

VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday, August 4, 2015
MINUTES

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Elliot Sanders. Members present: Elliot Sanders, Don Schultz, Ron Merkin, David Rankell, Wayne Williams, Mel Roberts, Harold Lee, Gerald Silver, Laurence Rabe, Cindy Goodfellow, Jason Price, Vahid Khorsand, Kathy Delle Donne, Roger Oeland, Wendy Saunders

Members Absent: David Bernardoni, John Parker

The Council vacancies as of August 4, 2015 are as follows: One appointment from Councilmember Felipe Fuentes' Office.

The minutes from the July 7, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved. Mr. Silver stated the CAC Agenda should be adjusted to read Chairperson instead of Chairman under the Working Group Reports. Mr. Sanders requested Ms. Ghoukassian to adjust future Agendas as requested by Mr. Silver.

1.) STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Margheritis stated the Sherman Way Tunnel was cleaned the night of July 27, 2015 but it was unfortunately tagged again over the weekend. The lighting project will begin on August 7, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Two of the three lanes will be closed during the project and signs will be posted on streets to notify the public of the construction. The project should be completed by Spring of 2016.

Mr. Sanders asked if there has been any outreach to the media regarding the Sherman Way lane closures.

Ms. Margheritis stated she will check with Ms. Sanchez as she is handling the media.

Mr. Rankell asked about the status of the existing cameras in the Sherman Way Tunnel.

Ms. Margheritis stated she does not have an update on the cameras but has not heard of any malfunctions lately. She stated she will follow-up with Mr. Romo on this item.

Ms. Lynda Levitan of Councilperson Nury Martinez' Office stated the cameras are adequate but not great.

Ms. Margheritis stated the new Customs facility at VNY is doing well and screens about nine flights a week. She also stated that Signature Flight Support is gearing up for the Customs Opening Ceremony on August 13, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Sanders asked about the status of the LAWA owned property across the street from Home Depot that is covered in graffiti.

Ms. Margheritis stated she discussed this issue with Airport Police and they will step up patrols in the area. She has not heard anything further on the status of the demolition of the buildings on this property.

Mr. Schultz asked if LAWA needs to go through the City permit process for demolition.

Ms. Margheritis stated LAWA would have to go through the City permit process but she is unaware if permits have been pulled.

Mr. Silver stated he recommends when a lease is coming up a CAC member is associated with the project and discuss how the community would benefit from this project.

Mr. Sanders stated he suggested to Mr. Romo that they form a presentation as an agenda that details how an RFP is created under the LAWA Authority. He was assured they will provide this at a future CAC meeting.

Mr. Schultz, Mr. Silver, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Williams continued to discuss this item.

2.) REPORT FROM CHAIR

Mr. Sanders stated a new Working Group has been created named Social Media Outreach. This group will be chaired by Mr. Khorsand. Mr. Khorsand will have a presentation at the September CAC Meeting sharing his ideas for this new Working Group.

Mr. Sanders stated the CAC Elections will take place at the September meeting.

A. Working Group Reports – Discussion/Action Membership – David Rankell, Chairman

Mr. Rankell stated the CAC has one vacancy from Councilmember Felipe Fuentes' Office.

Outreach – Ron Merkin, Chairman

Nothing to report.

By Laws – Don Schultz, Chairman

Nothing to report.

VNY Noise Issues – Gerald Silver, Chairman

Mr. Silver deferred to Mr. Williams.

VNY Helicopter Issues – Wayne Williams, Chairman

Mr. Williams stated the public can go to the Helicopter Noise LA website (www.heli-noise-la.com) to report complaints. The website can now provide statistics on complaints. It does not define "hot spot" areas since it tracks by zip codes that cover a very large area. In order for the helicopter to be tracked it has to "squawk" at a certain level or it will not be recognized. There are issues with the system that need to be worked out but the volume of complaints shows people all over are disturbed by helicopter noise.

Mr. Roberts, Mr. Williams, Mr. Merkin, Mr. Price, and Mr. Sanders continued to discuss this item.

3.) BOAC AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING VNY

Ms. Margheritis discussed the agenda items for the BOAC Meeting on July 16, 2015.

6. [RESOLUTION NO. - First Amendment to Contract DA-4930 with World Wide Technology, Inc.: To increase authority by \\$2,500,000 for a total not to exceed \\$19,500,000 to provide information technology solutions, products and services for Los Angeles World Airports](#)

PURPOSE: Provide information technology solutions, products, and as-needed services to add

new technologies and expand existing infrastructure, network, data and voice systems at 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 pursuant to Charter Section 1022 that the work to be contracted out can be performed more economically or feasibly by an independent contractor than by City employees; further find pursuant to Charter Section 371(e)(8) that this contract amendment is exempt from competitive bidding due to a cooperative arrangement with other governmental agencies for the utilization of the purchasing contracts and professional, scientific, expert or technical services contracts; further find pursuant to Administrative Code Section 10.15(a)(10) under the circumstances presented that the services sought in this contract (i.e., the provision, installation, planning, design, implementation related to telecommunication infrastructure services etc.), are such that the use of competitive bidding would be undesirable; approve the First Amendment to Contract DA-4930 with World Wide Technology, Inc. and increase contract authority by \$2,500,000 in a not-to-exceed amount of \$19,500,000; and authorize the Executive Director to execute said First Amendment upon approval as to form by the City Attorney. (Dominic Nessi, 424-646-5001)

Ms. Margheritis stated the next BOAC Meeting is on August 20, 2015.

