

VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 5, 2019

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Jason Price. Members present: Cindy Goodfellow, Gerald Silver, Wayne Williams, Roger Oeland, Kathy Delle Donne, David Rankell, John Parker, Wendy Saunders, Araz Parseghian, Robert Rodine and Marykate Harris.

Absent: Mel Roberts, Laurance Rabe, Leonel Fuentes, Harold Lee.

The minutes from the September 10, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

I. STAFF REPORTS:

A. Flora Margheritis, Airport Manager:

Ms. Margheritis apologized to the CAC and members of the public for the cancellation of the October 1, 2019 CAC meeting. Ms. Margheritis was advised by the City Attorney's Office that the acting Chair could not call the meeting to order since the agenda was not posted on-line 72-hours in advance as required by the Brown Act. Ms. Margheritis noted that on a positive note, although there was no meeting, VNY staff remained behind and had a productive conversation with a few members of the public on aircraft noise concerns.

Ms. Margheritis stated that in September 2019, VNY conducted 19,317 aircraft operations; this represents a 14.72% decrease in operations as compared to September 2018. VNY's YTD 2019 operations totals are currently down by 17.40% as compared to YTD 2018 totals.

Ms. Margheritis and each respective VNY section head presented their Year-in-Preview report (attached).

Ms. Margheritis gave an update on the Metroplex/SFV Task Force:

The Southern San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force will hold their third meeting in Burbank on November 6, 2019. The agenda shows four community groups presenting: Studio City for Quiet Skies, Benedict Hills Estates/HOA, Advocates for Viable Airport Solutions, and the Sherman Oaks/Encino for Quiet Skies group. Both the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and HMMH (the facilitator) will also be making presentations to address some of the Task Force questions.

Ms. Margheritis stated that the Los Angeles City Attorney submitted a letter to the FAA dated October 18, 2019, giving the FAA 30 days to comply with departure procedures used at Burbank Airport before Metroplex was implemented in 2017. Ms. Margheritis noted that the FAA has not issued a response to this letter.

B. Christian Moreno, Chief of Operations

Mr. Moreno updated the council as it relates to the Taxiway Bravo rehabilitation project. Mr. Moreno stated that work area 8 will be completed on December 5th and reopen small runway 16L 34R. Mr. Moreno stated that the project is scheduled for completion in March 2020. Mr. Moreno announced that he will attend the NBAA conference with Ms. Sanchez in March 2020.

C. Diana Sanchez, Director of Public and Community Relations

Ms. Sanchez announced that VNY would be working closely with Jet Aviation and Gulfstream for their grand opening in January 2020.

Ms. Sanchez reminded the council of the Annual CAC Holiday Dinner on December 3rd.

Ms. Sanchez gave an update on the VNY adopt a school event that will be held at Stagg Street Elementary this year.

Ms. Sanchez announced that next year's Aviation Career Day will be held on April 23, 2020.

D. Len Krugler, Environmental Specialist

Mr. Krugler provided the council with a briefing on the Jet Early Turn and Quiet Departure programs for October 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 updated the council as it relates to law enforcement active shooter training.

II. BOAC AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING VNY

- A.** Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the following BOAC meeting(s): The September 19, 2019 BOAC meeting was cancelled; the October 3, 2019 BOAC meeting was cancelled; the October 10, 2019 BOAC meeting, had two items pertaining to VNY and one management report pertaining to an update on the VNY Metroplex issue highlighting the Task Force Meetings; The October 17th regular BOAC meeting was cancelled: the next regular BOAC meeting will take place on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at LAX.

Ms. Margheritis shared the Metroplex update given by Deputy Executive Director, Samantha Bricker at the BOAC meeting on October 10, 2019.

