

VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 4, 2019

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Jason Price. Members present: John Parker, Mel Roberts, Cindy Goodfellow, Gerald Silver, Harold Lee, Wayne Williams, Roger Oeland, Wendy Saunders, Kathy Delle Donne, Leonel Fuentes David Rankell, Laurence Rabe and Araz Parseghian

Absent: Robert Rodine, Ron Merkin

The minutes from the May 7, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

I. STAFF REPORTS:

A. Flora Margheritis, Airport Manager:

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the VNY statistics: She reported that In April 2019, VNY conducted 19,849 aircraft operations; this represents a 14.74% decrease in operations as compared to April 2018. VNY's YTD 2019 operations totals are currently down by 19.43% as compared to YTD 2018 totals.

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 reported that on May 9th, LAWA had a meeting with staff from the Mayor's Office, LADBS, and the fire department to further discuss the Draft Ordinance on the Temporary Special Event permits, that will enable tenants to host events inside their aircraft hangars. Ms. Margheritis stated progress is being made, both LAX and VNY have asked their respective tenants to survey those hangars where they wish to host special events in the future to ensure that they will be in compliance with the safety standards that will be set forth in the future Ordinance. Ms. Margheritis announced that there is a meeting scheduled in June with LAWA City Partners and LAWA tenants to further discuss this and she will provide the council with an update at the next CAC meeting. Ms. Margheritis stated that once the Ordinance language is finalized, the Ordinance will go to the LADBS Commission for approval, the PLUM committee and then to full Council for approval.

Ms. Margheritis updated the council regarding the Propeller Park construction. Ms. Margheritis stated that The Prop Park is very close to completion. The final building is now under construction and will be completed in January of next year. It will be a two-story terminal building which will house a restaurant, a pilot supply shop, an upstairs observation deck as well as two upstairs conference rooms. Along with several flight schools, there are at least three aircraft mechanic shops on-site. The Park plans on offering free ground school classes again this summer, a nice perk to the aviation community.

Ms. Margheritis updated the council on the management report presented at the BOAC meeting held on May 16, pertaining to the VNY Southerly Departures. Ms. Margheritis stated LAWA has had a couple productive meetings with the FAA regarding the VNY

Metroplex issue. LAWA learned that the FAA has developed six different options pertaining to the departure procedures at VNY. All six options would require a waiver to safety standards from FAA's Flight Standards Service Office.

In reviewing these six options, FAA came up with a hybrid option that would combine elements of three of the options and this hybrid option is currently being reviewed by the Flight Standards Service Office of the FAA. This hybrid option would also require a waiver but the good news is that this hybrid option is in place at another airport back in DC, so there is precedence for a similar type option and there is hope that this option can be accepted.

Safety data pertaining to this hybrid option has been presented to the Flight Standards Service Office and they are reviewing this hybrid option; we are waiting to get feedback on this hybrid option.

If the Flight Standards Service Team is supportive of the presented hybrid option, the next step would be for this to go through the procedure modification process. We remain optimistic because in our discussions with the FAA, we feel that they are taking this issue seriously and are really trying to find a solution.

This said, if the Flight Standards Service Team raises concerns about the hybrid option, at that point we will work with FAA to determine next steps.

FAA is aware that some residents who live southwest of Burbank Airport believe the agency is focusing on VNY issues at the expense of their communities. That is not the case. Potential adjustments to one airport's departure procedures do not preclude adjustments to the other airport's departure procedures.

B. Christian Moreno, Chief of Operations:

Mr. Moreno updated the council regarding the Taxiway Bravo Rehabilitation project. Mr. Moreno stated that the project is currently on phase four, which is expected to be completed on Sunday, June 9th. Phase 4A will begin immediately upon completion of phase four on Sunday, June 9th. This phase will consist of six consecutive nights of runway closures to return Runway 16R/34L to its original configuration of 8000 feet. On June 16th Runway 16L will be closed until the end of November as it will serve as a temporary taxiway and will be designated as Taxiway Tango.

Mr. Moreno updated the council regarding the Taxiway Alpha Rehabilitation project. Mr. Moreno stated that the project is at the final design submittal phase and is currently under review by LAWA.

Mr. Moreno addressed the council as it relates to the Jet Aviation FBO project. Mr. Moreno stated that the project has continued without any issues and is expected to be completed by the end of summer.

Mr. Moreno reminded the council that updates on the capital improvement project can be found online on the Van Nuys Airport website at www.iFlyVNY.com.

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

Ms. Sanchez addressed the council as it relates to the YMCA Pancake Breakfast held at fire station 114. Ms. Sanchez thanked Laurence Rabe for attending. \$2000 was raised for various YMCA programs.

