

VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was held at the Airtel Plaza Hotel 7277 Valjean Avenue, Van Nuys, California, 91406.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Jason Price. Members present: Vice Chair Wayne Williams, Parliamentarian Bob Rodine, Eliot Cohen (arrived after roll call), Kathy Delle Donne, Leonel Fuentes, Marykate Harris, Tom Materna, Heren Molina, John Parker, Araz Parseghian (arrived after roll call), Lisa Petrus.

Absent: Sharon Bronson, Eric Robinson and Wendy Saunders.

I. Meeting minutes for the February 7

a. Approved on consent.

b. Meeting minutes for March 7, 2023

Discussion ensued. A motion was made to strike Bob Rodine's comments from the March 7 meeting.

The March 7 meeting minutes were approved with the change by a roll call vote of eight "affirmative" votes and one "no" vote. Affirmative votes (K. Delle Donne, L. Fuentes, M. Harris, H. Molina, L. Petrus, J. Parker, A. Parseghian, R. Rodine, and L. Petrus); no votes (T. Materna)

II. Staff Reports

A. Airport Manager Paul Herrera

The Airtel hotel has reopened for business after nearly three years of assisting with Project Roomkey, a program designed to provide shelter options for people experiencing homelessness. To celebrate the re-opening, the Airtel is offering a discounted nightly rate of \$135 through the end of April. The hotel has been outfitted with new carpet and the rooms have new paint and new beds, as well as other updates allowing us to hold our CAC meeting here today.

LAWA is excited to share that our Van Nuys Airport Quarterly Legislative Staff Luncheons are back and are a great opportunity to have the Council District staff learn more about VNY operations, community updates, and understand legislative priorities.

Mayor Karen Bass has appointed Vanessa Aramayo to the Board of Airport Commissioners, pending City Council confirmation. Ms. Aramayo currently serves as the Executive Director for the Alliance for a Better Community, and has a strong history of public service, advocacy and community organizing.

Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Design Challenge took place on April 1. The Challenge helps students design virtual airports using the Microsoft game Minecraft. Students studying science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) across the globe will meet aviation professionals and learn about the aerospace industry and STEM concepts and careers. You can learn more about the Airport Design Challenge visiting www.faa.gov/airport-design-challenge

LAWA CEO Justin Erbacci raised the issue of Charter by the Seat operations with VNY's Congressional delegation and senior administration officials at a recent trip to Washington. Mr. Erbacci made it clear that LAWA is committed to ensuring that operators at VNY comply with federal and Los Angeles World Airport rules and regulations. At this point we will be responding to the Council Motion asking for LAWA to report back, but it appears that these operations have been approved by the Department of Transportation and are covered under Part 380 of the DOT regulations. Similarly, these flights are arriving and departing under Part 135 (on-demand/charters) and are not the same as flights operating under Part 121 (Regularly Scheduled Air Carriers) that are seen at Hollywood Burbank, Long Beach and LAX airports. The FAA does not define these flights as scheduled operations; however, discussion continues on this matter with federal, state, and local officials to determine if anything can or should be done about these flights.

The FAA prohibits commercial air carrier flights at general aviation airports; however, the FAA does permit certain scheduled charter flights at general aviation airports, which is an issue of growing community concern. All general aviation airports across the nation have a growing trend of aircraft charter companies advertising to sell flights to the public on a per-seat basis as an alternative to chartering the entire aircraft. The FAA allows Part 135 on-demand aircraft charter operators (that own or manage the aircraft) to offer up to four scheduled roundtrip flights per week in an aircraft with up to nine seats. The Department of Transportation (DOT) permits Part 380 public charter companies (that do not own or operate the aircraft) to advertise and sell single seats on flights conducted at general aviation airports in aircraft with over nine seats.

LAWA is seeing some really encouraging numbers across the board when it comes to increasing passenger travel at LAX. When we look at the number of travelers going through TSA checkpoints at LAX in the first half of March 2023, we see an increase of more than 17% year over year. Passenger load factors in airplanes flying in and out of LAX have been approaching 90%. Our averages through March 24th totaled 91,084, compared to 78,544 in 2022, which is 84.3% of our 2019 numbers.

Van Nuys Airport plays a critical role in this recovery, as does other General Aviation Airports in the region, as it supports the overall health of the National Airspace System that connects our system of airports and regions across the country and our world. Van Nuys Airport is an important reliever airport to Southern California that allows for the safe and efficient airspace surrounding the Los Angeles Metropolitan area and prevents congestion and ground delays at Hollywood Burbank and Los Angeles International Airport.

In February 2023, VNY conducted 23,631 aircraft operations. This represents a 16.73% increase in operations as compared to February 2022. VNY's YTD 2023 operations totals are currently down by 0.28% as compared to YTD 2022 totals. For jet operations, based on our Airport Noise and Operations Monitoring System (ANOMS), in February 2023 VNY had approximately 5,465 jet operations. This number is down 11.7 % compared to February 2022 (6,194) and down 4.26 % compared to last month's 5,708 operations.

Discussion ensued.

B. Christian Moreno, Chief of Airport Operations

Bravo one repair is underway and should be complete within two weeks. A new Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) system will be installed on the night of April 12. Van Nuys initiated the first luncheon with other general aviation airports to encourage collaboration. Santa Monica will host the next meeting.

C. Diana Sanchez, Director of Public and Community Relations

Ms. Sanchez reminded everyone that the meeting is being recorded and that written comments on the web can be submitted until the end of the meeting. Ms. Sanchez reminded everyone that there are two Vision Study Open Houses which provide an opportunity for the public to give their input. The first will be in-person on Wednesday, April 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the same room as the meeting tonight. The second will be a virtual open house on Saturday, April 22 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Ms. Sanchez introduced the new LAWA Community Relations Director II, Nicole Carcel, to the group.

