

VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 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 Chair, Jason Price. Members present: Wayne Williams, Robert Rodine, John Parker, Marykate Harris, Thomas Materna, Lisa Petrus, Wendy Saunders, Araz Parseghian, Eric Robinson, Laurence Rabe, Kathy Delle Donne, Cindy Goodfellow, Leonel Fuentes and Eliot Cohen.

Absent: Harold Lee and Roger Oeland.

The minutes from the January 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. Ms. Margheritis stated that airports continue to face great challenges due to the pandemic. Fortunately, LAWA staff assigned to VNY have been able to stay safe and continue to be very diligent about protecting themselves and others from the virus. Information continues to flow in from federal, state, and county agencies regarding travel restrictions, health orders and the vaccine. Ms. Margheritis noted that LAWA would like to host a vaccine site at LAX for its employees, and the management team continues to communicate this desire to government partners.

Ms. Margheritis noted that LAWA continues to reduce expenses both at LAX and VNY due to financial challenges and, although financial recovery is not going to be something that occurs overnight, LAWA Management is working hard to ensure recovery. She noted that last week LAX released its passenger and cargo numbers and in 2020, LAX saw a 67.3% reduction in passengers at LAX compared to 2019 numbers. In the world of cargo, however, airlines at LAX moved a total of 2.5 million tons of cargo, an increase of 6.65% compared to 2019, and the highest number on record for the airport. There was a huge uptick on the transportation of personal protective equipment and other imports that contributed to this increase. Ms. Margheritis stated that at VNY the impacts were different, as Van Nuys does not use passengers or cargo as metrics. She also noted that some master tenants submitted a request for rent relief and the requests were granted.

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

For CY 2020, VNY showed an increase of almost 6% in total aircraft operations compared to 2019; this increase is likely attributed to flight training operations and piston aircraft operations. In fact, when looking at the aviation gas/fuel delivery totals for the airport, VNY showed an almost 19% increase in the delivery of 100LL, the fuel that powers piston aircraft. At Van Nuys there was a 20% decrease in jet operations compared to CY 2019 and, not surprisingly, VNY showed a 19% decrease in jet fuel delivered to the airport compared to 2019. Ms. Margheritis noted that It will be interesting to see how the rest of the year fares out and she will report the totals accordingly.

B. Christian Moreno, Chief of Operations

Mr. Moreno updated the council on the Taxiway Alpha Rehabilitation Project: Work area nine is complete with work area ten now open and scheduled for completion on March 10, 2021. Mr. Moreno stated that staff is coordinating with Castle & Cooke and Signature

Flight Support. The project is on time and on budget with a scheduled completion date of June 2021. All construction updates and pictures can be found on the VNY webpage.

C. Diana Sanchez, Director of Public and Community Relations

Ms. Sanchez thanked Ms. Harris who will be attending the UC Davis 2021 Noise Symposium.

Ms. Sanchez addressed the council as it relates to the Virtual Tour Program for students. The program can be found on the Van Nuys Airport webpage at www.iFlyVNY.com under the Public and Community Relations Section.

D. Dan Yeung, Environmental Specialist

Mr. Yeung provided the council with a briefing on the Jet Early Turn and Quiet Jet Departure programs for December 2020. The briefing summarized the information contained in the monthly environmental handouts (noise reports attached).

Updates and information can also be found on the LAWA website at www.iFlyVNY.com under the Noise Management Section.

Ms. Kathryn Pantoja provided the council with an update on the IFP Gateway request. She reminded the council that LAWA sent a response letter on December 21, 2020 to request more detailed information on the timeline and process for LAWA's request. Ms. Pantoja noted that LAWA received a response letter from the FAA dated January 22, 2021. The FAA noted that they would continue the process to review the notional procedures, however, any interim procedures would not be feasible at this time. FAA also noted that they will create a working group virtually to move forward with the process. Ms. Pantoja stated that LAWA management will continue to pursue this request and LAWA staff will be involved in the working group. All letters and information can be found on the LAWA website.

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 January 5, 2021. Sgt. Beacom mentioned that there have been some vehicle thefts in the area and police are increasing their targeted control. 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, January 5th, there were two virtual BOAC meetings.

At the BOAC meeting held on January 7, 2021, there were two VNY related items under the consent items for Board action. The first item was for a resolution for an award of a 3-year contract to Graybar Electric Company Inc., to cover supply and delivery of electrical breakers, fuses, enclosures and panels at LAX and VNY. The second item was for a

resolution for an award of a 3-year contract to 3 Stars Site Services, to cover portable restroom rental and maintenance services for LAX and VNY. Under regular items for Board action there were two VNY related items. The first item was for a resolution for an award of a 3-year contract to Champion Fire Systems Inc., to cover fire safety inspection, testing and repairs on fire protection and related systems at LAX and VNY. The second item was for a resolution for a first amendment to a contract with Herc Rentals Inc., to increase the contract authority to cover rental of construction equipment and related products and services for LAX and VNY.

