

SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the March 16, 2006 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Doherty, Hayssen (left at 9:20), Smith, and Young.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Hayssen moved with support from Doherty to approve the February 16, 2006, Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Complaint Update:

Stout reported that twenty-one complaints were received since the last meeting.

1. Marc LaMantia – loud overflight
2. Sandi LaMantia – loud jet overflight
3. Marc LaMantia – loud overflight
4. Marc LaMantia – three loud overflights
5. Marc LaMantia – loud jet overflight
6. Jill Delsol – loud overflight
7. Celia LaMantia – excessive noise
8. Celia LaMantia – excessive noise
9. Celia LaMantia – excessive noise
10. Celia LaMantia – excessive noise
11. Celia LaMantia – excessive noise
12. Celia LaMantia – excessive noise
13. Celia LaMantia – excessive noise
14. Celia LaMantia – excessive noise
15. Scott Griffin – low overflight
16. Scott Griffin – loud, low overflight
17. Scott Griffin – loud overflight
18. Sandi LaMantia – loud overflight
19. Sandi LaMantia – loud overflight
20. Sandi LaMantia – loud, low helicopter overflight
21. Scott Griffin – loud jet overflight

Young noted that twenty of those complaints were from two addresses.

Stout reported that a draft of the Noise Abatement Brochure would be ready soon. A draft of the 2005 Noise Complaint Summary has been included in the Agenda packet for review. After commission comments are received, a final draft will be prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

B. Tower Update

Tim Pforsich was not present. Stout reported that operations for January and February were 5% higher than the same period in 2005.

C. Manny's Restaurant

Stout reported that no agreement was reached with the potential restaurant operator and that he had closed escrow. The Airport is working with an outside consultant to issue an RFP, which should take about 4 months.

D. Airline Update

Stout attended the Airport Business International's Airline Airport conference and met with eleven airlines. Four airlines expressed interest in follow-up meetings, which include: United Airlines recently released aircraft to Skywest, which may be a solution; American Airlines and Smooth Flight Holdings, a new start-up, are interested; Horizon Air is still waiting for the delivery schedule from Bombardier; and Allegiant Air is no longer interested due to the runway length.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items at this time.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Airport Projects Update

Stout reported that the perimeter fence is nearly complete. There is one section on Sanders Road to be completed after the rainy season ends.

A loose wire in the PCAM gate was repaired, and that gate is now working.

The terminal landscaping should be finished by mid-April.

Tree trimming on the McMullen property was completed, and the family was very pleased with the results.

B. Airport Days Event

Stout said the date has been changed to June 17 and 18, 2006 to avoid conflict with the Rose Parade. The CAP has agreed to provide a pancake breakfast. REACH, the Coast Guard, and the Sheriff will have displays, and the Sheriff is still waiting to see if Henry I will be available for display. The PCAM Flight Foundation plans to have two aircraft on static display. The Airport is working with PCAM to coordinate marketing and advertising.

C. Neighbor Guide

A draft of the Neighborhood Guide was included in the Agenda packet. Stout requested Aviation Commission comments by the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Stout said the new Airport hangar lease agreement is close to completion by County Counsel. An Aviation Commission subcommittee will be needed to review and comment on the agreement prior to scheduling meetings with the Airport tenants.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sandi LaMantia, a Windsor resident, requested that the Airport website be updated to include the current Aviation Commission agenda and meeting location. Ms. LaMantia also addressed the Commission with her concerns regarding noise sensitive areas and aircraft activity over heavily populated areas. Ms. LaMantia was concerned over the lack of progress on the noise abatement brochure and would like a deadline for its completion.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Doherty thanked Ms. LaMantia for attending the meeting and discussing the neighbors' concerns with the Commission.

Young requested that an action item be included on the next agenda to create a subcommittee for the new hangar lease review and for the approval of the Neighborhood Guide.

ADJOURN

Hayssen left the meeting at 9:20, and no quorum was present to formally adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Stout
Airport Manager