

**VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018**

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by David Rankell. Members present: David Rankell, Jason Price, Ron Merkin, Elliot Sanders, Mel Roberts, Wayne Williams, Kathy Delle Donne, Cindy Goodfellow, Araz Parseghian, Gerald Silver, Wendy Saunders, Roger Oeland, Harold Lee, John Parker

Absent: Laurence Rabe

The minutes from the September 4, 2018 meeting were approved with one correction reference to Item 6.A New Business. Mr. Silver requested the names of the 3 members who abstained from the vote for Mr. Rankell as Chair of the CAC be listed.

**1.) STAFF REPORTS:**

**A. Flora Margheritis, Airport Manager:**

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the VNY statistics: She reported 24,226 aircraft operations in August 2018 which represents a 17.01% increase in operations compared to August 2017. The Year-to-date operations are up 17.80% as compared to 2017.

Ms. Margheritis updated the council on the new LAWA Deputy Executive Directors. Mr. Bernardo Gogna, Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP), and Ms. Michelle Schwartz, Chief of External Affairs.

Ms. Margheritis thanked Mr. Sanders, Mr. Rankell, Ms. Goodfellow, Ms. Rabe, Ms. Delle Donne and Ms. Saunders for their attendance at the Prop Park Event. Ms. Margheritis stated this will be an annual event.

Ms. Margheritis provided the council with highlights from the 2019 Year-In-Preview report. (attached)

**B. Christian Moreno, Chief of Operations:**

Mr. Moreno addressed the council as it relates to the Taxiway Bravo Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Moreno stated LAWA has awarded a 3 year contract to Griffith Company for construction of Taxiway Bravo. Mr. Moreno announced the pre-construction meeting is scheduled for next week with mobilization scheduled for the October 23, 2018. The work is expected to begin on January 7, 2018.

Mr. Moreno announced to the council the VNY perimeter lighting project is in progress to enhance airport safety and security.

Mr. Moreno updated the council regarding the Jet Aviation construction project. Mr. Moreno stated this project is pending the Jet Aviation 100 % construction design to move forward.

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

Ms. Sanchez thanked all council members who attended the Fly-In Event.

Ms. Sanchez addressed the request of council members to change the annual appreciation dinner from alternating to LAX every other year, to having it local each year. Ms. Sanchez requested a show of hands of all who are in favor.

The council members voted unanimously to have the CAC appreciation dinner in the Van Nuys Area.

Ms. Sanchez thanked Mr. Price for his support and participation in the Valley Presbyterian Hospital Golf Tournament which helped raise funds for their emergency renovation project.

D. Len Krugler, Environmental Specialist

Mr. Krugler provided the council with a briefing on the Jet Early Turn and Quiet Departure programs for September 2018. The briefing summarized the information contained in the monthly environmental handouts (attached).

E. Lt. Dennis Lau, Officer-in-Charge, Airport Police

Lt. Lau reported there have been no significant security issues since the last CAC meeting on September 4th.

Lt. Lau addressed the council as it relates to an item from the 2018 year in preview. Lt. Lau stated there will be changes to the signage at the access gates.

Lt. Lau announced the promotion of Sgt. Darren Gilbert to Lieutenant effective at the end of October 2018.

Lt. Lau addressed the council as it relates to the ongoing homeless/mobile home issues at the east end of Valjean St.

Lt. Lau thanked the Prop Park for taking security seriously during the Fly-In event.

Mr. Silver announced Representative John Brodtke from Congressman Brad Sherman's Office was in attendance.

Mr. Silver questioned the new noise system "Plane Noise" established in 2016. Mr. Silver asked if this new system is different than "WebTrack".

Ms. Pantoja explained to the council the difference between Plane Noise and WebTrack.

Mr. Williams asked if detailed information could be viewed by the public on Plane Noise.

Ms. Pantoja explained some detailed information can be viewed on the monthly noise reports distributed with CAC meeting minutes as well as displayed at every CAC meeting. Ms. Pantoja stated the VNY Noise section is looking into adding more detailed information to the Plane Noise website.

## **2.) BOAC Agenda Items Concerning VNY-Discussion/Action**

- A. Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the BOAC meeting, which occurred September 6, 2018 in which there were seven agenda items pertaining to VNY; the September 20, 2018 BOAC meeting had one agenda item pertaining to VNY; the BOAC meeting on October 4, 2018 was cancelled; the next BOAC meeting will take place on, October 18, 2018.

