



PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Vice Chairman Chuck Collins called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

No absent members.

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Present were John Otto, and Yadira Aguilar. Jamie Abbott joined the meeting in progress.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Betro petition for a more assertive implementation of VNAP. Mr. Betro advised that he would like to see County Operations assist with the health and safety of surrounding residents. Mr. Betro suggested that VNAP deviations from 7am-10pm get tracked. He stated that he believes the County needs to commit to a more robust, transparent, competent and community friendly implementation of the VNAP.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR MARCH 2023 MEETING

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the March meeting.

Mr. Frazee moved to approve the minutes as written; Mr. Swain seconded. Minutes were approved with one abstention.

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

AIRPORT MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT- J. Otto

Report for April 2023:

- Monthly Airline Passengers:273
- Annual Airline Passengers:1,306
- Monthly Take-Offs and Landings:11,988
- Annual Take-Offs and Landings: 44.959
- Monthly Complaints: 162
- Annual Complaints: 569
- Community Noise Complaints by Quadrant: Southwest: 77; Southeast:18; Northwest:52; Northeast:15;
- Jet Flights during quiet hours (2200-0700): 69
- Propeller Flights during quiet hours (0000-0600): 3

Mr. Betro requested airport staff to track deviation during the day and bring the results to the PAAC meetings.

Mr. Swain advised that the VNAP is 24-hour voluntary program, from 10PM-7:00AM are the night flights, during the day 7:00AM-10:00PM tower is in charge, he advised that tower instructs the pilot on their course and their priority is safety, not noise.

Mr. Sung mentioned he previously recommended three things last meeting: Enforce VNAP, adjust placement of noise monitors and dashboard. Mr. Sung congratulated John Otto on his promotion, he also recommended that the VNAP be better implemented, and that there be more transparency, and that Palomar looks into the dashboard request.

Chairman Kaiser thanked Mr. Sung for his comments and advised that during day hours planes are controlled by tower, and their mission is not the VNAP but safety.

STAFF REPORT – J. Otto

Mr. Otto update the committee on the ALP, he advised it was submitted to the FAA for review. Mr. Otto advised that Carlsbad Municipal Water District will be on the Airport starting in June or July, they will be working in two areas, on and off the Airport Operation Area (AOA). Mr. Otto updated the committee on the recruitment of Airport Assistant Manager. Mr. Otto also advised that there will be a couple of night closures to do work on the Airport and for Airport maintenance next month.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – J. Abbott

Mr. Abbott updated the committee on the recruitment and the replacement for Anne Baldwin Project Manager. He stated that someone has accepted the position and that we are working our way through the hiring process. Mr. Abbott advised, that the PAAC appointment process is on hold until further notice, he will continue updating the committee as things move forward. He also advised that the high heat event in the landfill is over, but the team continues to monitor and report. Mr. Abbott advised he has been tasked with looking into transitioning from leaded fuel to an alternative fuel and is working on the initiative from FAA which is called the Eagle Initiative.

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

FAA RESPONSE LETTER- C. Kaiser

Chairman Kaiser advised that in the FAA response letter had some answers that were left out and deferred to the County as the Airport Operator. John Otto will be working on a formal response. Safety is FAA responsibility, and most noise issues are addressed by the County.

Chairman Kaiser advised we will try to address this formally in our July meeting if the response goes thoroughly.

Chairman Kaiser advised that any recommendations should be sent to Mr. Otto so he can incorporate everyone's input.

Mr. Betro advised that the County should be open to collecting the data during the day and requested that maybe the tower can support VNAP more.

Chairman Kaiser thanked Mr. Betro and advised he will take an initiative to see how data can be collected.

'FAA REVIEW OF NOISE POLICY' – D. Frazee

Mr. Frazee presented and talked about a Civil Aviation Noise Policy review FAA is doing. FAA is looking at four different things: Community Noise Equivalent Level DNL or CNEL. How alternative noise metrics may be used to inform the public. Understanding noise impacts and ways to improve communications on proposed noise related actions. There have been two Zoom meetings already and two coming up. The public was advised that they can go to WWW.FAA.GOV to review and find out more information.

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

SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT PLAN – J. Abbott

Mr. Abbott introduced a new project called Airport Sustainability Plan, develop by the Board of Supervisors that is in line with other Counties. The Airport Sustainability Plan identifies ways the County can make Airports as sustainable as possible for the future. Roger Griffiths' is leading the project. Project's website is:

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/airports/airportsmain/sustainability.html>.

County has contracted an established consultant, ARUP, which has started the process of gathering information. Staff will provide updates as it proceeds.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Chairman Kaiser advised that noise data is filtered not to discount complaints but instead to track trends more efficiently. He also mentioned that pilots are highly encouraged to follow VNAP in different ways, but he agreed that County Staff and PAAC Members could periodically continue to reach out to flight schools and clubs and request for them to follow those procedures.

Mr. Swain mentioned there was a VNAP subcommittee before with public members, and that it will be good to review it again.

DASHBOARD PRESENTATION – K. Karpé

Mr. Karpé provided a presentation that shared the City of Newport Beach's dashboard which displays John Wayne Airport Flight data. Mr. Karpé went over recommendations and suggestions on how it can benefit the community.

Mr. Karpé advised that the dashboard can be modified depending on the needs of Palomar Airport and what the community wants to see.

Mr. Betro advised that the dashboard seems to be a good idea to start tracking aircraft information.

SET AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING – July 20, 2023

Mr. Kaiser requested information on VNAP subcommittee to be added to the next agenda as well as dashboard discussion.

ADJOURN

Mr. Collins moved the meeting be adjourned; Mr. Swain seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

By: 
Yadira Aguilar, Administrative Secretary I