The presentation points were:

- The Task Force provides a forum for community members to share concerns regarding noise impacts and to discuss potential solutions. The task force would evaluate proposed solutions and could present a final set of recommended changes for approval and submittal to the FAA. Any determinations as to what is technically and operationally feasible will be made by the FAA.
- The second Task Force meeting was attended by over two hundred community members and interested constituents, as well as staff from the FAA, Burbank Airport (BUR), and LAWA/VNY.
- One community group, Up roar LA, made a presentation to the Task Force.
- The Task Force heard testimonies from approximately 62 individuals. About 70% of the comments were pertaining to noise from BUR flights.
- Task Force members had questions for VNY, BUR and FAA; those questions will be addressed at future meetings.

- The third Task Force meeting will be held on November 6th in Burbank. The agenda has been posted and there are several community presentations, as well as a presentation from the FAA.

Future meetings are scheduled for:
December 4, 2019
January 15, 2020
February 19, 2020.

III. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Signature Flight Support Midfield Development Project – Presentation

Mr. Justin Castagna from the Aeroplex/Aerolease Group introduced Mr. Howard Hong, an architect with JR Miller and Associates.

Mr. Hong gave a presentation on the Midfield Development Project (attached).

The Chair introduced new CAC member Ms. Marykate Harris.

IV. OLD BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Voluntary Noise Curfew – Discussion/Action

The Chair read the proposed motion, *VNY Voluntary Nighttime Curfew*, submitted in the September CAC meeting by Mr. Silver (attached).

The Chair read the substitute motion (in italics below) submitted by Mr. Rodine in the September CAC Meeting.

“I move that the Van Nuys CAC reject the motion for a voluntary curfew and that the CAC support the work being done by the FAA and other associated actions.”

Mr. Williams announced that he would be speaking on behalf of Mr. Silver.

Mr. Williams stated that the intention is to provide the community with some relief from plane noise. Mr. Williams addressed the council as it relates to his presentation from the September CAC meeting and the ANCA implementation.

Mr. Rodine stated that VNY already has a stringent nighttime curfew that bans departures of certain types of aircraft. Mr. Rodine addressed the council as it relates to Teterboro and Burbank Airport voluntary nighttime curfews. Mr. Rodine expressed concern that the community will be dissatisfied with the results of the voluntary curfew implementation. Mr. Rodine encouraged the public to reach out to the FAA.

The Chair opened the public comment period for the Voluntary Noise Curfew item.

The following members of the public commented on the Voluntary Noise Curfew item:

Ed Burnham, Resident

Elaine Newman

Victoria Miller, Encino Neighborhood Council

Henry Eshelman,

Kira Durbin, Resident

Jeffrey Hartsough, Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

Tom Materna, Resident
Jay Weitzler, Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association
Eliot Cohen, Homeowners of Encino
Cathy Kay, Resident
John Vernagas, Resident
Barrett Heins, Resident
Christine Kim, Sherman Oaks & Encino for Quite Skies/SOHA
Linda Clarke
Jodi Caden
Lori Caden

The Chair gave a brief explanation of the guidelines for a motion and rollcall vote.

Mr. Williams stated that he and the community believe that the voluntary noise curfew is a reasonable request. Mr. Williams addressed the council to support his motion.

Mr. Silver requested that the meeting minutes include a list of the council members, their appointing council district and how to contact their appointing council district.
The Vice Chair stated all requests can be sent through the CAC Secretary.

Mr. Silver addressed the Chair as it relates to CAC members and conflict of interest.

Ms. Saunders stated she supports the VNY Voluntary Nighttime Curfew. Ms. Saunders addressed the council as it relates to supporting the VNY Voluntary Nighttime Curfew.

Ms. Goodfellow stated that VNY already has a mandatory departure curfew in place.
Ms. Goodfellow stated that the pilots and businesses care about the community.

Mr. Parker addressed the council as it relates to supporting the VNY Voluntary Nighttime Curfew.

Mr. Rankell stated that he would have appreciated more information on the amount, decibel level, and direction of flights and perceived impact of the voluntary curfew.
Mr. Rankell addressed the council as it relates to the VNY Voluntary Nighttime Curfew.

Mr. Rodine addressed the council as it relates to the flight tracking system and the decibel level.

