

VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday, August 5, 2014
MINUTES

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:03 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

Members Absent: Wendy Saunders, Roger Ortiz, Roger Oeland, Vahid Khorsand

The Council vacancies as of August 5, 2014 are as follows: Two appointments from the Mayor's Office.

The minutes from the June 3, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

1.) STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Romo discussed the August 23rd one year anniversary for the Runway 16R Rehab project. He stated the runway is operating as the specifications that designed it. He stated they are planning for taxiway Alpha improvement project in fiscal year 2016. Taxiway Alpha is the main taxiway paralleling the runway on the west side. He stated the improvement project for Taxiway Bravo located on the east side of the airport will take place 2-3 years after the Taxiway Alpha improvements.

Mr. Romo stated he attended the 68th Annual Southwest Chapter for the American Association of Airport Executives Annual Summer Conference in Long Beach from July 20-23, 2014. At the conference he attended a panel discussion with Mr. Curt Castagna, President of the VNAA, and Laddie Iron, Senior Vice President of HNTB, the engineering design company for this project. They discussed the lessons learned from the 16R Rehab project that they want to take forward with other projects at VNY.

2.) REPORT FROM CHAIR

Mr. Sanders stated the CAC still has two vacancies that need to appoint from the Mayor's Office. He stated Mr. Rankell is working on filling these seats.

Mr. Sanders introduced the newest CAC member Ms. Kathy Delle Donne and asked her to tell them about herself.

Ms. Delle Donne stated she lives in Tarzana and is President of the Tarzana Improvement Association and is involved with the Ventura-Cahuenga Corridor Specific Plan and neighborhood councils. She stated her and her husband hangar a plane at VNY that is used for their charter business.

A. Working Group Reports – Discussion/Action

This item was deferred to the September meeting.

3.) BOAC AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING VNY

Mr. Romo discussed the BOAC items pertaining to VNY from the June 16 and July 21, 2014 Board Meetings. All the items are listed below:

June 16, 2014 BOAC items

1. Fiscal Year 2015 Los Angeles World Airports General Aviation Liability and War & Allied Perils (Terrorism) Insurance Policies: With Global Aerospace, for total coverage limits of \$1,300,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000, respectively, at total premium cost of \$3,311,209 (Wei Chi, 424-646-5152)
2. Fiscal Year 2015 Los Angeles World Airports General All-Risk Property/Casualty and Earthquake Perils Insurance Policies: With Lexington Insurance, for total coverage limits of \$2,250,000,000 and \$25,000,000, respectively, at total premium cost of \$4,390,256 (Wei Chi, 424-646-5152)
4. Monthly Occupancy Permit Rates: Covering facilities located at 16644 Roscoe Boulevard within Van Nuys Airport, for estimated monthly revenue of \$47,698 (Debbie Bowers, 424-646-7142)
6. Third Amendment to Lease VNA-8607 with the County Los Angeles Fire Department: To extend the term by one (1) year, covering premises located at 16200 Daily Drive within Van Nuys Airport, for estimated rental revenue of \$67,790 over the extension period (Debbie Bowers, 424-646-7142)
7. Award of ten (10)-year Lease to Valley Sod Farms, Inc., and Land Rental Rates: Covering premises located at 16405 Chase Street within Van Nuys Airport, for estimated rental revenue of \$1,023,318 over the entire term (Debbie Bowers, 424-646-7142)
12. Five (5)-year Memorandum of Agreement with Los Angeles City General Services Department, Standards Division: For materials testing and geotechnical engineering services for Los Angeles World Airports, for cost not to exceed \$5,000,000 (Roger Johnson, 424-646-7557)
14. Fourth Amendment to DA-4497 with Anderson & Kreiger, LLP: To extend the contract for an additional eighteen (18) month term for legal services to assist Los Angeles World Airports and the City Attorney concerning advisory and litigation counsel services for federal regulatory law and related matters (Ray Ilgunas, 424-646-5010)
15. Fourth Amendment to DA-4291 with Landau, Gottfried & Berger, LLP: To extend the contract for an additional six (6) month term to December 30, 2014 for legal services to assist Los Angeles World Airports and the City Attorney concerning bankruptcy issues, litigation, and proceedings (Ray Ilgunas, 424-646-5010)
16. Fiscal Year 2015 Los Angeles World Airports Annual Budget: Appropriate funding, authorize use of Passenger Facility Charge and Customer Facility Charge collections, transmit debt and capital reports to the City and approve expense reimbursements (Ryan Yakubik, 424-646-5251)
22. First Amendment to Operating Agreement DA-4759 with Corinthian International Parking Services, Inc. dba Corinthian Ground Transportation: To increase the contract authority to \$4,500,000 and operate additional FlyAway bus service routes (Santa Monica and Hollywood) to/from Los Angeles International Airport (Debbie Bowers, 424-646-7142)
26. Award of three (3)-year Contract to Sungard Availability Services, LP: For disaster recovery services for Los Angeles World Airports information technology systems, for cost not to exceed \$799,680 (Dominic Nessi, 424-646-5001/Samson Mengistu, 424-646-6251)
27. Award of three (3)-year Contract to World Wide Technology, Inc.: For data center, network and telephony equipment and services for Los Angeles World Airports, for cost not to exceed \$9,708,409 (Dominic Nessi, 424-646-5001/Samson Mengistu)
28. First Amendment to Contract DA-4791 with General Dynamics Information Technology, Inc.: To increase the contract authority to \$3,500,000 for on-call information technology

infrastructure operations and support services and urgent infrastructure work for Los Angeles World Airports (Dominic Nessi, 424-646-5001)

