

SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the August 18, 2005 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Delaney, Smith, Starrett, Walters and Young

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Smith moved with support from Delaney to approve the June 16, 2005, Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. Complaint Update:

Stout reported that 20 complaints had been received since the June 16, 2005 Commission meeting. In comparing the first six months of 2004 and 2005, the number of complaints decreased from 116 to 114. However, since total operations have decreased 15%, there are more complaints per operation. Only 3 complaints were received during the Bohemian Grove. The Airport Manager's office will be staffed during the Air Show to answer any complaints.

Young followed up on the complaints by Ms. Fitzgerald regarding helicopter training. The Sheriff trains once or twice per month, usually on a Wednesday evening, for ½ hour. All other night training is done off the Airport. REACH was required to have intense training in the use of night goggles on a one-time basis, which generated most of her complaints. Young will contact Ms. Fitzgerald with that information.

1. Ann Fitzgerald – race track noise
2. Scott Griffin – loud overflight
3. Marc LaMantia – loud jet overflight
4. Celia LaMantia – loud jet overflight
5. Marc LaMantia – loud jet overflight
6. Anonymous – loud, low overflight
7. Jim (no last name) – loud jet overflight
8. Marc LaMantia – loud overflight
9. Marc LaMantia – loud overflight
10. Marc LaMantia – loud overflight
11. Debra Fudge – loud overflight
12. Marc LaMantia – loud overflight
13. Tony Nicolas – loud overflight
14. Marc LaMantia – loud overflight
15. Scott Griffin – loud overflight
16. Marc LaMantia – loud overflight
17. Anonymous – loud, low overflight
18. Marc LaMantia – loud jet overflight
19. Teresa Burris – increase in air traffic noted
20. Anonymous – loud jet overflight

B. Airport Web Page Update

Stout reported that the Airport website is on-line and suggested the Commissioners review it and report any errors. There is a sign-up for email updates, but Stout informed the Commission that any email addresses submitted are subject to FOYA (Freedom of Information Act).

C. Tower Update

Steve Beckmann was not present at the meeting. Stout reported that operations had decreased from 2004 and that to date 2005 has had the fewest number of operations in the last 5 years.

D. Community Meeting Review

Stout reported that postcard notices were mailed to property owners within a one-mile radius of the Airport for a neighbors' meeting. The meeting was held at Sonoma County Office of Education on Wednesday evening, July 27, 2005. Supervisor Kelley provided introductions; Commissioner Young explained the function of the Aviation Commission, and Commissioner Doherty presented a brief history of the Airport. Of the 29 neighbors who attended, most expressed support for the Airport as well as appreciation for the meeting. Many stated they had been curious about Airport plans and activities and that the meeting was very informative.

Meetings are planned every 6 months. Representatives from various operators such as REACH, Sheriff and the Air Traffic Control Tower will be asked to attend future meetings for presentations.

Young complimented Stout on his handling of the meeting and noted that the neighbors were very supportive of commercial airline service at the Sonoma County Airport.

E. Tenant Meeting Review

Stout reported that the first meeting of Airport commercial tenants was held on Wednesday, August 10, 2005. Quarterly meetings are planned to keep tenants informed of Airport projects and plans and to get feedback on tenant concerns and/or complaints.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Advertising Policy

Copies of the Airport newsletter were handed out at the meeting for the Commissioners to review the advertising policy, which was incorporated into the newsletter. No comments from the Commission had been received regarding the advertising policy.

Young moved with support from Walters to approve the newsletter advertising policy. All ayes, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Air Show

Stout announced the Air Show schedule and said that the only potential problem at this point was a person planning to set up a table to gather signatures for a petition. The Airport had discussed guidelines with County Counsel and Risk Management to avoid violation of anyone's

civil rights. A permit would be required if a table is set up, although event fees would be waived.

B. Runway 01/19 Overlay Update

Stout reported that the pre-construction meeting was held and that the contracts have been approved by the BOS. Work should start after Labor Day. The project will consist of a 2½-inch thick asphalt overlay, 100 feet wide, of the entire length of the runway. There will also be a 25-foot fog seal on either side of the runway.

There will be a slurry seal applied to the western taxiways. The County is working with the contractor to seal Taxiway A to extend the life of that runway. In addition, the project will light the windsocks, upgrade the runway safety areas, and install a PAPI on Runway 19.

C. Perimeter Fence Update

Stout said the perimeter fence project should start the first part of September 2005. An 8-foot fence will be installed along the western side of the Airport. North of Windsor Road a 6-foot no-climb fence will be installed. The neighbors have expressed support for the project. New gates will be installed at the Nob Hill and museum with wider concrete approaches.

D. Hangars 1-25 Maintenance

Stout said the “A” category hangars are in need of maintenance, which will include cleaning and coating of the steel beams and roof painting. The tenants will be notified that the hangars will have to be vacated for three weeks for the project

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Heck, a hangar tenant, would like to have a meeting to discuss a joint effort between the Airport and PCAM for a marketing campaign to promote use of the Airport. That topic will be included as part of the Air Show discussion at a future Aviation Commission meeting.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Stout updated the Commission on the situation with Manny’s restaurant. The Board of Supervisors has authorized a 90-day period for the executor of Manny’s estate to find a buyer for the restaurant. After that and Request for Proposals will be issued.

In response to the question of Skydive’s whereabouts, Stout said they had moved to Missouri without notification and that mail is being returned. There are 3 years left on their lease, and legal action will be pursued.

The Commission also requested an update on airline service, and Stout reported on the status of discussions with Allegiant Air, Aloha Airlines, Horizon and Delta.

Stout will be out of town September 15, 2005, and suggested canceling the Commission meeting. *Young moved with support from Smith to cancel the Aviation Commission meeting for September 15, 2005. 4 ayes, Delaney opposed. Motion Carried.*

ADJOURN:

Delaney moved with support from Starrett to adjourn. All ayes. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Stout
Airport Manager