

**VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, September 2, 2014**  
**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Elliot Sanders. Members present: Elliot Sanders, Don Schultz, Ron Merkin, John Parker, Gerry Silver, David Rankell, Laurence Rabe, Harold Lee, Wayne Williams, David Bernardoni, Kathy Delle Donne, Cindy Goodfellow, Wendy Saunders, Roger Ortiz, Vahid Khorsand

Members Absent: Roger Oeland

The Council vacancies as of September 2, 2014 are as follows: Two appointments from the Mayor's Office.

The minutes from the August 5, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

**1.) STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Romo stated a crane is positioned just north of the Syncro hangar at MP Aero. The relocation of the T and Box hangars will start tomorrow.

**A. Year in Preview Report – Discussion/Action**

Mr. Romo stated the Year in Preview Report will be finalized and emailed out this week to the CAC.

**2.) REPORT FROM CHAIR**

Mr. Sanders stated the next Noise Symposium will be held in Palm Springs from March 1-4, 2015. He asked for any volunteers who want to attend to notify him. One person from the CAC will be chosen to attend this Symposium and he/she will be reimbursed for all expenses.

Mr. Sanders stated the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Convention will be held in 2015. He stated this could be an opportunity for LAWA to respond to an RFP for joint tenant/LAWA collaboration to hold the event at VNY. He stated this will bring a lot of benefits to the tenants.

Mr. Romo stated there is a timing issue with the response due date. He stated he needs to see a budget.

Mr. Sanders stated they have someone who will write the RFP and LAWA may not be impacted by a budget.

**A. Working Group Reports – Discussion/Action**

This item was deferred to the October meeting.

**3.) BOAC AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING VNY**

Mr. Romo discussed the BOAC items pertaining to VNY from the August 21 and September 4, 2014 Board Meetings. All the items are listed below:

August 21, 2014 BOAC items:

1. Letter of Agreement with the County of Los Angeles: For Residential Sound Insulation Grant Implementation Plan 12, and release of \$15.42 million for implementation of an eligible noise mitigation project (Cynthia Guidry, 424 -646 -7690)

3. First Amendment to Contract DA -4871 with Meyers, Nave, Riback, Silver & Wilson: To increase the contract authority to \$1,500,000, for legal services to assist Los Angeles World Airports and City Attorney's Office with public contracting, construction litigation issues and other related legal services (Raymond Ilgunas, 424 -646 -5010)
4. Request for Proposals for On -Call Professional Engineering Services: For various capital improvement projects of Los Angeles World Airports (Roger Johnson, 424 -646 -7557)
7. Monthly Occupancy Permit Rates: For two (2) facilities located at 16644 Roscoe Boulevard and 16431 Vanowen Street within Van Nuys Airport, for estimated annual revenue of \$1,059,779 and \$155,532, respectively (Debbie Bowers, 424 -646 -7142)
8. Award of a three (3) -year Contract to Stewart Title of California, Inc.: For on -call title services for Los Angeles World Airports, for cost not to exceed \$75,000 (Debbie Bowers, 424 -646 -7142)
10. Second Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement DA -4704 with Los Angeles City General Services Department, Construction Forces Division: To increase the contract authority to \$32,000,000 for construction services and materials for Los Angeles World Airports; and appropriation of \$8,500,000 for said services (Roger Johnson, 424 -646 -7557)
13. Negative Declaration for the Clay Lacy Aviation Hangar Project, and Definitive Improvement Plan: Located at 7435 Valjean Avenue within Van Nuys Airport (Debbie Bowers, 424 -646 -7142)
14. Join Arizona State Contract ADSP012- 024658 with World Wide Technology, Inc.: For three (3) years or until expiration of said State contract, whichever occurs first, to equip Los Angeles World Airports' data center with a converged solution for data storage and computing, for cost not to exceed \$17,000,000 (Dominic Nessi, 424 -646- 5001 /Samson Mengistu, 424 -646 -6251)

September 4, 2014 BOAC items:

1. RESOLUTION NO. – **Update to Los Angeles World Airports Signature Authority:** To add Deputy Executive Directors Michael J. Doucette, Patrick M. Gannon and Cynthia Guidry to reflect current executive staff authorized to sign official documents and communications of Los Angeles World Airports
4. RESOLUTION NO. – **Award of a five (5)-year Contract to Best Contracting Services, Inc.:** For roof repair and replacement services for Los Angeles World Airports, for overall cost not to exceed \$8,625,000
5. RESOLUTION NO. – **First Amendment to Contract DA-4714 with Home Depot USA, Inc.:** To extend the term to five (5) years and increase the total contract authority to \$2,500,000 for construction and maintenance supplies for Los Angeles World Airports
8. RESOLUTION NO. – **Five (5)-year Memorandum of Agreement with the US Customs and Border Protection:** For User Fee Airport designation of Van Nuys Airport

All the items were approved.

