

VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 3, 2015
MINUTES

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Elliot Sanders. Members present: Elliot Sanders, Don Schultz, Ron Merkin, David Rankell, Kathy Delle Donne, Wayne Williams, David Bernardoni, Laurence Rabe, Mel Roberts, Harold Lee, Roger Oeland

Members Absent: Cindy Goodfellow, Wendy Saunders, Vahid Khorsand, John Parker, Gerald Silver

The Council vacancies as of March 3, 2015 are as follows: One appointment from the Mayor's Office and one appointment from Councilmember Felipe Fuentes' Office.

The minutes from the February 3, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

1.) STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Romo stated the Customs Border Protection (CBP) facility is complete. He stated with the short term sequestration funding issues that have been going on the past couple of weeks CBP advised both Signature Aviation and LAWA that there would not be too much activity at this time. Therefore, the Open House for the new CBP Facility at VNY will be pushed to early May or possibly April.

Mr. Romo stated the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the old Basenet site is on the street. The due date for submissions for the RFP is May 4, 2015. The question and answer period is closed and answers will be posted to LABAVN.

2.) REPORT FROM CHAIR

Mr. Sanders introduced the newest CAC member, Mr. Mel Roberts.

Mr. Roberts stated he went to Los Angeles High School and had a business consulting for spacecraft, he was senior management at JPL, and he has been inactive at the BAR since February. He has lived in the community all his life and in his Encino home for 40 years. He stated he is interested in trying to contribute in effective solutions for the community.

Mr. Sanders asked if the CAC members have been invited to Aviation Career Day on March 20th.

Mr. Romo stated as far as he knows they have been invited and if they haven't the invitations will go out.

Ms. Sanchez stated they will send the CAC members invitations for the event.

Mr. Sanders stated this event is closed to the public and attended by high school aged students.

Mr. Sanders stated Mr. Roger Ortiz withdrew from the CAC due to work responsibilities.

Mr. Sanders stated he has created a new Ad-Hoc Committee for Early Turn Issues. He stated Mr. Schultz will head this committee and gather information.

Mr. Schultz stated the CAC has listened to Lake Balboa residents regarding early turns over their neighborhoods for the last 15 months. He stated this Ad-Hoc Committee will address this issue that did not exist in the past. He asked the following people to join this Committee, Mr. Rankell to be his

Vice Chair, Mr. Bernardoni, CAC member and Lake Balboa resident, Ms. Rabe, CAC member and pilot, Mr. Craig Weltzbacher, member of the public and Lake Balboa resident, Mr. Jason Price, member of the public and he runs a flight school, Mr. Krugler, LAWA Noise Management Office, and he may extend an invitation to the VNY Tower Chief to join this Committee. Mr. Schultz stated the Committee will meet no more than once a month for one hour. He asked Mr. Romo if they can use the VNY Admin Conference Room for these meetings.

Mr. Romo stated they will make the facility available for these meetings.

Mr. Williams suggested inviting a Santa Monica Airport employee since some of these pilots are coming from Santa Monica Airport.

Mr. Sanders stated Ms. Goodfellow is currently attending the Noise Symposium. Mr. Khorsand was unable to attend the meeting this evening due to a security issue at the Police Department and he could not get to his vehicle, Mr. Silver is unable to attend due to his wife's medical issue, and Mr. Parker was unable to attend tonight.

Mr. Sanders reminded the CAC to be cognizant of their absences.

A. Working Group Reports – Discussion/Action

Mr. Rankell of the Membership Committee stated the CAC now has two vacancies, one from the Mayor's Office and one from Councilmember Felipe Fuentes' Office.

Mr. Merkin of the Outreach Committee stated he has nothing to report.

Mr. Oeland of the Beautification Committee stated he shared the tumbleweed issue at VNY with Ms. Lynda Levitan from Councilmember Nury Martinez' Office. He stated they have caught the tumbleweed at the airport in the past. He stated they should be cleared off the airport.

Mr. Oeland has also discussed the car racing on Hayvenhurst between Saticoy and Arminta with Ms. Levitan.

