

# SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the November 16, 2006 Meeting

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Delaney, Hayssen (left at 9:25 a.m.), Smith (arrived at 8:10 a.m.), Starrett, Walters and Young.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Starrett moved with support from Hayssen to approve the September 28, 2006 Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

## **AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **A. Complaint Update**

Stout reported there were 24 complaints received since the September 28, 2006 Commission meeting. There were 217 complaints received through October 2006.

1. Dan O'Connell – aircraft circling his property
2. Forrest Randall – helicopter “buzzing” overhead without lights on
3. Ilona Macias – small aircraft flying over Cloverdale
4. Sandi LaMantia – loud overflight, need noise abatement
5. Sandi LaMantia – REACH helicopter overflight
6. Mr. Wolmuth – third aircraft in a row circling over home
7. Scott Griffin – too much air traffic over his home
8. Rita Castellano – low jet overflight
9. David Deakin – low overflight
10. Scott Griffin – loud, low jet overflight
11. Richard Rodrigues – low overflight
12. Anne Fitzgerald – loud helicopters
13. Don Albin – jets flying over Matti Washburn School
14. Marc LaMantia – loud jet overflight
15. Mrs. Branscomb – low overflights
16. Mr. Barry – aircraft doing acrobatics over a residential area
17. Colleen Robello – aircraft doing “rolls” over Fountaingrove
18. Jerry O'Brien – low overflight
19. Mr. Williams – helicopter hovering over her home
20. Joey Aletsick – loud jet overflight too early in the morning
21. Marc LaMantia – loud, low overflight
22. Martin Hromalik – aircraft circling neighborhood
23. Mrs. Ball – loud overflights
24. Kristina Boudreaux – helicopter circling overhead

**B. Tower Report**

Stout reported that the preliminary report on jet fumes in the Tower has been completed and will be reviewed.

Tim Pforsich, Tower Manager, reported that a new labor contract has been approved.

**C. Airline Update**

Stout reported that TSA has given a verbal commitment to fund security screening for the Sonoma County Airport, which has been reported by the Press Democrat, North Bay Business Journal and TV50. TSA will send out an RFP for private screeners and manage the contract.

Frontier has sent out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for regional airline service to Denver, which is due January 15, 2007. The Airport is contacting large employers in Sonoma County and requesting letters supporting this service.

A company called Wine Country shippers would like to open a counter in the terminal to package wine to be checked as baggage or shipped from Santa Rosa. Both Horizon Air and the Sonoma County Tourism Bureau have expressed support for this concept, especially due to the ban on liquids.

**D. Restaurant RFP Update**

The County did not receive any RFP's for the restaurant, which opens up the opportunity for the Airport to negotiate with a potential operator of its choice.

**E. Noise Abatement Guide Update**

Stout reported that the Noise Abatement Guide is at the publisher. 5,000 copies will be printed and will be available by mid-December. The FAA still has to approve the change in traffic pattern altitudes included in the guide.

**F. ADA Improvements**

Stout said the ADA improvements for the parking lot areas would start on November 20, 2006. The terminal restroom renovation will start on November 16, 2006. The estimated cost is \$69,000.

**G. AOPA Airport – DVD (Available for Loan)**

The DVD is available for viewing at the Airport Conference Room or for loan.

**H. Gun Club Electrical Upgrade**

Stout reported that the remaining upgrades should take twelve to eighteen months to complete.

**I. PAPI Upgrade**

The PAPI upgrade is close to completion. Wire still needs to be pulled through the conduit running under the runway.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. December Meeting Cancellation**

*Walters moved with support from Smith to cancel the December 2006 Aviation Commission meeting. After discussion, Walters moved to amend the motion with support from Smith to schedule the February 2007 meeting in the evening to discuss security changes as a result of air service. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Master Plan Update**

Stout reported that the November Community Advisory Committee meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. The next scheduled meeting is December 14, 2006 at 6 p.m. at the Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE). The Aviation Activity Forecast was approved at the October meeting.

The December 14, 2006 meeting will cover the general aviation forecasts.

The current goal is to have a draft plan to present to the public in March 2007 and a final plan to send to the Board of Supervisors in June 2007.

### **B. Sheriff Garden Site**

The Pacific Coast Air Museum has requested consideration of moving the museum to the current Sheriff garden site on Airport Boulevard. Before proceeding with this plan, the County needs to evaluate all possibilities for the best use of the site. The Sheriff also is concerned with security and public safety, since the garden is close to the North Detention Facility.

After discussion, the Commission agreed to have a study session on Wednesday, November 29, 2006 at 6 p.m. at the Airport Manager's office regarding possible uses of the site.

Pinsky (Executive Director for the Pacific Coast Air Museum) presented a letter requesting that the Airport waive the overtime fees for Airport staff time for the Air Show. After discussion, the Commission agreed to waive half of the fees and directed Stout to work with the museum to minimize overtime next year.

### **C. Neighbor Meeting**

Doherty suggested that the Commission become more involved in the semi-annual Airport neighbor meetings. After discussion it was the consensus to have at least two Commissioners present.

The Airport will try to have a representative from Horizon Air give a presentation at the January 2007 meeting.

### **D. Hangar Painting Project**

Stout explained that there were some concerns with "D" hangar tenants when one unit was painted. Since not all of the tenants were willing to park their planes elsewhere during the project, Stout suggested that in the future each group of tenants be asked to request in writing that their hangars be painted. The Commission supported this concept.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at this time.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Delaney recently attended the AOPA conference and reported that a flying club that flies Columbia 350's expressed interest in having an aircraft based at STS.

**ADJOURN**

*Delaney moved with support from Smith to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

---

Jon Stout, C.M.  
Airport Manager