

**VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019**

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by John Parker. Members present: John Parker, Jason Price, Mel Roberts, Wayne Williams, Cindy Goodfellow, Gerald Silver, Ron Merkin, Roger Oeland, Kathy Delle Donne, Wendy Saunders, and Leonel Fuentes

Absent: Harold Lee, Araz Parseghian, Laurence Rabe, and David Rankell

The minutes from the March 4, 2019 meeting were approved with one correction in reference to Mr. Silver's request to add the VNY Southerly Departures as a standing agenda discussion item, under his Advisory Council Member Comments.

Mr. Parker motioned to approve the minutes with Mr. Silver's request. There were no objections to this motion from council members.

**I. STAFF REPORTS:**

**A. Flora Margheritis, Airport Manager:**

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the VNY statistics: She reported 13,629 aircraft operations in February 2019 which represents a 33.51% decrease in operations compared to February 2018.

Ms. Margheritis stated the 2019 totals are down 21.7% Year-to-Date.

Ms. Margheritis announced the appointment of Nicholas Roxborough the BOAC. Mr. Roxborough is replacing former Commissioner Jeff Daar, as the Valley Commissioner. Ms. Margheritis stated she will invite Commissioner Roxborough to attend a future CAC meeting for introductions.

Ms. Margheritis updated the council as it relates to the current ban of temporary special events inside aircraft hangars and warehouses within the City of Los Angeles boundaries. Ms. Margheritis stated that the item was taken up by the LA City Council's PLUM Committee on March 19. Ms. Margheritis stated that the City Attorney's Office, LADBS and LAFD are working on language to finalize an ordinance on this subject.

Ms. Margheritis gave an update regarding the VNY southerly departures. Ms. Margheritis stated that the FAA has promised to provide LAWA with a timeline for an investigation on feasible options regarding the PPRRY waypoint. Ms. Margheritis stated that LAWA will continue to work with the FAA and elected officials so that noise does not move from one community to another. Ms. Margheritis stated that the FAA has requested that Van Nuys and Burbank Airports work together to engage stakeholders with this issue. Ms. Margheritis stated that LAWA has not received a formal response from the FAA regarding the request made on March 1 on the Section 175 review, and she will continue to provide updates to the council.

Mr. Williams addressed Ms. Margheritis as it relates to the FAA investigation timeline.

Ms. Margheritis stated that she has not received a timeline.

Mr. Silver addressed the council to state that having the southerly departures as a standing agenda item would allow for future discussions and action.

Mr. Roberts addressed Ms. Margheritis as it relates to the decrease in VNY operations.

Ms. Margheritis stated that the decrease was likely due to the 16L runway closure during the capital construction project and the rainy season. Ms. Margheritis noted that Van Nuys Airport is unlikely to see an increase in operations this year like was seen in calendar year 2018.

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to Van Nuys pursuing the Level 3 certification of the Airport Councils International – Airport Carbon Accreditation program. Ms. Margheritis stated that LAWA plans to engage tenants in efforts to reduce the Van Nuys Airport carbon footprint.

**B. Christian Moreno, Chief of Operations:**

Mr. Moreno updated the council regarding the Taxiway Bravo rehabilitation project.

Mr. Moreno stated that the first phase of this project was completed on March 29 with the next phase to start on April 1 with a 5 night closure for 16R.

Mr. Moreno addressed the council as it relates to the Jet Aviation FBO project.

Mr. Moreno stated the project is on schedule and should be completed by July 2019.

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Moreno for clarification on the 16R runway closures and how aircraft will be affected.

Mr. Moreno explained the process of the runway closures and noted that all aircraft will still be able to use the runway with some restrictions.

Ms. Margheritis stated that Van Nuys was following the same procedures from the runway 16R rehabilitation project from 2013.

Mr. Williams asked Ms. Margheritis if there was a change of aircraft operations during that time.

Ms. Margheritis stated there was not much change.

Mr. Merkin addressed Ms. Margheritis as it relates to the shortened runway and increase in the decibel level.

Ms. Margheritis stated that she did not anticipate an increase in the decibel level.

Mr. Price stated that there should be no increase in noise.

Mr. Silver addressed LAWA staff on clarification of the length of the runway.