At the January 21, 2021 meeting there was one VNY related item under the regular items for Board action. A resolution for an award of individual three (3)-year contracts to Smith-Emery Laboratories Inc. and Twining Inc., to cover specialty inspections, safety management, materials testing, escorting, surveying, and other services required on various improvement projects at LAX and VNY.

The regular BOAC meeting scheduled for February 4, 2021 has been cancelled.

The next BOAC Meeting, which again will be held via teleconference, is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2021.

III. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. FAA’s release of Neighborhood Environmental Survey Findings and Public Comment Period – Discussion/Action

The Chair opened the item for public comment.

The following community members spoke during the public comment period:

Mr. Bob Bramen, Resident
Ms. Elaine Newman, Resident
Mr. Ed Burnham, Resident
Ms. Susan Ashley, Resident
Mr. David Rankell, Resident
Mr. Peter Lipinski, Resident
Ms. Michelle Allen, Resident

Several community members submitted written comments (attached).

The Chair opened the item for discussion.

The Chair read a portion of the summary from the FAA Neighborhood Environmental Survey.

Mr. Rodine addressed the council as it relates to the Schultz Curve study of 1978.

Mr. Rodine stated that the FAA survey is not applicable to VNY as it is not a commercial airport.

Ms. Goodfellow addressed the council as it relates to noise microphones located throughout Van Nuys Airport and surrounding communities.

Mr. Cohen addressed the council as it relates to flight dispersal and stage 3 aircraft.

Mr. Robinson stated that a study done specifically for VNY should be considered.

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Yeung for clarification on noise microphones at VNY.

Mr. Yeung stated that there are seven microphones around Van Nuys that can be seen online on Webtrak.

Mr. Williams noted that City and Congressional involvement may be the only way to get changes made at VNY.

Mr. Williams reminded the public that the Citizens Advisory Council is an advisory council only.

Ms. Saunders stated she is cautiously optimistic about the study but noted that there is no direct data for VNY in the research. She stated that VNY would benefit from their own study.

Mr. Materna noted that the public should have received the same links and materials that the council was given to study the noise survey ahead of the meeting.

Mr. Materna addressed the council as it relates to the noise survey and Van Nuys Airport. Mr. Materna addressed the council as it relates to public comment submission for the noise survey.

Mr. Rodine called for a point of order and stated that the conversation is not in conformity with the topic of discussion.

Mr. Materna demanded more time to speak at a later time in the meeting.

The Chair requested Mr. Materna to have some decorum and respect for the council and public members waiting to speak.

Ms. Pantoja addressed the council as it relates to the noise monitors at VNY. Noise monitors at VNY are located around Van Nuys and the furthest southernly noise monitor/microphone is located in the Sepulveda basin. She noted that the FAA uses modeled data for their surveys, however, VNY monitors collect only measured data.

Mr. Rodine addressed the council as it relates to attendance at the SFV Noise Task Force meetings.

Mr. Rodine discussed surrounding aircraft noise in his and Ms. Rabes community.

Ms. Rabe stated that terrain is key when it comes to noise and flight paths.

Ms. Rabe asked Mr. Rodine not to address her residence when discussing aircraft noise in his area.

The Chair noted that the council could discuss action for the Noise Survey at the CAC meeting in March.

The Chair addressed the council as it relates to decorum and professionalism at CAC meetings. The Chair stated that the council exists to provide a conduit between the community and LAWA.

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:

Mr. Ed Burnham, Resident
Ms. Elaine Newman, Resident
Ms. Susan Ashley, Resident
Mr. David Rankell, Resident
Mr. Henry, Resident
Ms. Rosalyn, Resident

Several community members submitted written comments (attached).

VI. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair stated that there has been a large outcry from the community. He noted that although the CAC has made several motions and LAWA has acted, attention should be placed on much higher levels of government. The Chair urged the council to consider what actionable items can be brought up at the March CAC meeting to help the community. He encouraged the council to consider what they can do individually for their district and the constituents they represent.

VII. REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUPS

A. Membership – Cindy Goodfellow, Chairperson

Ms. Goodfellow stated she heard from the office of Councilmember Martinez, however there is no new information. Ms. Goodfellow has not heard back from the office of Councilmember Rodriguez.

VIII. EMERGENCY ITEMS SINCE POSTING OF AGENDA

No items were discussed.

IX. ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mr. Robinson addressed the council as it relates to air traffic over the Santa Monica mountains.

Ms. Harris stated that she is looking forward to her attendance at the Noise Symposium.

Mr. Fuentes thanked the Chair for his leadership.

Mr. Materna stated he is looking forward to making some good recommendations at the March meeting.

Ms. Petrus addressed the council as it relates to difference of opinions and meeting decorum.

Ms. Saunders thanked LAWA staff for keeping their staff reports brief.

Mr. Rodine commended the Chair on the meeting.

Ms. Goodfellow thanked the Chair and commended Ms. Pantoja on her clarification on noise monitors.

Mr. Parker addressed the council as it relates to air traffic dispersal. Mr. Parker stated that he supports VNY and its stimulation to the economy.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

9:32 p.m.