Ms. Harris addressed the council as it relates to plane noise and the community.
Ms. Harris stated that she is in favor of the VNY Voluntary Nighttime Curfew.

Ms. Delle Donne stated her support for the VNY Voluntary Nighttime Curfew.

Mr. Oeland addressed the council as it relates to Operations at VNY.
Mr. Oeland stated there is already a mandatory departure curfew in place at VNY

Mr. Parseghian addressed the council as it relates to the curfew in place at VNY.
Mr. Parseghian stated he is not sure about the proposed VNY Voluntary Nighttime Curfew.

Mr. Williams addressed the council as it relates to clarification of the mandatory curfew in place at VNY. Mr. Williams addressed the council as it relates to his presentation at September's meeting and the proposed motion of the Voluntary Nighttime Curfew. Mr. Williams encouraged the council to support the proposed motion and the community.

Mr. Williams addressed the public as it relates to CAC members and their appointed groups.

Mr. Rankell stated that the CAC is an advisory council, not a VNY noise committee. Mr. Rankell addressed the council as it relates to details in the proposed motion for a Voluntary Nighttime Curfew. Mr. Rankell stated he is not in support of the motion as is.

The Chair called for a vote to extend meeting past 9:00 p.m.
The council voted unanimously to extend the meeting to 9:30pm

Mr. Silver stated that the council is not an airport support or noise group.

Mr. Silver asked Mr. Williams to read a brief history of how the CAC was founded. Mr. Williams read Mr. Silver's submission detailing how the council began.

Mr. Silver suggests to go back to the reason why the council is there.

The Chair called for a rollcall vote on the substitute motion submitted by Mr. Rodine.

The council rejected the following motion recommended by Mr. Rodine with a roll call vote of six "no" votes (Mr. Silver, Mr. Williams, Ms. Delle Donne, Ms. Saunders, Mr. Parker, Ms. Harris.); five "affirmative" votes (Mr. Parseghian, Mr. Oeland, Ms. Goodfellow, Mr. Rankell, Mr. Rodine); and one "abstention" (Mr. Price).

"I move that the Van Nuys CAC reject the motion for a voluntary curfew and that the CAC support the work being done by the FAA and other associated actions."

Mr. Williams addressed the council as it relates to their support to his proposal for a Voluntary Nighttime Curfew and the affected community.

Mr. Rodine addressed the council as it relates to Mr. Silvers proposed motion.

Mr. Rodine noted the lack of attendance of community members at the CAC meetings. Mr. Rodine expressed that plane noise does not affect all community members in the same capacity.

Ms. Saunders stated that there are many reasons why some community members do not make it to the CAC meetings.

Ms. Saunders stated that although the drafting of the motion may be imperfect, it could still cause a positive impact for the community. Ms. Saunders expressed her support for the motion and noted that doing nothing reflects poorly on the council.

Mr. Rankell expressed concern for submitting a poor motion to the BOAC. Mr. Rankell stated that he does not believe the motion will serve the purpose it is intended for.

Mr. Rankell explained that he will not support the motion as is.

Mr. Parker addressed the public as it relates to decorum at CAC meetings.

Mr. Parker stated his support of the VNY Voluntary Nighttime Curfew.

The Chair called for a rollcall vote on the Voluntary Nighttime Curfew motion submitted by Mr. Silver.

The council approved the motion (attached) recommended by Mr. Silver with a rollcall vote of seven "affirmative" votes (Mr. Parseghian, Mr. Silver, Mr. Williams, Ms. Delle Donne, Ms. Saunders, Mr. Parker, Ms. Harris.); four "no" votes (Mr. Oeland, Ms. Goodfellow, Mr. Rankell, Mr. Rodine); and one "abstention" (Mr. Price).

B. CAC By-laws, Ad Hoc Committee Update – Discussion/Action

The Chair opened item IV B for discussion.

