

SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the June 16, 2005 Meeting

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Smith moved with support from Starrett to approve the May 19, 2005, Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. Complaint Update:

Stout reported that 29 complaints had been received since the May 19, 2005 Commission meeting.

1. Ann Fitzgerald – race track noise
2. Scott Griffin – loud jet overflight
3. Anonymous – loud, low overflights
4. Kim Kelley – loud overflights
5. Celia LaMantia – loud jet overflight
6. Kathy Vinozzi – loud overflight
7. James Montgomery – low overflight
8. Myrna Werder – loud, low overflight
9. Jane Ekbatani – increase in low overflights
10. Sandi LaMantia – loud jet circling the neighborhood
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12. John Ryehn – loud jet circling
13. Shannon Ledger – low overflights
14. Marc LaMantia – loud jet overflight
15. Christine Angel – low helicopter overflight
16. Tom Danaher – low jet overflight
17. Tom Donaher – low jet overflight
18. Marc LaMantia – loud overflight
19. Laurie Smith – low helicopter overflights
20. Susan – helicopter circling her home
21. Celia LaMantia – loud jet overflight
22. Celia LaMantia – loud jet overflight
23. Celia LaMantia – loud jet overflight
24. Celia LaMantia – loud jet overflight
25. Celia LaMantia – loud jet overflight
26. Celia LaMantia – loud jet overflight
27. Celia LaMantia – loud jet overflight
28. Anonymous – low helicopter overflight
29. Anonymous – loud, low overflight

Stout attributed the increased number of noise complaints to the annual Spring Jinks weekend, which is the first weekend in June. There were six complaints from one household that weekend.

B. Airport Web Page Update

Stout reported that the web page changes were sent to the Web Master, who was out of town last week and has not yet made the changes. However, the web page should be up soon.

C. Tower Update

Steve Beckmann reported a 20% decrease in air traffic compared to May last year, probably weather related. There is a new controller at the Santa Rosa tower. Two controllers will be retiring next month, which will add up to a total of seven controllers leaving this year. There were fifteen responses to the job notice.

The REACH Mediplane landing requirements were discussed. The landings cause a lot of dust and dirt to blow onto the taxiway. Stout said the Service Road improvement should alleviate most of that problem.

D. Minimum Standards

Stout is still working on the changes recommended by the Airport Commission and has discussed maintenance policies with Justin Kuykendahl from APEX Aviation.

In addition, there is the possibility that a jet taxi business using small jets will begin operating in early 2006. The Minimum Standards should include guidelines for non-Airport based businesses to reduce the impact of unfair competition on Airport based businesses.

E. Gate Card Policy

Stout reported revisions are not yet complete on the Gate Card Policy. It will be discussed at a future meeting.

F. Construction Project Update

Stout reported that pre-bid walk throughs were held for the Runway and Taxiway Improvements and the Perimeter Fence Project. Bids are due June 29 and 30, 2005. The fence project would start at the earliest by the end of July.

Lange reported that the Access Road project is underway. Approximately 3,500 cubic yards of dirt is being moved to a stock site location for later use. This project should be completed by July 4, 2005. The pavement between the new shade hangars and the maintenance building will be repaired as part of the Access Road project.

G. News Letter Update (Advertising)

Stout reported there has been a good response to the Airport newsletter, and there have been requests to include advertising. A draft policy for advertising was distributed at the meeting.

There will be an article in the next newsletter with information explaining the policy and prices for ads.

H. Airline Update

Stout reported on the Airport Council International Airline/Airport meeting held June 13 and 14 in Calgary, Canada.

Aloha is interested and should make a decision in the next few weeks. They are interested in providing service to Orange County once daily.

Delta is looking for more point-to-point Western markets and is considering service to Salt Lake City beginning late this year or early next year. The possibility of Los Angeles or San Diego service was also discussed.

Allegiant Air is considering service to Las Vegas four times a week. They have sent RFP's to both APEX and Sonoma Jet Center for fueling costs and ground support. They are interested in starting service in August, but it will take at least 60 days for TSA to be up and running.

Sky King is a start up carrier based in Sacramento, which flies NBA and NHL teams. They are interested in providing 2 flights a day to LAX and one to Las Vegas. There is a meeting scheduled next week.

Horizon's board has directed its staff to talk to Bombardier regarding acquiring new aircraft for possible service as early as December 2005. Delta and Horizon can work together on staffing in Santa Rosa.

ACTION ITEMS

A. 05/06 Meeting Schedule Adoption

Delaney moved with support from Hayssen to approve the Commission meeting schedule for the fiscal year 05/06.

July 21, 2005 at 8:00 a.m.

August 18, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

September 15, 2005 at 8:00 a.m.

October 20, 2005 at 8:00 a.m.

November 17, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

December 15, 2005 at 8:00 a.m.

January 19, 2006 at 8:00 a.m.

February 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

March 16, 2006 at 8:00 a.m.

April 20, 2006 at 8:00 a.m.

May 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

June 15, 2006 at 8:00 a.m.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

B. 05/06 Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Delaney moved with support from Smith to appoint Young as Chair and Hayssen as Vice Chair for the fiscal year 05/06. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Business Attraction

Doherty would like to see more space on the Airport designated for commercial use, specifically the hangars REACH recently vacated. After discussion it was recommended that this hangar be designated for commercial use (or as preferred for commercial use) as the existing non-commercial tenants vacate the building.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments at this time.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Young commented that there has been an improvement in customer service since Sonoma Jet Center started its fueling business, probably as a result of competition.

Stout announced the Airport fee hearing is scheduled for June 21, 2005 starting at 2:15 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors.

ADJOURN:

Starrett moved with support from Smith to adjourn. All ayes. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Stout
Airport Manager