July 21, 2014 BOAC items

1. RESOLUTION NO. - Three (3) -year Memorandum Of Understanding with Los Angeles City Department of Cultural Affairs: For curatorial, art program development and administrative program services for Los Angeles World Airports, for cost not to exceed \$930,000

2. RESOLUTION NO. - Seventh Amendment to Contract DA -4266 with Demetriou, Del Guercio, Springer & Francis LLP: To increase the contract authority by \$250,000, for legal services to assist Los Angeles World Airports and City Attorney's Office with real estate and related matters

3. RESOLUTION NO. - Ninth Amendment to Contract DA -4159 with Kaye Scholer LLP: To increase the contract authority by \$2,260,000, for legal services to assist Los Angeles World Airports and City Attorney's Office with federal regulatory and litigation Matters

4. RESOLUTION NO. - Award Of a three (3) -year Contract to Farella Braun + Martel LLP: 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, for cost not to exceed \$1,000,000

5. RESOLUTION NO. - Award Of a three (3) -year Contract to Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo: For legal services to assist Los Angeles World Airports and City Attorney's Office in the Writ of Mandate, Los Angeles Airport Police Officers Association v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Case BS148745, for cost not to exceed \$250,000

6. RESOLUTION NO. - Resolution authorizing City of Los Angeles Department of Airports to access state and federal summary criminal history records and information for employment, licensing or certification purposes

24. RESOLUTION NO. -For Discussion and Possible Action: To amend the Rules of the Board of Airport Commissioners for the regular Board meetings to be set on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 9:00 am for closed session and at 10:30 am for open session, commencing on August 21, 2014

All the items were approved.

Mr. Romo stated at the July 21st BOAC Meeting (Item #24) the Board agreed to change the meetings from Monday's to the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. The meetings will continue to begin at 10:30 a.m. for open session.

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

Mr. Craig Welzbacher, member of the public, stated he is a Lake Balboa resident and discussed the ongoing early turn issues in his area. He stated he lives near VNY Noise Monitor 11 and he has Web Track printouts with high 60 to mid-70 decibel levels. He stated it is alarming the monitors are being removed.

Mr. Robert Rodine, member of the public, stated that the noise monitors are used primarily for the preparation of the quarterly charts. He stated if you are not looking at the quarterly charts then you are not benefitting from what the noise monitors do. The 65 CNEL has consistently shrunk. He stated when the noise engineers get noise they can manipulate it to change the location. The microphones at different locations can sense noise and adjust the noise for the distance. The microphones were set-up to better ascertain where the 65 CNEL is. The census of turbine aircraft has not been decreasing at VNY. They are running 36,000 per year, 2009 dropped by 30%, and in 2010 there was a 15% decline from 2005 levels and has remained there since Mr. Krugler's last report. He stated operations are not rising with it because the new planes replacing all the Stage 2 jets are really quiet.

Mr. Brian Gavidia from Congressman Tony Cardenas' Office stated they have contacted the FAA regarding early turn issues. He stated they received a letter from the FAA regarding this issue. He handed a copy of the letter to the CAC. (Letter attached) He stated Mr. Miguel Franco from Congressman Cardenas' Washington, D.C. Office would like to meet with the CAC to discuss this issue. Mr. Gavidia stated he or Ms. Gabriela Marquez (also present) from Congressman Cardenas' office will attend the September CAC meeting.

5.) NEW BUSINESS

A. Briefing on Noise Monitoring Sites at VNY by LAWA Environmental staff – Discussion/Action

Ms. Kathryn Pantoja, Environmental Affairs Officer, LAWA Environmental and Land Use Planning Division Noise Management, presented a Powerpoint presentation regarding the removal of seven noise monitoring devices at VNY. (Presentation attached)

The panel discussed this item further with Ms. Pantoja and Mr. Romo.

Mr. Rankell introduced a motion as follows:

“The Citizen’s Advisory Council opposes the proposal made by LAWA Environmental & Land Use Planning Division to remove seven noise monitors as identified by LAWA at VNY.”

Mr. Silver offered an amendment to Mr. Rankell's motion as follows:

“VNY CAC was not informed of the three year contract extension in a timely manner.”

Mr. Rankell accepted Mr. Rankell's amendment.

The motion with the amendment is stated as follows:

“The Citizen’s Advisory Council opposes the proposal made by LAWA Environmental & Land Use Planning Division to remove seven noise monitors as identified by LAWA at VNY.

VNY CAC was not informed of the three year contract extension in a timely manner.”

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rankell stated the Motion should be addressed to the BOAC President and copies should be sent to the Mayor, Council Offices, and Congressman Tony Cardenas.

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. Silver stated his presentation data is from information from LAWA and FAA. He stated he has two Powerpoint presentations made by LAWA staff in the past regarding the Part 161 study. He stated he will email the presentations to Ms. Ghoukassian to email to the CAC. He also asked that his noise presentation in its entirety be emailed to the CAC.

Mr. Schultz stated the CAC frustrations have not changed from when the CAC was first created.

Mr. Rankell encouraged members to update their Bios on the CAC web page. He also stated a Deputy City Attorney who handles noise violation prosecutions should attend a future CAC meeting to discuss that issue.

Mr. Sanders stated September is the Election of Officers for the CAC and encouraged members to participate.

Ms. Sanchez stated the CAC/LAX Advisory Holiday Party this year will be held at LAX on December 4th. More information will be shared with the CAC as soon as a location is confirmed.

9) ADJOURNMENT:

8:50 p.m.