Mr. Williams of the Helicopter Noise Committee stated as of March 31st the FAA has promised they will release a website and 800 number for the LA County public to call if they have helicopter noise complaints. He stated they have asked for a press conference to release this to the public. He also stated the Secretary of Transportation is supposed to respond in regards to the request from the Congresspersons and Senators with regards to the progress in Los Angeles regarding the litigation delays. The FAA would like them to negotiate with the pilot community but they have tried to come up with policies or solutions but the pilot community has rejected them. They are waiting for the response from the Secretary of Transportation.

Mr. Schultz of the By-Law Committee had nothing to report.

3.) BOAC AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING VNY

Mr. Romo discussed the agenda items for the BOAC Meetings on February 19, 2015.

1. [RESOLUTION NO. - Award a three \(3\)-year contract to International Coatings Company, Inc.: For supply and delivery of airfield runway and street traffic paint for Los Angeles World Airports for overall cost not to exceed \\$762,000](#)

PURPOSE: Provide airfield runway and street traffic paint for Los Angeles World Airports' facilities.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Adoption of the Report requesting that the Board of Airport Commissioners find that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III Class 1(4) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines; approve award of a three (3)-year contract to International Coatings Company, Inc. for supply and delivery of runway and traffic paint for amounts not to exceed \$600,000 at Los Angeles International Airport, \$102,000 at LA/Ontario International Airport, \$60,000 at Van Nuys Airport, and overall amount not to exceed \$762,000; and authorize the Executive Director to execute said contract upon approval as to form by the City Attorney. (David Shuter, 424-646-5111)

2. [RESOLUTION NO. - Award three \(3\)-year contract to both RS&H and Leigh Fisher: To provide airport planning professional services for various projects at Los Angeles World Airports for annual costs of \\$1,500,000 and \\$750,000, respectively](#)

PURPOSE: Provide professional airport planning services to Los Angeles World Airports to prepare concept and project definition plans for proposed projects and initiatives. Both professional services contracts will also provide as-needed resources for airport planning, modeling, and technical analyses of airport improvements.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Adoption of the Report requesting that the Board of Airport Commissioners find that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines; further find that the work can be performed more economically or feasibly by an independent contractor than by City employees; further find that pursuant to Administrative Code Section 10.15 (a)(10) under the circumstances presented that the professional and technical services sought in this contract are such that the use of competitive bidding would be undesirable; further find that the Request for Proposal process used in this competitive award process satisfies the requirements of Administrative Code Section 10.17 and is compatible with the City's interests; approve award of two (2) separate three (3)-year contracts to RS&H and Leigh Fisher for airport planning professional services; and authorize the Executive Director to execute said contracts upon approval as to form by the City Attorney. (Cynthia Guidry, 424-646-7690)

3. [RESOLUTION NO. - Travel Authority: For one \(1\) member of the Los Angeles International Airport/Community Noise Roundtable and one \(1\) member of the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council, to attend the University of California 30th Aviation Noise and Air Quality Symposium in Palm Springs, March 1 through 4, 2015 for an estimated total cost of \\$3,620](#)

PURPOSE: Reimburse two (2) community members, one (1) from the Los Angeles International Airport/Community Noise Roundtable and one (1) member from the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council for costs to attend the 2015 University of California Aviation Symposium.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Adoption of the Report requesting that the Board of Airport

Commissioners find that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines; approve the request to provide funding for one (1) representative of the Los Angeles International Airport/Community Noise Roundtable and one (1) representative of the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council to attend the annual UC Aviation Noise and Air Quality Symposium on March 1 through March 4, 2015 in Palm Springs, California; and authorize the Executive Director to approve said travel request and to pay the related expenses. (Samson Mengistu, 424-646-6251)

6. [RESOLUTION NO. -Aeronautical Land and Building Rates 2015-2020: As required under the five \(5\)-year periodic adjustment \(2015-2020\) language for leases at Van Nuys Airport](#)

