

VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday November 2, 2021

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

Absent: Kimberly Chan, Wendy Saunders, Leonel Fuentes and Harold Lee.

The minutes from the October 5, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

I. STAFF REPORTS:

A. Flora Margheritis, Airport Manager:

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on VNY staff, patrons and stakeholders. Recently, LAWA hit a big milestone with the LAX COVID-19 testing lab when LAWA surpassed 200,000 COVID-19 tests provided through the on-site solution. There are only a few testing labs that are actually located at an airport and LAX is one of them, as LAWA was very interested in providing passengers with easy access to the tests needed for certain destinations. Ms. Margheritis noted that things are looking up for the organization. LAX ended the month of September averaging 63.2% of daily passenger traffic compared to September 2019 and for the month of October LAX averaged 65.4% compared to the same time in 2019. LAWA expects these passenger numbers to increase with the upcoming holiday season, and also, the airlines are planning to increase their flight schedules in the months ahead. Ms. Margheritis noted that what is really going to help airports is the reopening of borders to more foreign travelers starting on Monday, Nov. 8th. The Federal government will begin allowing foreign visitors to travel to the United States for tourism and other non-essential reasons, as long as they show proof of vaccination and a negative COVID-19 test within three days of boarding their flight. Ms. Margheritis stated that since both LAX and VNY are part of the same airport system, the Los Angeles World Airports system, that when positive things occur at LAX it has a positive impact on the system, which includes VNY.

Ms. Margheritis noted that due to an increase in passenger numbers and greater activity levels, it was the perfect timing for the October 19th opening of the new LAX Economy Parking facility located on W. 94th Street. This is a new \$294 million state-of-the-art facility and is the first component of LAX's \$5.5 billion Landside Access Modernization Program to open. The parking facility is four stories and has approximately 4,300 new parking stalls and features the latest in smart parking technology. There is a shuttle service to and from the LAX CTA and it is available 24/7. The beauty of this parking facility is that you can pre-book your parking at www.parking.flylax.com, and you will have a spot waiting for you. Also, you can save up to 60% off of the drive-up rate when you make your reservation online.

Ms. Margheritis announced the departure of Michelle Schwartz, who was LAWA's Chief Corporate Strategy and Affairs Officer for both LAX and VNY. Ms. Margheritis stated that LAWA is already feeling her loss but is very excited for her as she was presented with an incredible opportunity to take on the role of Chief External Affairs Officer for LA28 – the organization leading planning efforts for the 2028 Olympics. Michelle was with LAWA for three years and accomplished a lot. Ms. Margheritis wishes her well in her new position.

Becca Doten, who is LAWA's Deputy Executive Director of Public & Government Affairs, will take over Michelle's role in the interim.

On more LAWA news, LAWA recently released the Annual Sustainability Report for 2020. This report is available publicly online at: (<https://www.lawa.org/en/lawa-sustainability>). The report highlights LAWA's sustainability performance in 2020. Despite the unprecedented challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, LAWA made great progress towards meeting the goals in the Sustainability Action Plan (SAP). The report covers both LAX and VNY and was developed by the Environmental Programs Division. Despite the pandemic impacts, sustainability continues to be a priority. As it pertains to VNY, the report contains key economic data and:

- Information on energy consumption at VNY.
- The big win for VNY in 2020 was the airport's achievement of ACA Level 3 for the second year in a row.
- The report also includes the fact that VNY received a total of 100,483 gallons of sustainable aviation jet fuel in 2020.
- There is also Information on the green waste recycling program. In fact, in 2020, VNY documented 48 tons of green waste recycled and 704 tons of construction and demolition waste was recycled.
- It talks about renewable energy projects, such as solar projects. In fact, as of 2020, VNY had more than 20,000 rooftop solar panels and with the help of tenants, VNY is committed to making the airport the leading general aviation airport in solar power generation.

Today, VNY is generating a capacity of more than 11 megawatts of clean renewable power. This is the equivalent of saving more than 1.4 million gallons of gasoline from being consumed, and is the equivalent of offsetting more than 12,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide. Reducing carbon emissions is a critical component to addressing climate change, and this remains very important to both the City of L.A. and LAWA.

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to aircraft operations:

For the month of September, VNY conducted 24,840 aircraft operations. This represents a 14.94% increase in operations as compared to September 2020. VNY's YTD 2021 operations totals are currently up by 36.21% as compared to YTD 2020 totals.

When looking exclusively at jet operations, based on Noise and Operations Monitoring System, and comparing the numbers to September of last year (a pandemic month) VNY showed an increase of 43%; but compared to September before the pandemic, the increase is 27%.

B. Christian Moreno, Chief of Operations

Mr. Moreno addressed the council as it relates to upcoming projects at VNY. The Maintenance Section is currently working on lighting and signage upgrades on the airfield to meet FAA standards. The Runway 16L reconstruction project is set to start in February 2022. Mr. Moreno noted that LAWA continues working with master tenants and Stakeholders to work on the next capital improvement project which will begin in February 2022.

Mr. Moreno addressed the council as it relates to the Los Angeles County Fire Department fire watch over Los Angeles County. The Super Scoopers will be departing on December 30, 2022.

C. Diana Sanchez, Director of Public and Community Relations

Ms. Sanchez addressed the council as it relates to the 2022 Noise Symposium and asked if any council members would like to volunteer to attend.

Ms. Sanchez reminded the council that the CAC Virtual Holiday Appreciation event will take place on December 7, 2021.

Ms. Sanchez addressed the council as it relates to the Canned Food Drive and Toy Drive.

