

VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 4, 2014
MINUTES

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Elliot Sanders. Members present: Elliot Sanders, Don Schultz, Ron Merkin, John Parker, Gerry Silver, David Rankell, Laurence Rabe, Kathy Delle Donne, Cindy Goodfellow, Vahid Khorsand, Wendy Saunders

Members Absent: Wayne Williams, Harold Lee, Roger Oeland, David Bernardoni, Roger Ortiz,

The Council vacancies as of October 7, 2014 are as follows: Two appointments from the Mayor's Office.

The minutes from the October 7, 2014 meeting were approved with one correction.

1.) STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Romo stated he attended the NBAA Annual Conference in Florida from October 20-23, 2014. He stated it was very well attended. Mr. Bob Hoover was honored at the Conference and a DVD regarding Bob Hoover was being previewed during the conference. Mr. Romo stated a link to purchase the DVD will be sent to the CAC.

Mr. Romo stated the Customs facility at VNY should be up and running in 2015.

Mr. Romo stated they are entering the budget season for FY16 which runs from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

2.) REPORT FROM CHAIR

Mr. Sanders stated he is proud of what the CAC accomplished at the October CAC Meeting that he was unable to attend.

A. Working Group Reports – Discussion/Action

Mr. Rankell stated he is attempting to get through to the Mayor's Office to fill the two vacancies.

Mr. Silver stated there will be a Powerpoint presentation regarding the helicopter update at the January 2015 CAC Meeting.

3.) BOAC AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING VNY

Mr. Romo stated there has not been any BOAC Meetings since the last CAC Meeting on October 7. Mr. Romo did discuss the agenda items for the upcoming BOAC Meeting on November 6.

All the items are listed below:

5. RESOLUTION NO. - First Amendment to Contract DA-4685 with M. Arthur Gensler Jr. & Associates dba Gensler: For on-call architectural and building engineering services at Los Angeles World Airports extending term of contract for one (1) year

PURPOSE: Extend the contract term of M. Arthur Gensler Jr. & Associates dba Gensler by one (1) year to provide continuity of on-call architectural and building engineering professional services for Los Angeles World Airports and minimize disruption until new on-call contracts are awarded. No increase in contract authority is required.

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 First Amendment to Contract DA-4685 with M. Arthur Gensler Jr. & Associates dba Gensler for on-call architectural and building engineering services to Los Angeles World Airports to extend the term of existing three (3) year contract for one (1) year; and authorize the Executive Director to execute said First Amendment with M. Arthur Gensler Jr. & Associates dba Gensler upon approval as to form by the City Attorney and upon approval by the Los Angeles City Council. (Cynthia Guidry, 424-646-7690)

7. RESOLUTION NO. - Award of two (2) separate three (3)-year Contracts to WJ Advisors LLC and LeighFisher Inc.: For financial consulting services for Los Angeles World Airports for a total cost not to exceed \$2,000,000

PURPOSE: Award three (3)-year contracts to WJ Advisors LLC and LeighFisher Inc., for Financial Consulting Services at Los Angeles International Airport, LA/Ontario International Airport, and Van Nuys Airport, to assure that costs are appropriately allocated and maximum recovery of costs is achieved.

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 three (3)-year contracts to WJ Advisors LLC and LeighFisher Inc., for a total amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for financial consulting services for Los Angeles World Airports; and authorize the Executive Director to execute said contracts with WJ Advisors LLC and LeighFisher Inc. upon approval as to form by the City Attorney. (Ryan Yakubik 424-646-5056)

8. RESOLUTION NO. - Award of a three (3)-year Contract to Stellar Services, Inc.: For document management system enhancement services, operations and maintenance support services for an amount not to exceed \$1,688,612 for Los Angeles World Airports

PURPOSE: Ensure support services for Los Angeles World Airports' centralized electronic document repository to enable efficient management and organization of departmental records and allow in-house sharing of such documents in a collaborative and secure environment.

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 this 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 (i.e. business analysis and recommendations, software programming and support, training for OpenText) 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 the award of a three (3)-year contract to Stellar Services, Inc. to provide document management system enhancement services, operations and maintenance support services for an amount not to exceed 1,688,612 for Los Angeles World Airports; and authorize the Executive Director to execute said contract upon approval as to form by the City Attorney. (Dominic Nessi, 424-646-5001 / Samson Mengistu 424-646-6251)

15. RESOLUTION NO. - Award of a three (3)-year Contract to Extreme Pressure Systems, Inc.: For rental of paint removal equipment for Los Angeles World Airports for overall cost not to exceed \$2,334,000

PURPOSE: Award a three (3)-year contract to Extreme Pressure Systems, Inc. for \$2,334,000 for rental of paint removal equipment 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 award of a three (3)-year contract to Extreme Pressure Systems, Inc. for rental of paint removal equipment for amounts not to exceed \$1,980,000 at Los Angeles International Airport, not to exceed \$300,000 at LA/Ontario International Airport, not to exceed \$54,000 at Van Nuys Airport, and an overall amount not to exceed \$2,334,000; and authorize the Executive Director to execute said contract with Extreme Pressure Systems, Inc. upon approval as to form by the City Attorney. (David Shuter, 464-646-5111)

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

No items were discussed.

