

SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the May 21, 2009 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Young called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Delaney, Doherty, Hayssen, Smith, Starrett, and Young.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Smith moved with support from Starrett to approve the April 2009 Aviation Commission Meeting Minutes. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Complaint Update

Stout reported that there were 14 complaints since the April 2009 meeting.

1. Marc LaMantia – helicopter overflight
2. Jean McMullen – loud, low military jet overflight
3. Cinnamon Cruz – loud military jet overflight
4. Matthew Gilmore – loud military jet overflight
5. Dawn Woo – aircraft circling over area
6. Sandi LaMantia – Horizon Air flies too low
7. Marc LaMantia – helicopter overflight
8. Timothy Souza – too many helicopters in the area
9. Dorothy Detriets – helicopter landed near her home
10. Mrs. Stark – loud overflight
11. Mrs. Stark – loud overflight
12. Mrs. Stark – loud overflight
13. Chuck Bartley, Jr. – Horizon Air flew over too low
14. Emanuele Fiorentini – low jet overflight

The 2009 Complaint Summary was distributed at the meeting.

B. Tower Report

Steve Miller, acting Tower Manager, said that a permanent Tower Manager has not yet been hired.

C. Airline Update

Stout reported that Horizon Air has continued to do well. Even though the total passenger count is down, the load factor per flight has increased. Horizon Air is evaluating a San Diego flight.

The Airport is sending the marketing consultant from Tri-Star Marketing Company to the June 2009 Jumpstart meeting.

D. EIR/EA Update

Stout reported that the Notice to Proceed has been sent to RS&H. It should take 14 – 18 months for the environmental documents to be completed.

E. Projects Update

Stout updated the Commission on the following Airport Projects:

- Apron “A” Overlay – preparation work has started, and the project should start next week and be completed in 60 days.
- Terminal Renovation – there were 13 bidders. Murray Building, Inc. is the recommended bidder, and the second bidder, JDS Builders Group, has filed a bid protest. The FAA is holding the grant pending resolution of this issue.
- Airport Website – the website should be updated in the next month.
- Hangar Painting Project – the “D” hangar has been cleaned and prepped, and the roof is being sealed today. It should take another week.
- Service Animal Relief Area – the Department of Transportation notified Horizon Air that a service animal relief area is required. Airport staff is creating one in the grassy area next to the parking kiosk.
- Apron “F” Restroom – the restroom has been delivered. The area needs to be leveled and an ADA ramp needs to be installed. It should be ready for use in 4-6 weeks.

F. Airport Badging

Stout reported that the commercial tenant deadline is June 1, 2009 for AOA badges. The Airport has submitted a request for an extension to October 31, 2009 for the Airport to complete issuing AOA badges to general aviation tenants.

G. Tenant Appreciation Day Update

Stout said the Tenant Appreciation day has been scheduled for July 15, 2009 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Airport Neighbors meeting is scheduled for July 29. Mesa Beverage Company offered to host the next Airport neighbors meeting as an opportunity to answer questions from neighbors regarding their project.

F. Fee Hearing Update

Stout reported that the Airport Rates and Charges for FY 2009/2010 were approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 21, 2009. There were no public comments. Paul Kelley did express approval that a 5-year rate schedule was included.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items at this time.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Airport Noise Brochure Update

Hayssen explained the traffic pattern change to be included in the updated brochure. The KaiserAir/Santa Rosa Jet Center frequency will be added. There will also be a notice that the Airport is closed during the annual Wings over Wine Country Air Show.

NEW BUSINESS

Stout asked the Commission to think of suggestions regarding hangar tenant special event requests during the Air Show, and said that this item would be on the next agenda for discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Oliver, representing the Sierra Club, thanked the Commission for their willingness to answer questions. He requested an explanation of the ILS landing system and expressed concerns regarding noise and safety. Hayssen explained that it is a ground based navigational aid and offered to meet with the Sierra Club to explain current approach patterns.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Smith reported on an incident at the Petaluma Airport involving a tenant pushing a stroller on a taxiway.

ADJOURN

Smith moved with support from Starrett to adjourn. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Stout, CAE, AAE
Airport Manager