**4.) PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS - Discussion**

Mr. Craig Woltzbacher, member of the public, made a presentation regarding the Early Turn Noise Issues. Please see attached link for the slides and videos he shared with the CAC. (Attachment)

Ms. Cherie Aragon, member of the public, lives at 6455 Gaviota Avenue in Lake Balboa. She stated she has lived at this address for 16 years and the noise from airplanes has never been as disruptive as it has in the past few years.

Mr. Gary Aragon, member of the public, lives at 6455 Gaviota Avenue in Lake Balboa. He stated the noise issue began over the last couple of years. He stated it has affected property values.

Ms. Alissa Ceraulo, member of the public, read a statement on behalf of Sandy Calahut who lives at 6421 Gaviota Avenue in Lake Balboa. She has been living at this address for 44 years and the planes have gotten very noisy and she is scared they may land on her home and she won't be able to get out.

Mr. Rich Ceraulo, member of the public, lives at 6464 Gaviota Avenue in Lake Balboa. His concern in addition to the noise is safety. He stated there are two 6-7 foot pine trees and he has noticed student planes flying over or near these trees. He asked that these planes be sent to fly back over the Basin.

Ms. Roxanne Hartstein, member of the public, lives on Kittridge between Gaviota and Gloria Street. She stated the noise from the low flying single engine planes is disruptive to her. She stated there is a discrepancy between her observations and the FAA's radar location on the planes.

Mr. Sanders read a statement from Mary Jean Trump who lives at 6441 Montgomery in Van Nuys. (Attached)

Mr. Mel Roberts, member of the public, made a statement. (Attached)

## **5.) NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Early Turn Noise Issues presentation by FAA – Discussion/Action**

Mr. Sanders stated that Mr. Bill Washington of the FAA District Manager from the Southern California District will be speaking tonight on the Early Turn issue. He stated also present for this meeting are Ms. Lynda Levitan from Councilmember Nury Martinez' Office and Brian Gavidia and Kenny La Palle from Congressman Tony Cardenas' Office.

Mr. Washington stated the airport sign that Mr. Weltzbacher referred to during his presentation is a voluntary sign for pilots to fly friendly. He has had his staff run random flight tracks for the last 24 months for two random days a month. He stated they are always looking at operations from runway 16R. He stated he found consistency that things have been moved as the public has stated but that this is from random data. He stated he now knows where to go with it since this problem has been for the last 12-18 months. He has met with the FAA Tower Manager at VNY to bring this up as an awareness issue and to watch what is going on.

The following people spoke on this item:

Don Schultz, Wayne Williams, David Rankell, Gerald Silver, Laurence Rabe, Vahid Khorsand, David Bernardoni, Scott Tatro (LAWA), John Parker, Elliot Sanders, Kathy Delle Donne, Craig Woltzbacher (member of the public), and Ron Merkin.

After discussion, Mr. Bill Washington stated there will be an update on this issue in November by working with Mr. Scott Tatro and Mr. Len Krugler to identify the flight training companies and reaching out to them.

**B. Election of Officers – Discussion/Action**

Mr. Silver nominated Mr. Elliot Sanders for Chair of the CAC.

Mr. Williams nominated Mr. Schultz for Co-Chair of the CAC.

All members voted unanimously for Mr. Sanders and Mr. Schultz as Chair and Co-Chair of the CAC for 2014/2015.

**6.) OLD BUSINESS**

No items were discussed.

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

No items were discussed.

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

Mr. Merkin recognized Co-Chair Mr. Schultz for all his efforts.

Mr. Rankell stated he likes Mr. Mel Roberts comments and would like to have regular briefings from the Airport Manager, Airport Operations, and the Noise Management Office on what is going on. He stated he is very proud of the CAC at this time and it is very different from the past CAC.

Mr. Silver stated they should include a voluntary email address on the CAC sign-in sheet so they can contact people who have attended a meeting.

Mr. Merkin asked Mr. Silver to discuss this with him as there is a reason why this should not happen.

Ms. Rabe thanked Mr. Rankell for getting the FAA to the CAC Meeting and she believes this problem can be fixed.

Mr. Williams thanked the CAC for their service.

Mr. Saunders stated could there be a correlation between the Runway 16R rehab and the noise issues discussed tonight.

Mr. Parker asked why Councilmember Blumenfeld from CD3 was not included on the Motion letter regarding the removal of the seven noise monitors.

Mr. Rankell stated Councilmember Blumenfeld's is so way out and does not have a noise monitor. However, he stated he can forward a copy of the letter to Councilmember Blumenfeld's Office.

**9) ADJOURNMENT:**

9:22 p.m.