

**VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, April 6, 2021**

A virtual meeting of the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair, Jason Price. Members present: Wayne Williams, Robert Rodine, John Parker, Marykate Harris, Thomas Materna, Lisa Petrus, Wendy Saunders, Araz Parseghian, Eric Robinson, Kathy Delle Donne, Ryan Sanders, Kimberly Chan and Eliot Cohen.

Absent: Harold Lee and Heren Molina.

The minutes from the March 2, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

**I. STAFF REPORTS:**

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

Ms. Margheritis announced the newly BOAC appointed CAC members, Ryan Sanders and Kimberly Chan. Mr. Sanders is currently the Operations Manager for Pacific Aviation Development, also known as The Propeller Park. Ms. Chan is currently the Chairwoman of the San Fernando Valley Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, International Organization of Women Pilots. Ms. Margheritis noted that both members have strong backgrounds in aviation and she is pleased that they have been appointed to the CAC for a three-year in term to represent LAWA and the BOAC. Ms. Margheritis stated that at the March 4th BOAC meeting, the Board adopted a new policy for its appointed members. This new policy includes term limits not to exceed three years, although appointments may be renewed at the conclusion of the term at the discretion of the Board. The new policy also calls for representation to include a current VNY tenant, a representative from the local business community, and a representative from the general aviation industry. Ms. Margheritis noted that Mr. Sanders, Ms. Chan and Mr. Parker represent these three stakeholder groups.

Mr. Sanders introduced himself to the council and stated he loves working at VNY and is excited to serve on the CAC. Mr. Sanders has a wealth of knowledge in aviation and works with roughly 300 tenants at VNY. Ms. Chan introduced herself to the council and noted that she is passionate about aviation and runs a small business in Van Nuys. Ms. Chan looks forward to serving on the council and helping her community.

Next month the CAC will also welcome Ms. Heren Molina who was recently appointed by Council District 7 (CD7). Ms. Molina is an engineer and is excited to represent her community and CD7.

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on VNY staff, patrons and stakeholders. Employee safety as it pertains to COVID-19 continues to be a top priority for LAWA. LAWA has been encouraging employees to get vaccinated as soon as possible as this would be a critical part of ensuring that all workers can work in a safe and healthy environment. LAWA has hosted several vaccination clinics at LAX, and many employees are opting to receive the vaccine. Additional good news for LAWA and airports across the country is that the latest relief package, known as the American Rescue Plan, includes \$8 billion for U.S. Airports. This is the third round of COVID-19 relief since the onset of the pandemic and will provide a much-needed influx of funds as LAWA continues to struggle with the devastating financial impacts from the past year. Ms. Margheritis noted that although impacts from the pandemic have been severe, LAWA has seen a continued increase in passenger numbers at LAX and it appears that

more passengers are returning to airports. She noted that with spring here and summer travel ahead, it will be interesting to see what passenger loads will be.

Ms. Margheritis commended VNY tenant, Clay Lacy Aviation on their continued sustainability efforts and the leadership role the company has taken on the use of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF). Clay Lacy announced last week that they will offer SAF at their two Fixed Based Operators (FBOs), Van Nuys Airport and John Wayne Orange County Airport. They will begin deliveries this month, with a minimum of 100,000 gallons delivered in 2021. SAF reduces net greenhouse gasses by up to 80%. LAWA has been a strong advocate for increased SAF production, and supports legislation that will increase production and availability of the product for partners at both LAX and Van Nuys Airport.

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the Airtel Plaza Hotel and Project Room Key. Most of the participants who were staying at the hotel have moved to different locations as the contract between LA County and the Airtel is set to expire on April 10, 2021.

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to aircraft operations: In February 2021, VNY conducted 20,466 aircraft operations. This represents a 1.65% increase in operations as compared to February 2020. This brings VNY's YTD 2021 operations totals to -4.34% as compared to YTD 2020 totals. Based on the Noise and Operations Monitoring System, the February 2021 average daily Jet Operations totals are down by -12.5% compared to February 2020.