PURPOSE: Establish aeronautical land and building rates at Van Nuys Airport (VNY) in accordance with the required five (5)-year adjustment included in leases at VNY.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Adoption of the Report requesting that the Board of Airport Commissioners find that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III Class 1(31) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines; approve the land and building rates for the time period of 2015-2020; and authorize the Executive Director to adjust and apply the new land and building rates to existing and future leases and monthly occupancy permits as applicable. (Debbie Bowers, 424-646-7142)

8. [RESOLUTION NO. - First Amendment to Contract DA-4880 with Clean Fuel Connection, Inc.: To expand independent third party monitoring services for additional construction projects for Los Angeles World Airports](#)

PURPOSE: Approve the First Amendment to Clean Fuel Connection, Inc. contract to expand independent third party monitoring services for additional construction projects at Los Angeles International Airport, LA/Ontario International Airport, and Van Nuys Airport.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Adoption of the Report requesting that the Board of Airport Commissioners find that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines; approve the First Amendment with Clean Fuel Connection, Inc. to provide independent third party monitoring services for additional projects for Los Angeles World Airports; and authorize the Executive Director to execute said First Amendment upon approval as to form by the City Attorney. (Cynthia Guidry, 424-646-7690)

11. [RESOLUTION NO. - Award a three \(3\)-year contract to Paslay Management Group: For Executive Program Management Services for Los Angeles World Airports; and appropriate capital funds in the amount of \\$4,991,175 for Year 1 services](#)

PURPOSE: Award a professional services contract to Paslay Management Group for Executive Program Management Services for Los Angeles World Airports.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Adoption of the Report requesting that the Board of Airport Commissioners find that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act

(CEQA) pursuant to Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines; further find that the work can be performed more economically or feasibly by an independent contractor than by City employees; approve the award of a three (3)-year contract to Paslay Management Group for Executive Program Management Services for the Capital Improvement Program at Los Angeles World Airports; appropriate capital funds in the amount of \$4,991,175 for Year 1 services; and authorize the Executive Director to execute said contract upon approval as to form by the City Attorney. (Roger Johnson, 424-646-7557)

All except one of the above BOAC items were approved. Item number 2 was deferred.

Mr. Romo stated the next BOAC Meetings will be held on March 19 and April 16 at the Samuel Greenberg Board Room at LAX. The April 16th meeting will include the Management Report for the noise programs at VNY.

Mr. Sanders stated this Management Report item would result in the resolution that was approved and refers to the Early Turn issue.

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

Mr. Craig Weltzbacher, member of the public, stated he will share his comments with the newly formed Ad-Hoc Committee.

5.) NEW BUSINESS

A. Woodley Avenue Improvements – Discussion/Action

Mr. Schultz stated the east side of the airport on Woodley looks pretty bad with the T-hangars. He asked Mr. Romo if he could request to the BOAC if this area could be cleaned up. He stated desert landscape would look much better.

Mr. Romo stated most of the T-hangars have been moved and about 20 are left to be moved. He stated it would be hard to landscape because the fence line is right at the sidewalk and cannot be moved. He stated there is no budget to move the fence line and add landscape to this area. He stated they would like the area cleaned after the relocation of all the T-hangars. It will eventually be redeveloped but until then it will remain a black top lot.

Mr. Williams, Mr. Romo, Mr. Sanders, and Mr. Schultz discussed this item further.

6.) OLD BUSINESS

A. VNY Prop Park Update – Eric Steinhauer – Discussion/Action

Mr. Eric Steinhauer updated the CAC with status of the Prop Park. (Notes attached)

Mr. Williams, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Merkin, Mr. Romo, Mr. Rankell, and Mr. Oeland discussed this item further.

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

No items were discussed.

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

Ms. Rabe stated she is more than willing to help the new Ad-Hoc Committee but she is a pilot and not always available to meet.

Mr. Merkin RSVPed for the ACD event.

Mr. Williams stated the ACD event is a great event to attend and also RSVPed for the event.

9) ADJOURNMENT:

7:53 p.m.