

# SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the January 20, 2005 Meeting

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Hayssen, Starrett, Walters, and Young

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Hayssen moved with support from Walters to approve the November 18, 2004 Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

## **AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

### **A. Complaint Update:**

Stout reported that 27 complaints had been received since the last Commission meeting.

1. Marc LaMantia – 2 loud, low jet overflights; 2 helicopters
2. Anonymous – 2 loud jet overflights
3. Anonymous – plane flying over every few minutes every day for 4 to 5 weeks
4. Sandi LaMantia – loud jet take-off
5. Sandi LaMantia – loud jet take-off
6. Marie Piazza – low aircraft overflight
7. Marc LaMantia – many loud overflights
8. Marc LaMantia – loud, low aircraft circling neighborhood
9. Ryan (no last name) – blue and white helicopter flying over every night at 20-minute intervals
10. Marc LaMantia – loud jet overflight
11. Anonymous – loud, low overflight
12. Joanne Hamilton – loud overflight
13. Marc LaMantia – low overflights
14. Darlene Wally – loud, low overflights in middle of night
15. Derrick Hickman – constant loud helicopter overflight
16. Jean (no last name) – loud overflight; increase of loud aircraft for several months
17. Darlene Wally – loud jet overflight
18. Jill Del Sol – increase in early morning overflights
19. Darlene Wally – loud jet overflight
20. Anonymous – loud, low jet overflight
21. Marc LaMantia – loud jet overflight
22. Joanne Hamilton – loud take-off or landing
23. Sandi LaMantia – loud jet departure
24. Marc LaMantia – loud, low jet landing
25. Anonymous – loud, low jet overflight
26. Anonymous – loud, low jet overflight
27. Sandi LaMantia – loud jet departure

Stout said that identifying the aircraft causing noise complaints has increased from approximately 6% to 40% since the installation of the new equipment. Stout referred to the attached Board of Supervisors' 2004 Noise Complaint Summary. There were 196 complaints in 2004. Four households accounted for 40% of the total number of complaints.

### **B. Windsor Noise Meeting Update**

Stout reported that Mayor Debra Fudge chaired the meeting. There were approximately 30 members of the public in attendance, two FAA representatives, and a representative from

Woolsey's and Thompson's offices. The FAA suggested that a FAR PART 150 Noise Study could be done. An official request will be made to the FAA.

**C. Airline Update**

According to Stout there are no commitments yet. Horizon is still working on a route structure that includes STS. They have requested minor route changes from Alaska Air to free up aircraft capacity to be able to serve our market.

Delta is examining our market for a possible Salt Lake City connection. Sonoma County is in their top ten markets. America West is doing an aircraft performance analysis for an STS to Las Vegas route. A proposal was sent to Aloha Air, but they have declared bankruptcy.

The MIDT Survey has been completed and is being evaluated to provide information on what kind of passenger loads can be expected in our service area.

**D. AARF Vehicle Update**

The new fire vehicle has been purchased from Colet, and delivery is planned by August. There was a protest by another vendor, which was resolved.

**E. Lease Status Update**

Stout reported that Sonoma Jet Center has its modular building in place and will be pouring the concrete pad Friday. Sonoma Jet Center anticipates opening in April 2005 and will provide maintenance, fueling and a pilot shop. The discovery and removal of contaminated soil slowed down the process.

The new REACH buildings are ready for occupancy. After they have vacated their offices on Flightline, North Coast Air and American Aviation have expressed an interest in occupying those offices.

The environmental documents for APEX will go to PRMD on February 2, 2005, then to the Board of Supervisors. APEX plans to bring the north hangar building up to code and then knock down the old south hangar.

**F. Airport Web Page Update**

Stout is still working to incorporate changes and corrections suggested by Commission members and Airport office staff. The site should be live at the end of January.

**G. Hangar Inspections**

Hangar inspections begin February 10, 2005 and notices have been mailed to the tenants.

**H. Tower Update**

Steve Beckman was not present at the meeting, but the Operations Reports for November and December 2004 have been included in the Agenda Packet.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Rules and Regulations Subcommittee**

Stout requested volunteers to be on a subcommittee to work on the update of the Rules and Regulations. Walters and Hayssen will be on the subcommittee and will ask other tenants to join. Discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Hangar Rent Parity**

Stout reported that a meeting of the Hangar Rent Parity Subcommittee is scheduled for February 2, 2005, at 5:30 p.m. at the Airport Fire Station Training Room at the Airport.

### **B. Gun Club Electric Changes**

Stout reported that most of the Gun Club hangars are near completion. The Rincon Valley Fire Marshall has recommended changes to the old power system, which is underway. For the new units, the tenants will be sharing the expense for the upgrade except for one tenant, who declined the option. The Airport will perform quarterly meter readings and bill the tenants for electricity used. The County will pay for upgrading the electrical system in the County owned hangars in the Gun Club area this summer. Stout will keep the Commission updated as plans are completed and implemented.

### **C. Minimum Standards Review**

Young is working with Hayssen and should have recommendations soon. The goal is to refine and clarify the Minimum Standards.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business at this time.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments at this time.

## **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Young wrote an article for the *Airport Newsletter*, which suggests that tenants participate and/or attend the Airport Commission meetings.

## **ADJOURN:**

*Delaney moved with support from Walters to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Jon Stout  
Airport Manager