D. Ryan Page, Airport Superintendent of Operations

Mr. Page provided the council with a briefing on Noise Comments and the Jet Early Turn and Quiet Jet Departure programs for September 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 under the Noise Management Section.

Ms. Pantoja noted that LAWA CEO, Justin Erbacci, will be presenting an update on the third quarter statistics on the Quieter Nights Program at the November 3, 2021 BOAC meeting.

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 October 5, 2021.

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, October 5, 2021 there were two virtual BOAC meetings.

At the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, October 7th there was one item under the consent calendar related to VNY. This item was for a resolution for a 13-month lease with Custom Products International, Inc. for the rental of office space at Aviation Plaza at Van Nuys Airport.

At the meeting held on Tuesday, October 21st, there was one item under regular Items for Board action. This was for a resolution for a first amendment to contract DA-5437 with KONE, Inc., to extend the contract term through March 16, 2023 and increase its contract authority to cover full-service elevator, escalator, and moving walkway maintenance, repair, and related services at LAX and VNY.

The next BOAC Meeting will be held via teleconference and is scheduled for Thursday November 4, 2021 at 10 a.m.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

The following community members spoke during the public comment period:

Ms. Peggy Brunk, Resident
Ms. Kimmy, Resident
Ms. Christine Kim, Resident
Mr. David Rankell, Resident
Ms. Penny, Resident
Ms. Candy Najera, Resident
Ms. Nancy Segioan, Resident
Ms. Robin, Resident
Ms. Chole, Resident
Mr. James Miller, Resident

Several community members submitted written comments (attached).

Mr. Williams thanked the public for their comments and reminded them that the CAC is an advisory only council.

IV. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Valley Relics Museum – Presentation

Mr. Tommy Gelinis conducted a presentation titled “Valley Relics Museum”.

The Chair opened the item for discussion.

Mr. Materna asked if there is an entrance fee to visit the museum.

Mr. Gelinis stated that the entrance fee is \$15 with memberships available. The Valley Relics Museum is open on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Mr. Parker asked if the museum would be hosting any tours soon.

Mr. Gelinis stated that as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, the museum will bring back tours.

Mr. Sanders thanked Mr. Gelinis for his presentation and commended the museum on their community engagement and asked Mr. Gelinis to provide more details.

Mr. Gelinis stated that the Valley Relics Museum participates in night markets, book signings, history events, BMX events and noted that all events are always family friendly and engaging. Mr. Gelinis noted that all upcoming events are listed on the museum’s events webpage.

Ms. Sanchez thanked Mr. Gelinis for his presentation and for hosting events that open up the community to VNY.

The Chair thanked Mr. Gelinis for his presentation and looks forward to visiting with his family.

B. Determination to Continue Holding CAC Meetings via Teleconference and/or Videoconference: Under Assembly Bill 361 Section 3(e)(3). Discussion/Action
Ms. Sanchez gave the council a brief overview of Assembly Bill 361 Section 3(e)(3).

The Chair opened the item for discussion.

Mr. Rodine noted that due to health concerns the council should continue to meet in a virtual format.

Mr. Materna noted that the virtual aspect of the meeting is a benefit for community engagement.

Mr. Williams addressed the council as it relates to room capacity and vaccination verification guidelines.

Ms. Margheritis gave some clarification on Assembly Bill 361 and noted that the council would have to meet every 30 days to be compliant.

Mr. Rodine presented a motion "Pursuant to AB 361 Section 3(e)(3), the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council finds that holding Council meetings in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of the members. Pursuant to AB 361 Section 3(e)(3), the Council finds that the COVID-19 State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of Council and Council members to meet safely in person. As such, the Board should continue holding Council meetings via teleconference and/or videoconference."

Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

The motion passed with a unanimous affirmative vote.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION

Mr. Williams noted that the VNY Master Plan should be an ongoing item for discussion in Unfinished Business.

Ms. Margheritis noted that LAWA and the Department of City Planning did conduct a presentation to the CAC earlier this year. She noted that as a new vision is developed, stakeholders such as the CAC, will be invited to provide input.

The Chair noted that the Master Plan is not an agenda item and he looks forward to future discussions and working with stakeholders to implement a plan that works for the tenants and surrounding communities.

VI. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair addressed the council as it relates to attendance at the Noise Symposium.

Mr. Rodine noted that he would attend virtually if there were no participants.

Ms. Harris stated that she enjoyed attending the 2020 Noise Symposium.

VII. REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUPS

A. Membership

No items were discussed

VIII. EMERGENCY ITEMS SINCE POSTING OF AGENDA

No items were discussed.

IX. ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mr. Parseghian thanked Mr. Gelinas for his presentation and commended the public for their comments.

Mr. Parker addressed the council as it relates to the Los Angeles Fire Department and their involvement with VNY and Whiteman Airport.

Ms. Harris thanked the public for their comments.

Ms. Petrus addressed the council as it relates to the redirecting of flight paths and air quality concerns.

Mr. Materna stated that the council should form an Ad-hoc Committee to listen to citizen concerns.

Mr. Robinson addressed the council as it relates to elevation in the mountains and air traffic concerns.

Mr. Cohen addressed the council as it relates to the Airport Noise and Capacity Act and implementing a mandatory curfew.

Ms. Sanders thanked the public for their online public comment submissions.

Ms. Molina thanked the council for the notice to attend the Noise Symposium.

Mr. Williams noted that the CAC is an advisory only council and urged the community to contact their congressional representatives for support.

The Chair thanked the council and the community for their continued involvement.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

9:19 p.m.