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

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council on behalf of Mr. Moreno. The Taxiway Alpha Rehabilitation Project continues on schedule and is expected to be completed in June. All construction updates and pictures can be found on the VNY webpage.

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

Ms. Sanchez addressed the council as it relates to Aviation Career Day. The virtual event will be held on April 30, 2021.

**D. Joanne Choi, Environmental Specialist**

Ms. Choi provided the council with a briefing on the Jet Early Turn and Quiet Jet Departure programs for February 2021. The briefing summarized the information contained in the monthly environmental reports (attached).

Updates and information can also be found on the LAWA website at [www.iFlyVNY.com](http://www.iFlyVNY.com) under the Noise Management Section.

Ms. Kathryn Pantoja gave a brief update on the IFP Gateway Request. In response to a request from the community to be included in the Full Work Group, the FAA stated that the Full Work Group will be a technical group and not the appropriate environment for public participation but noted that there will be opportunities for community engagement. Ms. Pantoja stated that the dates for the Full Work Group are April 14 and 15, 2021 which will be held virtually. Ms. Pantoja stated that this is the first time LAWA will be going through this process and she will report back to the council as she learns more and looks forward to sharing an update at the May meeting.

Ms. Pantoja addressed the council as it relates to new hardware for both LAX and VNY Noise Monitors.

Ms. Pantoja addressed the council as it relates to the VNY Noise Officer position. She noted that LAWA Management is working on finalizing paperwork to offer the position to the selected candidate.

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

In the absence of Lt. Lau, Sgt. Beacom provided an update on safety and security at Van Nuys Airport.

Sgt. Beacom reported that there have been no significant safety or security issues to report since the last CAC meeting on March 2, 2021. Sgt. Beacom stated that Van Nuys Police continues to work with the surrounding communities to ensure safety.

**II. BOAC AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING VNY**

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, and due to continuing concerns over COVID-19, the BOAC has continued to meet via teleconference. Since the last CAC meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 there were three virtual BOAC meetings.

At the meeting held on March 4, 2021 there were three VNY related items under consent for BOAC action. The first item was for a resolution for a policy regarding the three BOAC appointees to the VNY Citizens Advisory Council. The second item was for a resolution for a 29-month contract with Plumbing and Industrial Supply Company; the contract will allow LAWA to purchase various plumbing and industrial supplies for LAX and VNY. The third item was for a resolution regarding the acceptance of grant offers and execution of grant agreements with the FAA covering economic relief funds provided from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act, to support operations at LAX and VNY.

At the March 18, 2021 meeting there were three VNY related items under consent for BOAC Action. The first item was for a resolution for a first amendment to a contract with Veritiv Operating Company, to extend the term through October 19, 2022, to cover supply and delivery of custodial paper products, general cleaning chemicals and supplies. The second item was for a resolution for the award of a 3-year contract to Montgomery Hardware Company to cover supply and delivery of doors, frames and hardware for LAX and VNY. The third item was for a resolution for the award of a 3-year contract to McKendry Door Sales, Inc., for fire life safety testing and repairs of automatic closing fire assemblies at LAX and VNY.

At the April 1, 2021 meeting there were two VNY related items. The first item was under consent for a resolution for a second amendment to an existing agreement with Colliers International Real Estate Management Services to extend their term by 12 months so that they can provide property management and leasing services for Aviation Plaza at VNY. The second was a regular item for a resolution to award a 5-year contract to Envirosuite Inc., to cover replacement of the existing Noise and Operations Monitoring System at LAX and VNY, and ongoing maintenance services of the system.

The next BOAC Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2021.

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

#### **A. 2021 Aviation Noise & Emissions Symposium – Presentation, Marykate Harris**

The Chair opened the item for public comment.

Several community members submitted written comments (attached).

Ms. Harris conducted a presentation titled “Aviation Noise & Emissions Symposium 2021” (attached).

The Chair opened the item for discussion.

Mr. Rodine addressed the council as it relates to aircraft emission particles.