Mr. Moreno addressed Mr. Silver as it relates to the length of the runway.

**C. Diana Sanchez, Director of Public and Community Relations:**

Ms. Sanchez addressed the council as it relates to upcoming events. Ms. Sanchez invited the council to attend the Friends of Van Nuys meeting at Fire Station #114 on April 11.

Ms. Sanchez announced that the Condor Squadron's Annual Dinner will be held at the Airtel on April 13.

Ms. Sanchez noted the Condor Squadron's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 21 and is open to the public.

Ms. Sanchez notified the council that the Valley Economic Alliance Career/Health fair will be held on April 23.

Ms. Sanchez also notified the council of the Encino Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year Awards on April 25.

Ms. Sanchez announced the Mid Valley YMCA Healthy Kids day will be held on April 28.

Ms. Sanchez reminded the council of Aviation Career Day that will take place at the Propeller Park on May 2.

Ms. Sanchez announced that Clay Lacy received the Hoover Trophy from the AOPA for his contributions to aviation.

**D. Len Krugler, Environmental Specialist**

Mr. Krugler provided the council with a briefing on the Jet Early Turn and Quiet Departure programs for March 2019. The briefing summarized the information contained in the monthly environmental handouts (noise reports attached).

Mr. Krugler announced that Van Nuys Airport has switched from a software/Platform called Plane Noise to Viewpoint.

Mr. Yeung reminded the council that information can be found on the LAWA website: ([www.lawa.org/vnyanc](http://www.lawa.org/vnyanc)).

Mr. Silver addressed Mr. Krugler for clarification and procedure of the Single Event Noise Level (SEL) at the airport.

Mr. Krugler gave a brief explanation of the process to the council.

Mr. Yeung addressed Mr. Silver with details on the Van Nuys Airport quiet departure procedures.

**E. Lt. Dennis Lau, Officer-in-Charge, Airport Police**

Lt. Lau reported there was nothing significant to report since the last CAC meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Lt. Lau gave a brief report of the ongoing lighting projects surrounding the airport perimeter and thanked LAWA staff for their continued support.

**II. BOAC AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING VNY-DISCUSSION/ACTION**

- A. Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the following BOAC meetings: the March 21, 2019 BOAC meeting in which there was one agenda item pertaining to VNY, regarding a resolution on electric vehicles for LAX and VNY; the April 4, 2019 meeting was cancelled; the next BOAC meeting will take place on, April 10, 2019.

### **III. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION**

#### **A. Taxi and Ride App Pick Up Lot – Discussion**

Ms. Glenda Silva and Angie Jamison from LAX conducted a presentation “Taxi and Ride App Pick Up Lot”.

Mr. Williams requested clarification on the process for the Central Terminal Area (CTA) shuttle service.

Ms. Jamison informed the council that the shuttle service will take ride share users from their terminal to a designated ride share location to decrease traffic congestion within the CTA.

Ms. Saunders addressed Ms. Jamison for clarification on what type of vehicles would be affected and when the service would begin.

Ms. Jamison informed the council that the service is expected to begin around September 2019 and would affect taxi and ride share services although that could change as construction at LAX progresses.

Ms. Goodfellow asked Ms. Jamison if hotel shuttles will be affected.

Ms. Jamison stated that hotel and private parking will still come into the terminal.

#### **B. Meeting Nights Monday or Tuesday – Discussion/Action**

The council voted unanimously in favor of changing the CAC meeting day from Monday to Tuesday, effective May 7, 2019.

### **IV. REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUPS**

#### **A. Membership – John Parker, Chairperson**

Mr. Parker addressed VNY staff as it relates to outreach to fill vacancies on the council: one vacancy-council district 12 (Greg Smith), one vacancy - council district 7 (Monica Rodriguez), and one vacancy- council district 6 (Nury Martinez).

Ms. Sanchez notified Mr. Parker that she has spoken to each council district and there are two pending appointments.

Mr. Parker announced the appointment of Mr. Fuentes as Membership Chairperson.

### **V. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

Nothing to discuss

### **VI. OLD BUSINESS – Discussion/Action**

No items were discussed.

### **VII. EMERGENCY ITEMS SINCE POSTING OF AGENDA – Discussion/Action**

No items were discussed.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mr. Tom Materna addressed the council as it relates to noise issues caused by the southerly departures and a Van Nuys Airport voluntary evening curfew.

