



PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Oceanside Representative

Armen Kurdian
Vista Representative

Gary Greening
Carlsbad Representative

Kevin Karpé
San Marcos Representative

MINUTES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Chairperson Kaiser called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2024.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shirley Anderson, Gordon Nesbitt, Garry Greening, Clayton Lackey, Howard Krausz, Larry Cohen, Armen Kurdian, and Kevin Karpé were present, which represented a quorum.

MEMBERS ABSENT

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Present were Murali Pasumarthi, John Otto, Jamie Abbott, Mark Reiner, Yadira Aguilar, Jazmine Lagunas and Tom Bosworth.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Gonsalves member of the Palomar Airport Association (PAA), reported that the third annual youth aviation event on Saturday September 14th, 2024, was a success. Mr. Gonsalves advised that City of Carlsbad Mayor Keith Blackburn declared September 14th as National Youth Aviation Day. Mr. Gonsalves requested support for further youth aviation dates. Mr. Gonsalves provided details of how the event went and how it helps the community.

Mr. Betro, a Carlsbad resident, requested information on the Airports operating budget at another PAAC meeting, he wants to follow up and get information on the revenue and expenses at the Airport. Mr. Betro also requested to see a report of non-BII category aircraft operating at Palomar Airport.

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Members of the Community expressed their concerns by submitting speaker slips with comments, some of the public concerns are the flight path, safety, noise, plans to expand the airport and the VNAP.

Chairperson Kaiser received comments and answered questions from committee members and from the public.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR JULY 2024 MEETING

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the July meeting.

Mrs. Anderson requested a Point of Order to the PAAC committee for meeting minutes to be completed within 24 to 48 hours as she claims Robert's Rules advise.

Mr. Pasumathi advised that the PAAC Rules of Procedure do not mention a specific time frame, but we can look at the recommendation.

Mr. Kurdian requested for changes to be made on page two item: Vice Chair Election, to change Mr. Armen to Mr. Kurdian.

Mr. Karpé moved the minutes be approved as amended; Mrs. Anderson seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

AMERICAN AIRLINES LEASE AGREEMENT – J. ABBOTT

Mr. Abbott presented American Airlines lease agreement. San Diego County Airports proposes a two-year lease, from February 13, 2025- February 12, 2027. American Airlines will be providing two flights per day to Phoenix, Arizona using an Embraer 175. First departure at 6:15am. Premises: office space, two ticket counter spaces and Kiosk, parking facilities and aircraft ramp space. San Diego County Airports is responsible for the infrastructure of County airports. Palomar must function as a commercial service airport; Palomar must be compliant with FAA Part 139 standards. Certification of aircraft and air traffic operations are handled by the FAA.

Rents and Fees consideration: The County will be proposing rent/fee reductions as a gesture of support for new airline service. The rents and fees associated with an airline lease are the following: Office and Ticket Counter, Aircraft Turn Fees, Landing Fees, Aircraft Overnight Parking (RON), Employee Car Parking, Passenger Facility Charges, and Passenger Parking Fees.

Mr. Abbott advised that as a result of the new airlines service, American will offer connectivity to Phoenix, which will help create new jobs, and they are committed to sustainability efforts.

The Board will consider the following actions: Board Policy F-44 and CEQA.

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Mr. Abbott read the Recommended motion “Approve the County entering into a lease with American Airlines and authorize the Director of Airports to execute, upon receipt, three copies of the lease”.

Mr. Abbott received comments and concerns from the PAAC members.

Mr. Abbott received comments and concerns from the public.

Members of the public raised their concerns regarding air quality, noise, the flight path, VNAP, and flight times. Other members of the public express their support of the airline and the importance of having an airline service nearby.

Mr. Kurdian moved the recommended motion “Approve the County entering into a lease with American Airlines and authorize the Director of Airports to execute, upon receipt, three copies of the lease”, with a recommendation to not waive the fee’s for the first-year lease. Chairperson Kaiser advised that motion fails due to lack of a second.

Chairperson Kaiser moved to approve the motion “Approve the County entering into a lease with American Airlines and authorize the Director of Airports to execute”. Chairperson Kaiser advised that motion fails due to lack of a second.

Mrs. Anderson suggested tableting this item motion to the next PAAC meeting in November.

Chairperson Kaiser asked Mr. Abbott if there would be an impact if they were to table this motion until next PAAC meeting.

Mr. Abbott advised that by tableting this motion until November, there would not be enough time to prepare the board letter and the PAAC recommendation, therefore they would like the recommendation by today and not tableting it until November.

