'Reilly moved the meeting be adjourned; Mr. Frazee, seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

By: 
Yadira Aguilar, Administrative Secretary I