5.) NEW BUSINESS

A. Street Services site at VNY – Discussion/Action

Mr. Schultz stated in the Daily News last week Dana Bartholomew wrote an article discussing a yard on VNY grounds but owned by Street Services. He stated for many years it has been a staging site for City vehicles but over a period of time it has become a public nuisance as residents on the other side of Balboa have stated. (Article attached)

Ms. Joan Kelley, member of the public, stated this “man-made mountain range” is 30 feet high and extends from Balboa Place to almost Hayvenhurst. She stated the soot from the dirt pile becomes a nuisance especially during the Santa Ana winds. The dirt pile is not covered or watered down and not monitored and they don’t know if it is a hazard.

Ms. Megan Riordan, member of the public, stated she lives on the edge of the cul de sac which is the first house to get affected by this dirt pile. She stated they have to water down their work storage shed twice a day because dirt from the dirt pile could damage the supplies they store in the shed. She stated they can’t open windows at night because their furniture has a film on it in the morning. She has lived at this home for four years and never had health issues in the past but in the last year she has had health issues that could be caused by this dirt pile.

Mr. Schultz introduced a motion as follows:

“Whereas, the current operation of the Bureau of Street Services site located in the 8100 block of Balboa Place and situated near the north-westerly perimeter of Van Nuys Airport has developed into a public nuisance because of the nature of its operation, and

Whereas, an immediate solution is urgent due to the impact of airborne dirt particles being released into the residential neighborhood located to the immediate west of this site west of Balboa Boulevard, and

Whereas, the release of air-borne dirt particles at its current rate will further adversely impact those aircraft that will be based at the soon to be completed Prop Park located at the adjacent site to the south on Van Nuys Airport property.

We, the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council, therefore moves that an immediate moratorium on all operations at this site take effect until that time that Los Angeles World Airport and the Bureau of Street Services reach an agreement on a move to a more suitable site that has no adverse impact on homes or businesses. The enacted moratorium shall include the proper number of tarps to cover this entire site.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Khorsand.

Mr. Romo stated the City of Los Angeles owns the real estate but it is under the jurisdiction of Public Works/Street Services. He stated the airport does not own/control the parcel and there is not much they can do but VNY can partner as much as we can to see if there is a solution. He stated as long as the use is not violating a zoning code or restriction there is not much legally that can be done but maybe politically.

The following people spoke on this item: Ms. Goodfellow, Ms. Saunders, and Mr. Eric Steinhauer from the Prop Park, Mr. Romo, Mr. Rankell, Ms. Delle Donne, Mr. Silver, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Merkin.

Ms. Lynda Levitan from Councilmember Nury Martinez' Office, CD6, which is the district the dirt pile is located stated that Street Services has advised her office that they are working on an option of tarping the dirt pile or other options. They are also looking at giving it to other agencies and moving it out because it is recycled asphalt but there is not timeline yet.

Mr. Schultz's motion passed with ten "yes" votes and one abstention.

6.) OLD BUSINESS

A. Follow-up on Early Turns – Discussion/Action

Mr. Bill Washington, FAA District Manager for Air Traffic in Southern California and Mr. Glen Martin, FAA Regional Administrator for the Western/Pacific Region were present at the meeting.

Mr. Scott Tatro from LAWA presented a Powerpoint presentation. (Attached)

Mr. Washington stated they saw no changes in flight tracks at VNY. He verified with the VNY FAA Tower Manager and staff and they advised that no procedures have changed.

Mr. Martin stated the FAA is not saying there is no overflying in this neighborhood. He stated in the flight data they pulled there is no difference over the years. He stated they have not changed procedures or how they instruct aircraft. He stated the pilot is in command and must maintain a number of safety regulations in his aircraft.

The following people spoke on this item: Mr. Rankell, Mr. Silver, Mr. Sanders, and Ms. Goodfellow.

Mr. Tatro stated that Mr. Krugler has been assigned to speak to the flight school operators and discuss this issue with them.

Mr. Washington stated that VNY needs to tell the FAA what they would like for them to help with and they will work with VNY.

Mr. Brent Lowensohn, member of the public, stated he is a student pilot at VNY and he stated they are learning and therefore overrepresented on the flight tracks. He stated he does not see early turns

going over houses; they are like a funnel spreading out from the runway probably because they are students and they are learning. He stated the flight instructors get paid by the hour and are not instructing them to take early turns.

Mr. Craig Welzbacher, member of the public, stated he loves the idea of talking to the flight schools. He stated the flight schools are the major part of the problem. He stated he called the VNY FAA Tower once and a supervisor who has been working at the Tower for 20 years advised him the culture has changed and he does not know why and said he will talk to them. He apologized to Mr. Welzbacher for interrupting his weekend. Mr. Welzbacher stated he could not prove this conversation because he did not record it.

Mr. Sanders stated they would like to hear back from Mr. Krugler at the January 2015 CAC Meeting and to keep this item on the January Agenda.

B. 2015 UC Davis Aviation Noise & Air Quality Symposium – Discussion/Action

After discussion, Mr. Sanders stated Ms. Goodfellow will attend the Noise Symposium in 2015 and Mr. Parker will be her back-up if she is unable to attend.

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

No items were discussed.

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

Ms. Goodfellow stated she really enjoyed this meeting.

Mr. Parker and Mr. Schultz both stated they look forward to a resolution to the dirt pile problem.

Mr. Merkin stated the Santa Monica Airport issue is ramping up again and a closure will affect VNY.

Mr. Khorsand thanked Mr. Schultz for working on the asphalt motion.

Mr. Romo reminded the members that there is no CAC meeting in December and the Holiday Party will be held on December 4 but the location has not been set yet. He said VNY will coordinate bus transportation from the VNY FlyAway to the location of the party for CAC members and their guests.

9) ADJOURNMENT:

8:43 p.m.