D. Ryan Page, Environmental Management Report

Mr. Page reported the monthly statistics for February 2023 including noise comments, Jet Early Turns and the Quiet Departure/Fly Friendly Program. The briefing summarized the information contained in the environmental reports which can be viewed on VNY's website at www.iFlyVNY.com under the Noise Management Section.

D. Chief Anthony Boisselle, Officer-In-Charge

Chief Boisselle discussed the partnership with TK Coffee. Not only were they able to host Coffee with a Cop, but as a result, Airport Police was able to partner with LA County Sheriff's Human Trafficking Task Force. Chief Boisselle thanked the organizers and especially Suzanne Gutierrez for a recent peaceful protest held in front of Van Nuys Airport. Another thank you to the tenants for their proactiveness and pointing out areas they think may be vulnerable.

Discussion ensued.

III. BOAC Agenda Items Concerning VNY

Mr. Herrera reported that there has been one Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) meeting since the last CAC meeting held on March 7th. At the March 16 BOAC meeting, there was one item under consent and one item for board consideration.

Item for consent was the First Amendment to Lease VNA-9143 with Custom Products International, Inc.: To extend the term by thirty-eight (38) months, covering office space in Aviation Plaza, owned by Los Angeles World Airports and located at 16461 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, for estimated net revenue of \$37,463 over the extension term.

Mr. Herrera added the one item for board action was an award for a five-year contract to Sully-Miller Contracting Company dba Blue Diamond Materials: Covering supply and delivery of hot mix asphalt for LAX and VNY, for a cost not to exceed \$15,000,000. Item passed.

Mr. Herrera noted that the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 2023 was cancelled. The BOAC will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday April 11th at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held in-person but will also be broadcast live. Members of the public wishing to make a public comment at the BOAC meetings must do so in-person, call-ins are not an option.

Mr. Herrera reported on the VNY CAC Communication Process Regarding LAWA Procurements. Negotiations continue for an Award of Lease to a successful bidder for Ground Lease Non – FBO Aviation Facility 16750 Roscoe Blvd. The RFP is referred to as RFP for Ground Lease Non – FBO Aviation Facility 16750 Roscoe Blvd. This lease will be on an upcoming BOAC Meeting Agenda in the

coming weeks for an award of lease. A date for it to be placed on the BOAC agenda for consideration has not been scheduled.

Mr. Herrera added that another set of Non-Aeronautical RFPs that was posted and is now closed is for an award of lease to a successful bidder for Ground-Mounted & Roof-Top Solar at Van Nuys Airport. Ground mount solar power at a specific location and rooftop solar for up to eight (8) rooftop locations at the Van Nuys Airport.

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Mr. Herrera noted that the award of lease for 16231 Waterman Dr. (Bonseph Helinet, LLC, for the potential redevelopment of land and existing facilities at Van Nuys Airport continues to track through the approval process with City Council. Once the BOAC and City Council awards these lease(s), the proposer will move into the project phase where the successful bidder will be invited to make a project presentation to the VNY CAC to solicit input and feedback. In addition, the CAC and members of the community will be provided an opportunity to provide comment and input on developments as they progress through the entitlement and/or environmental process as required by the city.

IV. Public Comment members of the public gave public comment.

The Chair opened the meeting to public comment. The following members from the public spoke during public comment: David Rankell, Mireille Eskigian, Pam Boroske, Penny Alpert, Kathy Nadeeri, Sue Steinberg and Linda Erdman.

V. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair thanked the audience for attending and discussed the CAC's desire to balance the needs of the community and aviation businesses.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Chrysler Aviation Medevac Operations

Claudio Losacco and Stelios Rapis presented on their business and the importance of medevac operations noting that no non-medical flights take place between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Chrysler Aviation noted that they have between 600 and 800 medevac operations annually. (Full presentation is on the iflyvny.com/community-information/citizens-advisory-council website.)

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION

No items were discussed.

VIII. REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUPS

A. Membership

Mr. Parseghian addressed the council as it relates to Council District 6 and the Mayor's Office vacancies.

B. Vision Study Ad Hoc Committee

Ms. Harris, Mr. Parker and Vice Chair Williams gave an update to the council as it relates to the Ad Hoc Committee, open houses and the need to balance land use with more compatible operations. Discussion ensued.

IX. ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

M. Harris noted that one of the waypoints for Van Nuys Airport goes directly over her house.

L. Petrus requested additional information on the Bonseph Helinet lease since she was told it was for helicopters and an existing tenant, not to include jets.

L. Fuentes thanked Chrysler Aviation for their presentation.

E. Cohen addressed the council as it relates to the federal codes cited by Mr. Herrera adding that LAWA should be more involved with the FAA and change antiquated laws.

H. Molina stated that the meeting was productive and that she enjoyed listening to the public in person.

T. Materna asked that the public comments be added to the minutes and stated that at the BOAC meeting it was stated that the Bonseph Helinet lease was only for helicopters and propeller aircraft, not jets. The FAA has asked LAWA to come up with proposals and would like the CAC to put them on the agenda.

K. Delle Done noted that this was a very good meeting.

J. Parker noted that the Vision Study Committee has a huge balancing act because it has to consider not only the surrounding neighbors but the Valley as a whole and must also consider users of the airport.

B. Rodine asked to be on the agenda to give a presentation on why some of the asks from the public are not possible. Piston operations represent most operations out of Van Nuys Airport.

W. Williams thanked the public and emphasized the importance of the public showing up to meetings, adding that the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council passed a motion asking for the City Council to reject the Bonseph Helinet lease due to discrepancies.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairman Price, with unanimous consent of the Council, adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.