

SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the May 17, 2007 Meeting

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Hayssen, Starrett, Walters and Young.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Walters moved with support from Starrett to approve the February 15, 2007 Commission Meeting Minutes as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The CAFÉ Foundation will host the Personal Air Vehicle (PAV) Centennial Challenge August 4-12, 2007. Brien Seeley gave a power point presentation about PAVs and the upcoming event.

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Complaint Update

Stout reported there were seventy-four noise complaints since the February 2007 meeting, which is a 16.7% increase from 2006 versus a 33.4% increase in operations.

1. Dannewitz – Sheriff helicopter circling overhead
2. Gleason – helicopter circling overhead
3. Julie Zanzi – loud jet overflight
4. Jerri Cross – loud jet overflight
5. Terry Michels – loud, low CDF overflights (memorial service)
6. Lanette Armstrong – loud CDF overflights (memorial service)
7. Anonymous – too many overflights, wants 2 gray planes investigated
8. Sandi LaMantia – loud jet overflight
9. Michael McCaffery – loud jet overflights
10. Maryanne M. – helicopter overflights
11. Marc LaMantia – loud, low jet overflight
12. Marc LaMantia – loud jet overflight
13. Marc LaMantia – too many overflights
14. Marc LaMantia – loud, low jet overflight
15. Marc LaMantia – loud overflight
16. Marc LaMantia – too many helicopter overflights
17. Marc LaMantia – loud overflight
18. Marc LaMantia – loud helicopter overflight
19. Marc LaMantia – loud jet overflight
20. Marc LaMantia – several loud overflights
21. Marc LaMantia – loud, low overflight
22. Kathy Deakin – low helicopter overflight
23. Elizabeth Witchey – helicopter circling too low
24. Lynn Hamilton – low jet overflight

25. Sandi LaMantia – loud overflight
26. Mary Ann Michaels – frequent overflights
27. Anonymous – loud noise from the direction of the Airport
28. Andy Meuller – loud jet noise from direction of the Airport
29. Rob Shiperly – loud jet noise from the direction of the Airport
30. Bill Gleason – loud jet noise from the direction of the Airport
31. Max Redalia – helicopter overflight
32. L. Tighe – planes should not be allowed to flight over city limits and mufflers should be required
33. Pat Morse – loud jet overflight
34. L. Tighe – planes should not be allowed to flight over city limits and mufflers should be required
35. Scott Griffen – Horizon Air is too loud
36. Mary Ann Swanson – low jet overflight
37. Anonymous – low overflight
38. Anonymous – plane circling the neighborhood
39. L. Tighe – loud overflight too early in the morning
40. Sharlene Fream – loud, low jet overflight
41. Marc LaMantia – loud, low jet overflight
42. Amy Shiree – helicopter training too late at night
43. L. Tighe – planes should not be allowed to fly over city limits
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45. Silvia Ibarra – loud jet overflight
46. Donna Swain – loud helicopter overflight
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50. Mrs. Edington – low biplane overflight
51. Anonymous – loud, low overflight
52. Jim Lindgren – jet overflights
53. Marc LaMantia – loud, low overflight
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61. Ms. Gruber – low Horizon overflight
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74. A park ranger at Point Reyes – 3 ultra lights landed at the park

B. Tower Report

Tim Pforsich, Tower Manager, was not present.

C. Airline Update

Stout will meet with Horizon to discuss increasing service at STS. There have been some minor issues with passengers arriving late and parking.

Stout added that Aloha Airline and Allegiant are still interested in providing service.

D. ADA Improvements

Stout said the ADA improvements on the sidewalks have been completed except for some signage, which will be added in the next few days.

E. Restaurant

Stout reported that there would be a closed session of the Board of Supervisors to review six restaurant proposals. Mike Wagner, General Services Real Estate, will negotiate with the first choice.

F. Airport Staff Changes

Stout said that Melinda Gay, Marketing Coordinator for Sonoma County Transit and the Airport, will be working exclusively for the Airport as of July 1, 2007. The Airport will present a reorganization plan to the BOS to add an assistant manager position in June.

G. Hot Spot

Stout is discussing options with Internet service providers to provide WiFi in the terminal.

H. Airport Traffic Pattern Altitude

Stout reported that the traffic pattern altitude increase submitted to the FAA in October 2006 has been approved.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Rates & Charges

Stout reviewed 2007 changes to the Airport Rates & Charges. Hangar and tiedown fees will not change for Fiscal Year 2007/2008. Terminal use fees will increase to \$1.30/square foot. The overtime rate will increase to \$67.50. Fees for security badges and background checks will be added to the Rates & Charges. Driver Training will cost \$45 if they need to be scheduled outside the offered times and \$67.50/hour for classes held in the evening or on weekends.

Walters moved with support from Starrett to approve the Rates & Charges for 2007. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

B. Set June Meeting for Evening

Stout explained that an evening meeting in June would provide the opportunity to present the Draft Airport Master Plan to the Commission and Airport tenants.

Young moved with support from Hayssen to schedule the June 21, 2007 for 6 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Stout announced the Snoopy “Joe Cool” paint-off is currently underway, and the Airport is sponsor of one statue that will be on display in front of the terminal. The funds raised will be used for a Bronze statue of a Peanuts character in front of the terminal.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Byron Mandel, a Rohnert Park resident, said he is pleased about the Horizon Service, but thinks the airline and the Airport could be doing more to promote the service. Mandel suggested developing an email database and doing more media promotion.

Stout will give Mr. Mandel's contact information to Melinda Gay. Stout also explained that the Airport website is being redesigned and that there are no funds left for advertising.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Young suggested that the Airport get on the Windsor Town Council Agenda to promote the Airport. Stout said the Airport is working on meeting with the Town of Windsor to review the Draft Master Plan.

ADJOURN

Walters moved with support from Starrett to adjourn. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Stout, C.M.
Airport Manager