Ms. Delle Donne addressed the council as it relates to the formation of the CAC By-laws Ad Hoc Committee. Ms. Delle Donne gave a brief update of council district representation in the CAC and stated that the purpose of the committee was to add representation from Council District 4.

Ms. Delle Donne thanked Mr. Rodine and Mr. Roberts for joining her on the Ad Hoc Committee.

Ms. Delle Donne presented a motion recommended by the Bylaws Ad Hoc committee (attached).

Mr. Parker seconded the motion.

Mr. Williams called for unanimous consent.

Mr. Rodine moved to extend the meeting past 9:30pm.

The council voted unanimously to extend the meeting past 9:30 with one objection by Mr. Parker.

Mr. Rankell presented the following substitute motion:

"Reduce Council District 5 number of seats down to one member and add Council District 4 to have one seated member keeping a total of eighteen CAC members".

Mr. Rodine seconded the motion presented by Mr. Rankell.

Mr. Silver presented the following amendment:

"Reduce BOAC from three to two, and the Mayor from three to two".

Mr. Parker seconded Mr. Silver's amendment.

Mr. Williams stated he will only vote in favor of the original motion submitted by the Ad Hoc committee.

Ms. Saunders thanked the Ad Hoc committee for their work and stated her support for their presented motion.

Mr. Parker moved to table the motion to the next meeting.

Mr. Silver withdrew his motion.

The Chair called for a rollcall vote to table the motion for the CAC Bylaws.

The council rejected to table the bylaws motion recommended by the Ad Hoc committee with a roll call vote of six “no” votes (Mr. Silver, Mr. Williams, Ms. Delle Donne, Ms. Saunders, Mr. Rodine, Ms. Harris.); five “affirmative” votes (Mr. Parseghian, Mr. Oeland Ms. Goodfellow, Mr. Parker, Mr. Rankell); and one “abstention” (Mr. Price).

Mr. Rankell stated that Council District 5 and 4 represent the smallest number of community members in the San Fernando Valley.

Mr. Rankell explained that redistricting of council districts occurs every 10 years.

Mr. Silver made a motion to cut off debate.

Mr. Parker stated that the BOAC or any council district would take offense to losing representation in the CAC.

The Chair gave a brief explanation of the motion process and opened the Voluntary Noise Curfew item for public comment.

The following members of the public commented on the Voluntary Noise Curfew item:

Jacqueline Lange, Resident

Jeffrey Hartsough, Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

Tom Materna, Resident

Jay Weitzler, Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association

Kira Durbin, Resident

Eliot Cohen, Homeowners of Encino

The Chair called for a rollcall vote on the substitute motion submitted by Mr. Rankell.

The council rejected the following motion recommended by Mr. Rankell with a roll call vote of nine “no” votes (Mr. Parseghian, Mr. Oeland, Mr. Silver, Mr. Williams, Ms. Delle Donne, Ms. Saunders, Ms. Goodfellow, Mr. Parker, Ms. Harris.); two “affirmative” votes (Mr. Rankell, Mr. Rodine); and one “abstention” (Mr. Price).

“Reduce Council District 5 number of seats down to one member and add Council District 4 to have one seated member keeping a total of eighteen CAC members”.

The Chair called for a rollcall vote on the motion submitted by the bylaws ad hoc committee.

The council approved the motion (attached) recommended by the bylaws ad hoc committee with a roll call vote of ten “affirmative” votes (Mr. Parseghian, Mr. Oeland, Mr. Silver, Mr. Williams, Ms. Delle Donne, Ms. Saunders, Ms. Goodfellow, Mr. Parker, Mr. Rodine, Ms. Harris); and two “abstention” votes (Mr. Price).

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Chair opened the Public Comment Period (item V.)

The following community members spoke during the public comment period:

Mr. Ed Burnham, Resident
Ms. Elaine Newman, Resident
Mr. Tom Materna, Resident
Mr. John Vernagus

Mr. Silver called a point of order requesting the chair to notify the public to address their comments to the Chair.

VI. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

No items were discussed.

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

No items were discussed.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

10:04 p.m.