Ms. Sanchez announced the Aviation Careers Education (ACE) academy dates.

Ms. Sanchez stated that the program for middle school students will be held on July 8-12 and on July 22-26 for high school students.

Ms. Sanchez announced that on July 13th VNY is sponsoring the Valley Relics Museum movie screening of “Top Gun” at the Prop Park. The website for more information is <https://valleyrelicsmuseum.org/museum/>.

Ms. Sanchez announced that July 13th, as part of the Fly Friendly Program, VNY will be honoring 36 jet operators at the Airtel Plaza Hotel. If anyone is interested in attending please contact the VNY Public Relations section @ (818) 442-6526.

D. Len Krugler, Environmental Specialist

Mr. Krugler provided the council with a briefing on the Jet Early Turn and Quiet Departure programs for May 2019. The briefing summarized the information contained in the monthly environmental handouts (noise reports attached). This information can also be found on the LAWA website at www.iFlyVNY.com in the Noise Management section.

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

Lt. Lau reported there have been no significant safety or security issues to report since the last CAC meeting on May 7, 2019 and that the homeless count continues to improve.

All Airport Police vehicles have been replaced and interviews are being held to replace Sgt. Gilbert who promoted in January.

II. BOAC AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING VNY-DISCUSSION/ACTION

- A.** Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the following BOAC meeting(s): The May 16, 2019 BOAC meeting in which there were no action items pertaining to VNY and one management report pertaining to an update on the VNY Metroplex issue; the June 6, 2019 BOAC meeting was cancelled; the next BOAC meeting will take place on June 20, 2019.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Bob Bramen addressed the council as it relates to noise issues caused by the southerly departures.

Mr. Bill Haller addressed the council as it relates to noise issues in the Lake Balboa area.

Mr. Ed Burnham addressed the council as it relates to conflicts of interest on the council.

Ms. Elaine Newman addressed the council as it relates to updated council member biographies.

Ms. Susan Ashley addressed the council as it relates to the health hazards and depreciation of home values caused by the southerly departures noise issue.

Mr. Peter Basinski addressed the council as it relates to the Burbank Airport Authority meeting and LAWA/Van Nuys declining to attend per a statement made by the Director of Burbank Airport.

Ms. Margheritis responded to Mr. Peter Basinski's public comment with the approval of the Chair and clarified that this was not the case and that LAWA/Van Nuys has been working and will continue to work with the Burbank Airport Authority on the San Fernando Valley noise issues.

IV. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Price stated that this council's job is to ensure that there is a balanced approach to addressing the issues in the community and the airport as thoroughly as possible.

Mr. Price discussed the May 7th proposed motion, regarding the voluntary noise curfew, which was seconded but not approved. Mr. Price stated that due to the complex nature of this item he elected not to place it on the agenda. Mr. Price announced that there will be an ad hoc committee created to address this issue and to find an effective solution to this problem.

Mr. Price asked any council members interested in being part of this ad hoc committee to please let him know via email @ VNY@CAC.org by Friday, June 7th.

Mr. Silver stated he is distressed over the decision to create this ad hoc committee without bringing it before the council for discussion and approval.

Mr. Rankell agreed with the decision to create this ad hoc committee.

Mr. Williams stated that per "Roberts Rules" once a motion is offered and seconded, that motion must go forward for discussion not in lieu of a separate committee.

Mr. Price stated that since a motion was offered and seconded but not voted on, it did not go forward.

Mr. Parker stated that per "Roberts Rules" when a motion is proposed it has to be seconded in order to open it for discussion.

Mr. Silver stated that when this motion was initially brought up for action it was declined.

Mr. Silver stated that once a motion is seconded, it is no longer "property" of the maker of the motion. It belongs to the council.

Mr. Silver stated this motion should have been placed on the meeting agenda as discussion and action.

Mr. Price stated the motion regarding the voluntary noise curfew, will be tabled for further discussion at the next CAC meeting under "Old Business".

Mr. Price addressed the council as it relates to going dark on July 2.

Mr. Williams moved that the council go dark on July 2. The council voted unanimously to go dark on July 2.

V. REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUPS

A. Membership – Leonel Fuentes, Chairperson

Mr. Fuentes addressed the council as it relates to the council vacancies as of June 4, 2019. The vacancies are as follows; one appointment from Councilmember Monica Rodriguez Council District 7; one appointment from Councilmember Nury Martinez Council District 6.

Mr. Fuentes stated that he and Mr. Parker spoke with Monica Rodriguez and Nury Martinez regarding these vacancies. Mr. Fuentes stated they are working diligently to fill these vacancies.