Ms. Marie Vaziri addressed the council as it relates to noise issues caused by the southerly departures and relocation of the waypoint.

Ms. Susan Ashley addressed the council as it relates to health concerns and noise issues cause by the southerly departures.

Mr. Peter Basinski, addressed the council as it relates to the status of moving the southerly departure waypoint.

Mr. Ken Weatherwax addressed the council as it relates to Van Nuys noise issues and Mr. Silvers comments on the CAC agenda.

Ms. Cindy Kurland, a representative of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council addressed the council as it relates to the relocation of noise caused by the southerly departures. Ms. Kurland expressed her concern on the lack of representation of Council District 6 at the CAC meetings.

Mr. Robert Rodine addressed the council as it relates to the VNY website and directory.

Ms. Fran Potaski addressed the council as it relates to the noise issues caused by the southerly departures.

## **IX. ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Mr. Oeland commented on the helicopter project he and Mr. Williams began working on about a year ago. Mr. Oeland stated he would like to have this topic placed on the agenda once again in the near future.

Mr. Silver addressed the council as it relates to adding ongoing issues to the agenda like the southerly departures noise. Mr. Silver stated that because these items are not on the agenda the council is restricted from discussing or acting on said items.

Mr. Silver addressed the council as it relates to the Brown act and his concern that the community is being dismissed.

Mr. Parker stated that the council can make a comment once a public speaker has finished speaking.

Mr. Silver stated that the council cannot frame a position on a public speakers comment unless it is an agenda item.

Mr. Williams addressed Mr. Parker as it relates to agenda items. Mr. Williams expressed disappointment that his own request for a VNY voluntary nightly curfew was not placed on the agenda.

Mr. Williams requested that his proposed item be on the next CAC agenda for discussion and action.

Mr. Williams submitted a draft of his proposal for requesting a VNY voluntary noise curfew to the CAC Secretary.

Ms. Saunders thanked LAWA for its efforts in trying to get the special events ordinance passed. Ms. Saunders congratulated Mr. Parker, and welcomed back Mr. Merkin.

Ms. Saunders addressed the council as it relates to noise issues caused by the southerly departures. Ms. Saunders expressed concern for residents in surrounding areas and is encouraged that the FAA will submit a timeline for an investigation. Ms. Saunders noted that the absence of the southerly departures agenda item does not allow for discussion.

Ms. Goodfellow addressed the council as it relates to moving noise. Ms. Goodfellow congratulated Mr. Fuentes on his new appointment as Membership Chair.

Mr. Price addressed the council as it relates to movement of the PPRRY waypoint and southerly departures. Mr. Price stated that an investigation needs to be conducted before any movement is made.

Mr. Merkin stated that he is pleased to see the public stay for the duration of meeting. Mr. Merkin stated he is supportive of requesting a voluntary night curfew and commended the council for addressing issues as they come up.

Mr. Merkin addressed Ms. Margheritis as it relates to the amount of aircraft relocated to Van Nuys from Santa Monica Airport.

Ms. Margheritis stated she is unaware of the number of aircraft that has been relocated.

Mr. Fuentes thanked LAWA for allowing him to attend the noise symposium. Mr. Fuentes addressed the council as it relates to operations at other airports including the Naples Florida Airport voluntary curfew.

Mr. Roberts addressed the council as it relates to Burbank Airport operations and noise issues caused by the southerly departures.

Mr. Roberts stated that the council should have a monthly report of government issues involving noise. Mr. Roberts stated his support for the proposed voluntary night curfew and noted past results for the early turn request.

Mr. Oeland stated he will attempt to gather with his engineers in the following month.

Mr. Silver noted the council's support for the voluntary night curfew proposal and addressed Mr. Parker for clarification as to why the item was not added to the agenda.

Mr. Parker stated that he needed clarification on the current curfew at Van Nuys and that he would aim to place the item on the following agenda.

Mr. Silver asked if there was communication to Mr. Williams on his proposal.

Mr. Parker stated that he did not respond to Mr. Williams's request.

Mr. Williams stated that he did not receive a response to his submission and noted that going forward a response would be appreciated.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

8:28 p.m.