Mrs. Anderson made a motion to table this item until the next PAAC meeting in November. Chairperson Kaiser advised that motion failed due to lack of second.

Mr. Lackey moved to approve the recommended motion “Approve the County entering into a lease with American Airlines and authorize the Director of Airports to execute”, with a stipulation of not waiving the fee for the first-year lease. Mr. Kurdian seconded. 5 committee members voted in favor: Chairperson Kaiser, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Kurdian and Mr. Karpé, 4 committee members opposed: Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Krausz, Mr. Cohen and Mr. Greening. Motion passed.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT – J. ABBOTT

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Mr. Abbott announced new airport staff, Senior Real Property Agent, Maria Marmolejo, Assistant Engineer and Project Coordinator announcement coming soon.

Mr. Abbott updated about the Sustainability Management Plan, approval was given to post on Engage San Diego website, they are finalizing the formatting, and it will go public imminently.

Mr. Abbott received comments and answered questions from committee members and the public.

FAA ROUND TABLE – J. ABBOTT

Mr. Abbott advised that the County has been working with FAA on dates and will share updates when we have them. Advertisement will be via emails to those invited.

Mr. Abbott received comments and answered questions from committee members and from the public.

STAFF REPORT – J. OTTO

Mr. Otto advised that phase two of the Landfills methane gas system replacement project will start Oct 28, 2024 - Nov 4, 2024, they are asking for 10-night closures from 10pm-6am. Mr. Otto advised that Landfills will be doing slope repairs in the upcoming weeks right across from the airport by Lowes development entrance from Palomar Airport Road, they will be removing vegetation and tracking that area.

No comments for questions from the committee or the public.

UPDATE ON NEW NOISE MONITORS – J. OTTO

Mr. Otto gave an update on the new noise monitors, the airport received input from the community regarding 31 potential locations. Envirosuite performed a Noise Monitoring Terminal Site Survey Report. One site has been chosen for the placement of NMT #1. Placement of NMT#2 has not been decided.

Mr. Otto received comments and answered questions from committee members and from the public.

UPDATE ON DASHBOARD– J. OTTO

Mr. Otto presented information on the Dashboard; Mr. Otto advised that in the next weeks they will be finishing updating the numbers. Mr. Otto went over on how the dashboard will work, the different tabs (Home, Operation, Noise, Complaint and Performance) and the information it will

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contain.

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AIRPORT MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT- M. REINER

Report for August 2024:

- Monthly Airline Passengers: 1,101
- Annual Airline Passengers: 9,464
- Monthly Take-Offs and Landings: 16,819
- Annual Take-Offs and Landings: 119,002
- Monthly Complaints: 345
- Annual Complaints: 1,844
- Community Noise Complaints by Quadrant: Southwest:17; Southeast:8; Northwest:7; Northeast:3;
- Jet Flights during quiet hours (2200-0700): 72
- Propeller Flights during quiet hours (0000-0600): 22

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

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

No more public communications.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Lackey advised that the FBO's don't control the aircraft, but that they will be happy to talk to pilots regarding flight path.

Mr. Kurdian advised that there are many questions he would like to have answers for in the future, including a list of things that the committee can have control over.

Mr. Nesbitt commented that meetings are too long, and that this meeting room is too small. Mr. Nesbitt advised that Monthly Performance Reports have no value as there has not been a change as a result of those numbers.

Mrs. Anderson advised that there should be community outreach and more community involvement to listen to what they have to say and to add their suggestions to the dashboard.

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Mr. Krausz advised that lives of some people who live by the airport are affected, it would be better if pilots follow the flight path. Mr. Krausz questioned if discussion should have been made after motion item was seconded.

Chairperson Kaiser responded there should have been a discussion after motion item was seconded. Chairperson Kaiser advised that we are trying to get simple things done, like recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Cohen advised that Robert's Rules don't apply 100% as PAAC committee members are not elected officials, they are used as a guidance.

Mr. Karpé suggested that the County should reach out to the flight schools in person and talk to the FBO's regarding deviations and VNAP. Mr. Karpé advised that FAA needs to be engage and the tower needs to be present in the Round Table meeting.

SET AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING – November 21, 2024

There were no items requested for the upcoming meeting in November.

ADJOURN

Mr. Cohen moved the meeting be adjourned; Mr. Kurdian seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 PM.

By: _____
Yadira Aguilar, Administrative Secretary I