Ms. Margheritis addressed Mr. Silver's question from the last CAC meeting on

September 4, 2018. Mr. Silver asked if free parking was provided for BOAC meeting attendees.

Ms. Margheritis notified Mr. Silver and the council that parking is validated for BOAC meeting attendees.

### **3.) REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

#### **A. Committee Assignments**

Mr. Rankell stated the council is moving forward with placing all council members on a committee. Mr. Rankell notified the council the committee assignments will be announced at the next CAC meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **B. LAWA/CAC Guided Technical Tour of VNY-Discussion/Action**

Mr. Rankell announced the Guided Technical Tour will take place on Monday, November 5, 2018 at 3pm for a duration of approximately 2 hours. Ms. Sanchez will notify the interested council members of the meeting details for the tour.

Mr. Rankell requested a count of who will be attending the tour.

Mr. Rankell stated the goal of this tour is to allow all council members to see what goes on behind the scenes at the Van Nuys Airport.

Mr. Moreno addressed the council as it relates to details on what the tour will cover. Mr. Moreno stated there will be various stops which will begin with VNY Maintenance.

Mr. Rankell notified the council there will be no CAC business discussed at this event. No items heard and no votes taken.

### **4.) REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUPS**

#### **A. Membership – John Parker, Chairperson**

Mr. Parker introduced the new CAC member, Mr. Leonel Fuentes appointed by Bob Blumenfield's office.

Mr. Parker announced the Council vacancies as of September 4, 2018 and are as follows: One appointment from Councilmember Monica Rodriguez Council District 7.

#### **B. VNY Southerly Departures Ad Hoc Committee – Jason Price, Chairperson**

Mr. Rankell announced the three members of this committee: Mr. Price, Mr. Parseghian, and Ms. Kathy Delle Donne.

Mr. Price updated the council regarding the first VNY Southerly Departures Ad Hoc Committee meeting with VNY staff. Mr. Price stated the committee will have their report and presentation ready to present at the November 6<sup>th</sup> CAC meeting.

Mr. Silver asked for the name of this Ad Hoc Committee and who is on the committee and do they live in the area in question.

Mr. Price stated that he, Ms. Delle Donne and Mr. Parseghian are on the Southerly Departures Committee. Mr. Price stated he does not know where Mr. Parseghian and Ms. Delle Donne live; however, this committee is looking into the Southerly Departure issues objectively.

Mr. Silver recommended these meetings are kept as open as possible.

Mr. Silver stated an Ad Hoc Committee does not have to comply with the Brown Act.

Mr. Price said he was disappointed that Mr. Silver declined the offer to sit on the committee.

## **5.) PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS – Discussion**

Ms. Cathy Kay a resident of Stone Canyon addressed the council as it relates to the southerly departures.

Mr. Peter Basinski a resident from Sherman Oaks addressed the council as it relates to the noise due to the southerly departures. Mr. Basinski provided the CAC Secretary with a copy of the September 9<sup>th</sup> Air Noise printout. (Attached)

Ms. Linda Clark a resident from Sherman Oaks addressed the council as it relates to the increase in jet noise over Sherman Oaks and Encino Hills.

Ms. Susan Ashley addressed the council as it relates to the jet noise in Sherman Oaks.

Ms. Kimberly Turner from Studio City for Quiet Skies addressed the council as it relates to the continued jet noise over the Santa Monica Mountains. Ms. Turner also commented on the "FAA Re-Authorization Act of 2018". (Attached)

Ms. Gloria Oster a resident of Sherman Oaks addressed the council as it relates to the noise increase in her area over the last month.

Ms. Christine Kim a resident of Sherman Oaks addressed the council as it relates to the effects of the low flying jets effects on nature.

Ms. Gina Silverstein, a resident representing residents in the Sherman Oaks Hills area, addressed the council as it relates to the jet noise issues.

Mr. Ratzel Bander a resident addressed the council as it relates to the jet noise caused by the southerly departure issues.

Ms. Nikki Ezhari Councilmember Ryu's District Director representing the Sherman Oaks area was present to take note of the public comments.

Mr. Mend addressed the council as it relates to the noise issues.

## **6.) NEW BUSINESS – Discussion/Action**

### **A. Noise Symposium – March 3-5, 2019, Jacksonville FL**

Mr. Rankell asked for volunteers to attend the Noise Symposium.

Mr. Parker and Mr. Fuentes volunteered to attend the Noise Symposium.

Mr. Rankell tentatively nominated Mr. Parker to attend the Noise Symposium.