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

Mr. Robert Rodine, member of the public, stated he agrees with using the FAA data even with the time delay and it will probably get incorporated in NextGen. He stated PASSUR was able to do this in 2002 but it seems the alternatives have some real serious risks because they are not going to be correlated with NextGen.

5.) NEW BUSINESS

A. Radar Flight Track Data for Airport Noise and Operations Management Systems and Web Trak – Discussion/Action

Mr. Sanders discussed the memo from Mr. Tatro to Mr. Romo regarding Radar Flight Track Data for Airport Noise and Operations Management System and WebTrak. (Memo attached)

Ms. Kathryn Pantoja of LAX Environmental/Land Use Planning/Noise Management discussed the memo from Mr. Tatro to Mr. Romo regarding Radar Flight Track Data for Airport Noise and Operations Management System and WebTrak.

The CAC recommends accuracy over the time delay to obtain flight track data. Ms. Pantoja stated she will take their recommendation into consideration.

6.) OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Early Turn Issue – Discussion/Action

Mr. Sanders discussed the response letter he received from the President of the BOAC regarding the CAC Motion on the Early Turn Issue. (Letter attached)

Mr. Schultz stated the response letter from the BOAC regarding the Early Turn Issue is the first in over a year. He stated they should be grateful they have a working BOAC Commissioner who is paying attention to this issue.

Mr. Schultz asked Ms. Margheritis if any of the flight schools she and Mr. Romo have visited have any questions regarding the Early Turn Program.

Ms. Margheritis stated all the flight schools are very aware of the policy. They have provided the schools with posters and brochures regarding the Early Turn Program and all the information has been well received and welcoming. She stated the poster and brochures have also been dropped off at the FBOs at VNY. She stated Mr. Romo will be holding Quarterly Coffee Hours with the flight schools starting in September to continue to send the message and collect feedback on the Early Turns issue.

Ms. Margheritis received an update from the State Inspector and the No Early Turns language will appear in the next Airport Facilities Directory (AFD) update which is going to be released on August 21, 2015. When that appears a variety of pertinent aeronautical publications will take that information and publish it.

Mr. Schultz asked if Ms. Margheritis could provide them with the language at the September meeting.

Ms. Margheritis stated the language as follows: "When departing 16L and 16R do not turn before the flood basin. When departing 34L and 34R do not turn before reaching 1800 feet MSL."

Mr. Schultz asked how the map that was approved by the Ad-Hoc Committee will be incorporated.

Ms. Margheritis stated the Master Record Language has to be brief and therefore when it makes it to the AFD they don't submit diagrams or maps. This is separate from the Pilot's Guide. She stated starting on August 10, 2015 the ATIS will temporarily every hour have language that noise abatement procedures are in effect. She stated they are still working on the Pilot Guide and the map that will be included in it. Mr. Dan Yeung of LAX Environmental/Land Use Planning/Noise Management stated they will highlight residential areas on the map. They have requested two versions from the print shop to compare them before finalizing it for the Pilot Guide. He stated the Water Reclamation Plant will also be highlighted. Ms. Margheritis stated the Pilot Guide will be posted on the internet and available as an insert for pilots and will be distributed to flight schools and FBOs once it is finalized.

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

No items were discussed.

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

Mr. Khorsand stated he will start a Facebook page for the CAC tomorrow.

Mr. Oeland stated the CAC should visit the Ericsson Sky Crane Helicopters and the Superscoopers at VNY.

Mr. Silver is looking forward to data from the City Attorney on the amount of claims that have been filed by the City on collecting fines from noise violators.

Ms. Rabe thanked Ms. Margheritis for the Early Turn update.

Mr. Williams thanked Ms. Margheritis for her efforts with the flight schools.

Ms. Saunders is grateful for all the Mr. Romo and Ms. Margheritis have done with the Early Turn Issue.

Ms. Goodfellow stated the progress is in the right direction and is interested in what will be included on the CAC Facebook page.

Mr. Schultz thanked Ms. Margheritis and Mr. Romo for all their efforts.

Mr. Merkin thanked Ms. Margheritis and Mr. Romo for all their efforts.

Mr. Lee thanked Ms. Margheritis and Mr. Romo for all their efforts.

Mr. Price stated it is a pleasure working in the group regarding Early Turns.

Mr. Rankell stated the Early Turn Issue is still not resolved and they still need to keep up the good work.

Mr. Roberts thanked Ms. Margheritis and Mr. Romo for all their efforts.

9) ADJOURNMENT:

8:36 p.m.