

VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday, August 6, 2019

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Jason Price. Members present: John Parker, Mel Roberts, Cindy Goodfellow, Gerald Silver, Harold Lee, Wayne Williams, Roger Oeland, Kathy Delle Donne, David Rankell, Laurence Rabe and Araz Parseghian

Absent: Wendy Saunders, Ron Merkin, Leonel Fuentes

The minutes from the June 4, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

I. STAFF REPORTS:

A. Flora Margheritis, Airport Manager:

Ms. Margheritis updated the council on organizational changes that have taken place at LAWA since the last CAC meeting on June 4th. These changes took effect August 5, 2019:

LAWA's Chief Operating Officer Samson Mengistu retired on August 2, 2019, following a 30-year career with the City of Los Angeles. Ms. Margheritis stated that Mr. Mengistu will be greatly missed. Ms. Margheritis and her staff will forever be grateful for the support he gave to the Van Nuys Airport (VNY).

Mr. Justin Erbacci will serve as the new Chief Operating Officer (COO), who will report directly to LAWA's CEO, Deborah Flint.

LAWA also has a new Chief Development Officer, Bernardo Gogna, who replaced Mr. Bob Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert will serve in a new Strategic Advisor position, also reporting directly to LAWA's CEO.

LAWA's now former Deputy Executive Director of Planning and Development, Cynthia Guidry has now moved on from LAWA and accepted a position as the Long Beach Airport Director.

Ms. Margheritis announced that as it pertains to VNY Operations, the Office of the Airport Manager has been placed under Michael Christensen who is now the Deputy Executive Director of both Operations and Maintenance.

Ms. Margheritis will be reporting to Mr. Christensen who will be reporting directly to the COO.

Ms. Margheritis also announced the Appointment of David Maggard as LAWA's Deputy Executive Director for Law Enforcement and Homeland Security. Mr. Maggard most recently served as the Chief of Airport Police.

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the VNY statistics: She reported that In June 2019, VNY conducted 18,629 aircraft operations; this represents a 22.38% decrease in operations as compared to June 2018. VNY's YTD 2019 operations totals are currently down by 19.46% as compared to YTD 2018 totals.

Ms. Margheritis notified the council that the 2018 Sustainability Report which highlights LAWA's sustainability efforts for both LAX and VNY was just released.

Ms. Margheritis informed the council that there is a whole section dedicated to VNY and highlights the fact that VNY was the first GA airport to offer sustainable alternative jet fuel, VNY solar project initiatives, VNY drought-tolerant landscaping to reduce water consumption, and recognizes those VNY tenants who received their LA Green Business Certification in 2018. The report is available online through LAWA.org (<https://www.lawa.org/en/lawa-sustainability>) for those who are interested in reading it.

Ms. Margheritis updated the council on the Temporary Special Events inside ACFT Hangars. Ms. Margheritis stated that LAWA continues to work with the Mayor's office, LA City Fire and the LADBS on the temporary special event permits issue. Ms. Margheritis notified the council that VNY tenants were asked to conduct a survey of their hangar facilities to see if they would meet certain Fire Department's requirements not typically found in hangars. The results of those surveys are in, so the discussions will continue with LAWA's City partners.

Ms. Margheritis stated that the aircraft noise impacts to the surrounding communities continue to take priority at LAWA and she gave the council the following two updates:

Ms. Margheritis gave the council an update on the FAA meeting held on July 30th, which was attended by elected representatives' offices, FAA, airlines, VNY tenants, LAWA staff and BUR airport staff.

Ms. Margheritis stated that the purpose of the FAA meeting was to provide background and history of operations at both VNY and BUR, to discuss the flight tracks after the implementation of Metroplex, and to talk about potential reasons insofar as why ACFT are flying farther south when departing BUR. The FAA also provided general safety information and discussed the complexities of the airspace in Southern California. The noise challenges were also discussed in general as well as FAAs ongoing engagement with both BUR and VNY.

Ms. Margheritis gave a second update on the formation of the Burbank-Van Nuys Southern San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force, which has been created to discuss the interconnectedness of the airspace surrounding BUR and VNY airports.

Ms. Margheritis notified the council that this joint task force was set up in response to requests from several elected officials to create a regional working group to discuss noise issues that impact communities that are affected by departures from both airports.

Ms. Margheritis announced to the council that the first Joint BUR-VNY Noise Task Force meeting is anticipated to take place at the end of August and will be open to the public with opportunities for community input, including presenting ideas for potential changes to flight procedures.

Ms. Margheritis notified council that LAWA and BUR staff will work together to ensure that everyone knows of meeting locations, dates, and times.

B. Christian Moreno, Chief of Operations

Mr. Moreno announced that Western Jet Aviation began its rooftop solar installation project this past month with an expected completion date of September 2019.

Mr. Moreno stated that the Jet Aviation FBO Project continues forward without any major issues and their expected completion date has been updated to mid-September.

Mr. Moreno notified the council that construction updates for the Capital Improvement Project can be found on the VNY website @ www.iFlyVNY.com.

C. Diana Sanchez, Director of Public and Community Relations

Ms. Sanchez addressed the council as it relates to the ACE Academy program held in July for middle school and high school students. Ms. Sanchez thanked the VNY tenants and LAX for introducing the students to aviation careers.

D. Len Krugler, Environmental Specialist

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

Mr. Krugler stated that 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 June 4, 2019. Lt. Lau also stated that the VNY Airport Police continue to work collaboratively with the airport tenants to ensure safety at the airport.

Lt. Lau announced that Sgt. Clint Beacom has been assigned to the VNY Airport Police as the assistant officer in charge in place of Sgt. Gilbert who promoted in January.