### **B. Summer at VNY Airport - Presentation**

Ms. Sanchez addressed the public and assured them that even though the council cannot comment they are listening. Ms. Sanchez stated the Ad Hoc Committee was created to study the issue, pin point the cause and report to the council.

Ms. Sanchez conducted a presentation "Summer at Van Nuys Airport". (attached)

Mr. Rankell thanked Ms. Sanchez for the presentation.

Mr. Rankell thanked the LAWA staff for their participation in the Fly-In event.

Mr. Rankell thanked Mr. Argubright for attending the CAC meeting and Fly-In event.

## **7.) OLD BUSINESS**

No items were discussed

## **8.) EMERGENCY ITEMS SINCE POSTING OF AGENDA – Discussion/Action**

No items were discussed.

## **9.) ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Parseghian updated the council regarding the Southerly Departures Ad Committee progress. Mr. Parseghian stated the committee is making progress in gathering information to report to the council.

Mr. Oeland suggested the council invite engineers he has been working with to address helicopter noise.

Mr. Rankell referred Mr. Oeland to work with Mr. William since he is in charge of helicopter noise issues.

Mr. Silver addressed the council as it relates to the new Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Silver stated the Council must act now.

Mr. Silver read a portion of a proposed unofficial motion he would like to present. (attached)

Mr. Rankell welcomed Mr. Fuentes to the council.

Mr. Williams hopes the non-adversarial environment continues on this council.

Mr. Williams addressed the council as it relates to Mr. Oeland's suggestion to invite engineers to attend a CAC meeting. Mr. Williams stated he looks forward to working with Mr. Oeland regarding this issue and scheduling the engineers to attend a CAC meeting.

Mr. Williams looks forward to presenting his motion next month and to have an item for discussion and action on the agenda.

Ms. Delle Donne appreciates the scope and plans of the Ad Hoc committee.

Ms. Saunders welcomed Mr. Fuentes.

Ms. Saunders thanked VNY for the Fly-In.

Ms. Saunders thanked the Ad Hoc committee members. Ms. Saunders stated she appreciates this committee's efforts with the noise issues. Ms. Saunders stated the council should continue to treat this serious issue with respect and care.

Ms. Saunders addressed the council as it relates to lawsuits against the FAA in other cities regarding the same noise issues. Ms. Saunders stated it is important to do further research and if needed it is important that the council make recommendations on behalf of community members.

Ms. Saunders thanked Ms. Sanchez for explaining to the public speakers that even though the council and staff cannot comment they do care about their issues.

Mr. Rankell stated although this council is advisory only he wants the public to understand that they are being heard.

Mr. Rankell stated the Ad Hoc Committee is tasked with researching and determining what is going on with the southerly departures issue in order to create a proper motion.

Ms. Goodfellow welcomed Mr. Fuentes.

Ms. Goodfellow commented on the Fly-In success and looks forward to the next year.

Ms. Goodfellow stated she is looking forward to the Ad Hoc Committee report.

Mr. Parker welcomed Mr. Fuentes and stated he will be a good addition to this council.

Mr. Price addressed the council specifically Mr. Williams and Mr. Silver regarding meeting with any councilmember who would like to discuss and provide input regarding Southerly Departures issue.

Mr. Merkin commended staff on the Fly-In event.

Mr. Merkin recommended that the council members notify the Chair of the attendance of any guest before the start of the CAC meeting.

Mr. Rankell requested staff update the councilmembers biographies.

Mr. Merkin recommended the procedures for the public to submit correspondence should be noted on page 2 of the meeting minutes.

Mr. Sanders welcomed Mr. Fuentes.

Mr. Sanders commended Mr. Rankell and Mr. Price on their first meeting as Chair and Co-Chair.

Mr. Roberts commended staff on the Fly-In event.

Mr. Roberts addressed the council and staff regarding the adequacy of the current noise instrumentation.

Mr. Rankell addressed the council as it relates to process for submitting communication and comments to the CAC. All communication and comments from councilmembers and the general public are to be directed through the VNY CAC Secretary at [VNYCAC@LAWA.ORG](mailto:VNYCAC@LAWA.ORG).

Mr. Rankell stated in order to allow time for all public comments and to keep the flow of the council meeting they must be kept at 3 minutes.

Mr. Rankell stated he agrees with Mr. Roberts regarding looking into the adequacy of the current noise instrumentation.

Mr. Roberts suggested inviting the public to stay after the public comment period of the council meeting to learn more.

**10) ADJOURNMENT:**

9:04 p.m.