

SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the August 16, 2007 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Hayssen moved with support from Starrett to approve the June 21, 2007 Commission Meeting Minutes as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Complaint Update

Stout reported there were seventy-four noise complaints since the June 21, 2007 meeting.

1. L. Tighe – require mufflers on planes and prohibit flights over city limits
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3. Michelle Bishop – low overflights
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7. Eric Amadei – loud overflight
8. Marc LaMantia – loud, low overflight
9. Anonymous – loud, low overflight
10. Silvia Ibarra – loud overflight
11. L. Tighe – require mufflers on planes and prohibit flights over city limits
12. David Puentes – helicopter circling neighborhood
13. L. Tighe – require mufflers on planes and prohibit flights over city limits
14. Bill Earnhart – helicopter overflights
15. L. Tighe – require mufflers on planes and prohibit flights over city limits
16. Scott Griffen – loud jet overflight
17. L. Tighe – require mufflers on planes and prohibit flights over city limits
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19. Adolf Hofmann – loud overflight
20. Harley Henderson – Airport/Coastguard conspiracy to pump her well dry
21. Denise Rebeki – aircraft circling over her home
22. Julie Seitzman – balloonists are disturbing her
23. Michael McGinnis – loud helicopter overflight
24. Jeff Vakassian – low overflight
25. Sandi LaMantia – loud overflight
26. Marc LaMantia – low, loud jet overflight
27. Marc LaMantia – low, loud jet overflight
28. Scott Griffin – loud overflight

29. Doug Branscomb – loud, low jet overflight
30. Scott Griffin – loud jet overflight
31. Anonymous – helicopter circling over neighborhood
32. Scott Griffin – loud jet overflight
33. Ann Sebastian – too many jets flying over neighborhood
34. Scott Griffin – Horizon is too loud
35. Sharlene Fream – low overflight
36. Kristie Neeley – loud overflight
37. Scott Griffin – Horizon is too loud
38. Scott Griffin – too many loud aircraft flying over his home
39. Mark Bommersbach – too many low jets flying over his home
40. Melinda Frances – loud overflight
41. Chris Suter – too many overflights
42. Chris Suter – aircraft flew over his home
43. Scott Griffin – low overflight
44. Scott Griffin – three loud overflights, one was Horizon
45. Laurel McCarthy – aircraft doing acrobatics over Rohnert Park
46. Barbara Mackenzie – aircraft flying low over Rohnert Park
47. Bill Gibson – aircraft doing acrobatics over Rohnert Park
48. David Ebright – low overflight
49. Mr. Gatter – aircraft circling over Petaluma
50. Patricia – Horizon flew over too low
51. Drew Jacobs – Horizon flew over too low
52. Patricia Dines – too many aircraft fly over Graton
53. Karl Bastian – loud overflight
54. Anne Sebastian – too many aircraft fly over neighborhood
55. Ken Gutierrez – low helicopter overflight
56. Eric Ochucci – loud helicopter overflight
57. Marc LaMantia – loud jet overflight
58. Marc LaMantia – Horizon is too loud
59. Helen Gillespie – low overflight
60. Betty Slyker – loud, low jet overflight
61. Marc LaMantia – Horizon is too loud
62. Mrs. Ahern – too many aircraft flying over
63. Sandi LaMantia – loud jet overflight
64. Tony Wilkie – low helicopter overflights
65. Marc LaMantia – Horizon is too low and too loud
66. Leif – helicopter circling Calistoga
67. Scott Griffin – Horizon is too loud
68. Scott Griffin – loud jet overflight
69. Barbara MacKenzie – aircraft doing acrobatics over Rohnert Park
70. Scott Griffin – loud jet overflight
71. Dale Ahern – too may aircraft flying over neighborhood
72. Scott Griffin – loud, low jet overflight

- 73. Mark Weston – helicopter landed on property in Forestville
- 74. Cathy Manazi – aircraft circling over neighborhood

B. Tower Report

Stout reported that there were 12,725 operations in June 2007.

Tim Pforsich, Tower Manager, reported that new controllers have been fully trained, and there will be one more trainee this fall. In May 2008 there will be a new supervisor. There have been 2,000 grievances related to the labor contract, which went into effect in March 2007.

C. Airline Update

Stout reported that Horizon Air continues to do very well and has surpassed the passenger counts United reported in its last year of service at STS. On October 28, 2007, Horizon Air will add a flight to Portland and a third flight to Los Angeles.

Stout said that there have been flight cancellations and delays due to mechanical problems but that spare aircraft have been brought in to replace aircraft under repair. STS will probably get income from passenger facility charges in 2008.

Stout also reported that Pat Zachweija retired from Horizon air and is now at Frontier.

D. Restaurant

Stout reported that the Sky Lounge had a “soft” opening, but no grand opening yet. It appears to be well accepted so far.

E. Hot Spot

Stout has received two proposals for WiFi in the terminal and hangar areas, which have been sent to County Counsel for review.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Cancellation of September 20, 2007 Commission Meeting

Walters moved with support from Smith to cancel the September 20, 2007 Aviation Commission meeting due to the public informational meetings scheduled for that week on the Draft Airport Master Plan. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Draft Airport Master Plan Public Hearings

Stout requested volunteers from the Commission to staff the information tables at the public informational meetings on the Draft Airport Master Plan scheduled for September 18, 19 and 20, 2007. Mead & Hunt will conduct trainings on each station the week prior to the hearings.

The Draft Airport Master Plan will be posted on the Airport website, and comments will be accepted on the website. Press releases with the hearing schedule will be sent out two weeks before the meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Stout explained that Apex Aviation is behind in its rent and percentage payments to the Airport. The Airport is working with County Counsel to resolve this issue. Emergency Services is addressing compliance issues with Apex fuel tanks.

Stout reported that Sonoma Jet Center is interested in getting another building on the Airport.

Stout also reported that revenue from the rental car agencies has doubled.

Stout reported that the Airport has purchased two fire trucks from Las Vegas. One of the trucks will be sold.

Doherty reported on the status of the Air Show preparation. PCAM will provide support for Horizon’s operations during the Air Show. The security box will move to the transient ramp, and PCAM has arranged for shuttle busses for passengers.

Stout reported that the bronze statue of the “Peanuts” characters will be installed in front of the terminal, and the public unveiling will be in September.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Walters has a report on disposal of waste aircraft fuel. Stout will work with Walters on an article for the Red Baron on environmentally sound fuel recycling.

Hayssen handed out information on the SRJC aero classes, which will be added to the Airport website.

Walters offered to take the staff person responsible for responding to noise complaints on a flight to provide an in-air orientation to better respond to callers.

ADJOURN

Doherty moved with support from Walters to adjourn. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Stout, AAE
Airport Manager