Lt. Lau introduced Capt. Imer Chavez, the commanding officer for patrol services.

Lt. Lau notified the council that all parking signage changes have been completed.

II. BOAC AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING VNY-DISCUSSION/ACTION

- A.** Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the following BOAC meeting(s): The June 20, 2019 BOAC meeting in which there were five items pertaining to VNY and one management report pertaining to an update on the VNY Metroplex issue; the July, 18, 2019 BOAC meeting in which there was one item pertaining to VNY and one management report pertaining to an update on the VNY Metroplex issue; the August 1, 2019 meeting in which there were no items pertaining to VNY and one management report pertaining to an update on the VNY Metroplex issue; the next Special BOAC meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at LAX.

III. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION

- A. Potential VNY (PPRRY) Replacement Standard Instrument Departure –**

(Presentation Attached)

Mr. Price announced to the council that there is a new task force, which includes a member of the FAA. This task force will be open for public participation.

Ms. Michelle Schwartz from LAWA External Affairs stated that as a result of the motion passed by this council and after several meetings the FAA has come up with a technical potential solution that will address the intent of the various requests. Ms. Schwartz stated that the next step will be for LAWA to file a formal request for the FAA to begin the formal design phase.

Ms. Schwartz introduced Mr. Sean Kozica, FAA Manager of Operations Support Group.

Mr. Sean Kozica introduced his staff in attendance:

Kyle Thompson, FAA South Team Lead

Raquel Girvin, FAA Regional Administrator for the Western Pacific Region

Ian Gregor, FAA Communications Manager Pacific Division

Jerome Woods, FAA Manager of Mass Analytics Team

William Freeman, FAA Community Engagement Officer

Mr. Kozica stated that there are several steps before the proposed changes can be implemented and the timeframe could be 12-24 months.

Mr. Kozica conducted the presentation - "Potential VNY (PPRRY) Replacement Standard Instrument Departure"

The Chair opened the public comment period for item III A.

The following members of the public commented on item III A:

Bob Bramen, Sherman Oaks & Encino for Quite Skies

Jim Esterle, Resident

Tom Materna, Resident

David Kimball

Linda Clark, Quiet Skies Now

Mr. Silver proposed a motion to extend the public comment period on agenda item III. A. for 10 minutes

Mr. Parker seconded the motion to extend the public comment period for 10 minutes on agenda item III. A.

The chair stated that the remaining public speakers could speak during item V. Public Comment Period.

B. VNY Taxiway A/B Rehabilitation Project – Update

Mr. Ali Aoude, P.E., Civil Engineer – HNTB conducted a presentation (presentation attached).

IV. OLD BUSINESS – DISCUSSION / ACTION

No items were discussed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Item III. A. continued)

Jacqueline Lange, Encino Neighborhood Council
Jacky Surber
Andre Stojka
Kira Durbin
Llyswen Franks
Isabel Rosenbaum
Susan Ashley
Peter Basinski
Gina Silverstein, Co-Founder Sherman Oaks & Encino for Quiet Skies
Michael Dutra
Stacey Slichtz
Lynsmen Franks
MarykateHarris
Teri
John Vernagus

VI. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Price announced that the election of the Chair would take place at the next CAC meeting on September 10th.

Mr. Price proposed a vote to move the next CAC meeting to September 10th due to the Labor Day Holiday on September 3rd.

The council voted unanimously to move the next CAC meeting to September 10th.

VII. REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUPS

A. Membership – Leonel Fuentes, Chairperson

No items were discussed.

VIII. EMERGENCY ITEMS SINCE POSTING OF AGENDA

No items were discussed.

IX. ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mr. Parseghian stated that the public also needs to voice noise concerns to council offices.

Mr. Parseghian announced to the council that the ad hoc committee for the voluntary noise curfew is working diligently on gathering information and expect to have an update and possibly a presentation at the next CAC meeting on September 10th.

Mr. Oeland stated he would like to see attendees be more considerate at the CAC meetings.

Mr. Silver suggests that the council allow members of the public to speak if requested since the council is bound by Roberts Rules.

Ms. Rabe would like to see the FAA return.

Mr. Williams is looking forward to sharing his findings with the Voluntary Noise Curfew Ad Hoc Committee meeting scheduled for August 19, 2019 as well as presenting it at the next CAC meeting.

Mr. Williams stated the FAA's presentation was unacceptable and reminded the public to stay diligent and on-point.

Ms. Delle Donne agreed with Mr. Parseghian statement regarding the public working with their council offices in order to expedite progress on the noise issue.

Ms. Goodfellow stated she looks forward to the next staff update on the events in hangars.

Ms. Goodfellow stated she appreciates the FAA attendance at the CAC meeting and looks forward to attending the noise taskforce meeting.

Mr. Parker stated that the council is an opportunity for members of the public to come and address their concerns. Mr. Parker stated that listening to the public possibly defused the situation at this CAC meeting.

Mr. Rankell welcomed Mr. Rodine to the CAC.

Mr. Rankell stated he was happy FAA attended the CAC meeting.

Mr. Rankell recommended the FAA, airport staff and ad hoc committee need to carefully study the noise issues before rushing to judgement and avoid making the problem worse.

Mr. Rodine thanked Mr. Rankell for the welcome.

Mr. Rodine stated that it is rare to have the FAA at the CAC meeting and that the council should be pleased that they are working on the issue.

Mr. Lee stated this was a very good meeting and welcomed Mr. Rodine.

Mr. Roberts commended the public for putting pressure on the FAA.

Mr. Price moved to adjourn.

Mr. Parker seconded the move to adjourn.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

9:36 p.m.