Mr. Williams encouraged the public to reach out to their representatives in Congress for change in legislation.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION**

No items were discussed.

### **V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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

The following community members spoke during the public comment period:

Ms. Cindy, Resident

Mr. Peter, Resident

Ms. Penny, Resident

Ms. Isabel, Resident

Ms. Susan, Resident

Mr. Lee, Resident

Ms. Roslyn, Resident

Ms. Elanor, Resident

Mr. John, Resident

Mr. David, Resident

Several community members submitted written comments (attached).

### **VI. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

No items were discussed.

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

#### **A. Membership**

The Chair addressed the council as it relates to the vacancy of the Membership Chairperson. Any interested councilmembers can email the Chair directly to volunteer.

### **VIII. EMERGENCY ITEMS SINCE POSTING OF AGENDA**

Mr. Materna requested to discuss the IFP Gateway Request Work Group.

Ms. Margheritis offered clarification of the dates for the Full Work Group.

Ms. Margheritis reminded the council that in response to the request made by the community, the FAA clearly stated that there would not be any community members

involved in the Full Work Group, as the group will be involved in very technical discussions. She noted that although the IFP Gateway Request was made by LAWA, the IFP Gateway process is managed and led by the FAA.

Mr. Williams stated that there could be qualified citizens available to participate in the Full Work Group.

Mr. Rodine noted that the professionals involved in the group are the specialists needed there.

Mr. Materna stated that LAWA could hire a consultant familiar with the FAA process. Mr. Materna noted that the Chair has extensive knowledge both as a pilot and community member.

The Chair stated that the request for public participation was already rejected by the FAA. The Chair noted that he would be proud to serve in the working group if given the opportunity.

Ms. Margheritis noted that LAWA does not have the budget to hire a consultant to be part of the process.

Mr. Rodine addressed the council as it relates to the Brown Act.

The Chair reminded the councilmembers that the council did request public participation and the request was denied. He noted that he will volunteer to attend on behalf of the CAC but does not know if the FAA will accept that.

Mr. Materna asked that the Chair or LAWA give a report of the Full Work Group at the May meeting.

The Chair reminded the council that the process is a technical working group so it is unknown what information will be sharable if any.

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

Mr. Parseghian welcomed the newly appointed CAC members.

Ms. Saunders welcomed Ms. Chan and Mr. Saunders.

Ms. Saunders thanked the community for their participation and public comments.

Ms. Saunders addressed the council as it relates to sound proofing and noise mitigation.

Mr. Parker wished Ms. Goodfellow well on her retirement.

Mr. Rodine welcomed the new members and addressed the council as it relates to the 65 Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL).

Ms. Harris welcomed the new councilmembers and thanked the community for their continued participation. Ms. Harris thanked LAWA for her attendance at the Noise Symposium.

Ms. Petrus thanked Ms. Harris for her presentation. Ms. Petrus addressed the council as it relates to possible scheduled flights at VNY.

Mr. Materna thanked Ms. Harris for her presentation and welcomed the newly appointed CAC members. Mr. Materna addressed the council as it relates to the VNY Master Plan.

Mr. Robinson welcomed the new councilmembers.

Mr. Robinson addressed the council as it relates to noise monitors at VNY.

Mr. Cohen addressed the council as it relates to sound proofing and noise mitigation.

Mr. Fuentes welcomed the newly appointed CAC members and addressed the council as it relates to in-person meetings.

Mr. Williams encouraged the council to read the public comments received. Mr. Williams addressed the council as it relates to the VNY Master Plan. Mr. Williams reminded the community to contact their Federal and State representatives to inform them of their issues.

Mr. Williams wished Mr. Oeland and Ms. Goodfellow well.

Mr. Sanders stated that he looks forward to being on the council.

Ms. Chan thanked the council for the warm welcome.

The Chair welcomed Mr. Sanders and Ms. Chan.

The Chair stated that he hopes to have more CAC involvement with the FAA and their Full Work Group, as appropriate.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

9:34 p.m.