VI. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. VNY Solar Initiatives – Discussion/Action

Mr. Justin Castagna from Aeroplex/Aerolease Group and Mr. Patrick Delchop from PCS energy conducted a presentation on solar initiatives. “Solar Power – Van Nuys Airport” (presentation attached).

B. VNY Airport Carbon Accreditation Level 3 Presentation 2018 LAWA Sustainability Report Update – Discussion/Action

Ms. Carolyn Lin from LAWA’s Environmental Programs Group conducted a presentation (presentation attached).

C. Election of the CAC Vice Chair – Discussion/Action

Mr. Silver nominated Mr. Williams for Vice Chair.

Mr. Williams accepted the nomination for Vice Chair.

Ms. Saunders seconded the nomination for Mr. Williams as Vice Chair.

Ms. Goodfellow nominated Mr. Rankell for Vice Chair.

Mr. Parseghian seconded the nomination for Mr. Rankell as Vice Chair.

Mr. Parker nominated Mr. Parseghian for Vice Chair.

Mr. Parseghian declined the nomination for Vice Chair.

Mr. Silver moved for a motion to extend meeting to 9:30 p.m.

Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

The following council members voted in favor of extending the meeting to 9:30 p.m:
Ms. Delle Donne, Mr. Lee, Mr. Oeland, Mr. Parseghian, Mr. Parker, Mr. Price, Ms. Rabe, Mr. Rankell, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fuentes, Mr. Silver

Ms. Saunders and Ms. Goodfellow opposed this motion.

Mr. Price announced that the motion to extend the meeting to 9:30 p.m. was approved after a majority vote.

The following council members voted in favor of Mr. Williams as Vice Chair of the CAC: Mr. Oeland, Mr. Silver, Ms. Rabe, Mr. Williams, Ms. Saunders, Mr. Roberts

The following council members voted in favor of Mr. Rankell as Vice Chair of the CAC: Mr. Parseghian, Ms. Delle Donne, Ms. Goodfellow, Mr. Parker, Mr. Rankell, Mr. Price, Mr. Lee, Mr. Fuentes

VII. OLD BUSINESS – Discussion/Action

A. VNY Voluntary Noise Curfew-Discussion

Mr. Silver stated he is not in favor of establishing an ad hoc committee for the VNY Voluntary Noise Curfew. Mr. Silver recommended that this item placed for action and voting on the next CAC meeting agenda.

Mr. Rankell is in favor of the ad hoc committee. Mr. Rankell stated that in the past, motions have been unsuccessful because they were unclear and unconcise. Mr. Rankell believes this ad hoc committee will provide the council with more information and give council recommendations enabling them to submit more clear and concise motions.

Mr. Rankell does not agree with submitting a letter or motion regarding the voluntary noise curfew to the board without obtaining more information from the ad hoc committee. Mr. Rankell stated that in the past ad hoc committees have been successful.

Ms. Goodfellow supports the ad hoc committee.

Mr. Price addressed the council is it relates to the success of the proposed voluntary noise curfew. Mr. Price stated that based on statistics he has obtained, compliance is not likely and will leave the public disappointed.

Mr. Williams stated that this discussion is essential in deciding benefits and harms of a voluntary noise curfew.

Mr. Williams stated that motions have been pushed through and approved in the past including the motion that addressed the FAA Section 175 request which was very successful.

Mr. Williams also stated that it is essential this airport let the FAA know there are things they need to do. If that is not successful, the council needs to find ways to communicate with the pilots on how to be a good neighbor.

Mr. Williams stated the pilots do not have to follow the voluntary curfew but believes the majority would be good neighbors.

Mr. Williams suggested CAC take a stand for the public and recommend the voluntary curfew.

Mr. Price stated he wants to provide the community with a solution to the problem. Mr. Price suggested an investigation for a viable solution.

Mr. Silver addressed the council as it relates to Government Code Section 10.90, which address conflict of interest.

Mr. Silver recommended that if any member of this council has any personal economic interest they should withdraw from this vote.

Mr. Williams requested that this motion be placed on the August 6 CAC meeting agenda for discussion and action.

Mr. Parseghian recommended to the council that this item be voted on at the next CAC meeting.

Mr. Silver supports this motion and suggests that the council move forward.

Ms. Rabe supports taking action and supporting the public requests.

Mr. Silver moved to continue the discussion on the voluntary noise curfew at the next CAC meeting on August 6.

Mr. Williams seconded Mr. Silver's move to continue the voluntary noise curfew discussion at the next CAC meeting.

Mr. Williams moved to adjourn.

Mr. Price seconded the move to adjourn.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

9:30 p.m.