

# SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the May 18, 2006 Meeting

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Delaney, Doherty, Smith, Starrett, and Young.

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

## **AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **A. 06/07 Budget Presentation**

Stout and Liz Finn (Airport Analyst) provided the Commission with an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 06/07 Budget.

### **B. Complaint Update**

1. Sandi LaMantia – REACH flying over her home
2. Sandi LaMantia – frequent helicopter overflights
3. Scott Griffin – loud jet overflight followed by loud helicopter overflight
4. Anonymous – frequent helicopter overflights for three nights
5. Sandi LaMantia – loud helicopter overflight
6. Sandi LaMantia – aircraft coming in too wide when landing
7. Marc LaMantia – loud jet overflight
8. Jill Delso – loud jet overflight
9. Mitchell Crownover – jets flying over too late at night.
10. Scott Griffin – loud jet overflight
11. Scott Griffin – loud jet overflight
12. Anonymous – concerned about Airport growth
13. Sandi LaMantia – frequent REACH overflights
14. Sandi LaMantia – aircraft circled over her house
15. Anonymous – helicopters training over her house
16. Anonymous – helicopters training over her house
17. Marc LaMantia – jet came in too wide when landing
18. Ann Fitzgerald – aircraft flew over her house when landing
19. Judith Van Arde – low overflight
20. Irene (no last name) – aircraft circled over her house
21. Debbie Settle – loud, low overflight
22. Sandi LaMantia – loud helicopter overflight
23. Marc LaMantia – loud overflight
24. Marc LaMantia – helicopter overflight
25. Sandi LaMantia – helicopter overflight
26. Stephanie Mandible – helicopter circling low over her property
27. Anonymous – Part 150 Noise study must be done

28. Gayle Goodbread – concerned about increased jet traffic over Santa Rosa
29. Rod (no last name) – jets should take off North instead of over Santa Rosa
30. Marc LaMantia – aircraft training over neighborhood
31. Marc LaMantia – several loud jet overflights at night and in early morning
32. Marc LaMantia – loud jet overflight
33. Sandi LaMantia – loud, low helicopter overflight
34. Scott Griffin – loud jet overflight
35. Celia LaMantia – loud overflight
36. Kathy Vannozzi – loud, low jet overflight
37. Betty Ress – wants air traffic to avoid Oakmont
38. Scott Griffin – loud jet overflight
39. Myrna Werder – loud, low helicopter overflight
40. Celia LaMantia – loud jet overflight
41. Marc LaMantia – loud overflight too early in the morning
42. Sandi LaMantia – REACH circling over her house
43. Jim (no last name) – loud jet overflight
44. Scott Griffin – loud jet overflight
45. Marc LaMantia – loud jet overflight
46. L. Ruppenthal – helicopter circling over property
47. Tami Barton – helicopter circling over property
48. Laurie Duckworth – helicopter circling over property
49. Annabelle Gleese – numerous low overflights
50. Sandi LaMantia – aircraft circling her house

Stout reported that Airport operations were 9% lower than last year at this time, but complaints have increased 20%.

**C. Manny's Restaurant**

Stout said the RFP for operation of the restaurant should be ready by the end of June. The contract with the consultant has been finalized and sent back. Exchange Bank is no longer involved in the process.

**D. Airline Update**

Stout reported that Horizon Air has announced plans to commence service on March 20, 2007, with two flights daily to LAX and one daily to Seattle.

Mexicana Air visited the Airport, and the person who had been talking to the Airport retired and now works for Aeromexico. Aloha Airlines is still expressing interest in service. Allegiant Air has decided the runway will not work for their aircraft.

**E. Airport Fuel Report**

Stout explained that the fuel report does not have complete data for April. Fuel sales are down from 2005.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Neighbor Guide**

*Young moved with support from Smith to adopt and publish the final draft of the Neighbor Guide.*

Stout pointed out the corrections and changes in the final draft of the Neighbor Guide. It will be distributed to realtors and communities surrounding the Airport.

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

### **B. Airport Fees**

*Doherty moved with support from Delaney to approve the proposed Airport fee schedule.*

Stout pointed out the changes in the Airport fee schedule proposed for 2006. A new tiedown category for aircraft with wing spans 90 feet and over has been added; those aircraft will be charged \$175.00/month or \$25.00/night. Landing fees will increase to \$0.60/1,000 lbs for aircraft less than 12,500 lbs, \$0.85/1,000 lbs for aircraft 12,500 lbs to 95,000 lbs. In addition, a \$3.00 service fee will be assessed for landing fees if County staff has to mail collection requests to the operator.

Stout said there would be increases in rents at the terminal building as well as the industrial office and warehouse spaces consistent with the Board requirements.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing regarding Airport rental increases on Tuesday, June 20, 2006 at 2:15 p.m.

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Airport Projects Update**

Stout said the last portion of Airport fencing should be completed in about a week. The Museum gate was repaired and has been working well.

The Airport Service Workers completed the landscaping project in front of the terminal.

The Part 77 approach protection clearance on the McMullen property has been completed.

Stout said the FAA has agreed to fund a second conduit for the PAPI on runway 1/19, anticipated to be completed by fall.

The roofs on Hangars 1-25 will be painted this summer. The Airport is currently researching different roof coatings.

Stout added that letters were sent to the neighboring cities, the Mark West Chamber of Commerce, the Windsor School District, the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce and the Sierra Club asking for representatives to be appointed for the Community Advisory Committee for the Master Plan Update.

### **B. Airport Days Event**

Stout reported good tenant response on participation for the Airport Open House weekend, including a pancake breakfast by the CAP, a hotdog lunch by the FBO's, a

Climb Aboard by the Pacific Coast Air Museum, and free flights for kids by the Young Eagles.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Noise Abatement Brochure**

The proposed graphics for the Noise Abatement Procedure were presented for review and feedback for the consultant. Stout explained that the Air Traffic Control tower chief had been involved in making suggestions for the brochure. Stout also explained that, unless traffic dictates otherwise, most aircraft should be able to stay inside Shiloh and River Roads for pattern work.

After discussion, the Commission recommended that the overlay map be used as the background. The Aviation Commissioners pointed out that physical references are useful from the air and suggested highlighting the train tracks and the PG&E substation, with the suggestion that aircraft stay west of the tracks. Calm wind runway preferences will be included.

### **B. General Plan, ATE**

Young requested an update on the ATE. Stout reported that the draft environmental report for the ATE element of the General Plan was circulated. The Planning Commission held a public hearing. PRMD staff has some items to complete before the Planning Commission makes its final report to the Board of Supervisors.

### **C. Good Neighbors Group Letter**

Sandi LaMantia presented a letter to the Commission from the Good Neighbor Group. Young responded that copies of the letter and attachments will be distributed for discussion at the next meeting.

### **D. Hangar Leases**

Doherty asked about the status of the hangar leases. Stout said there is only a preliminary draft at this point in time, which he is still reviewing.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sandi LaMantia, Windsor resident and member of the Good Neighbors Group of Sonoma County, had questions about the Piaggio aircraft. It is a new and frequent cause of noise complaints from the neighbors.

Ms. LaMantia had comments on the Neighbor Guide from the Good Neighbors.

- Reference to the Noise Abatement Brochure should be removed, because it has not been completed. (Stout replied that the reference is in the Guide with the note that it is under development.)
- Reference to a 900-foot runway extension is misleading and should be removed, because it is not in the existing General Plan or proposed General Plan 2020. (Stout replied that it was included because the Board of Supervisors has requested the extension be included in an Airport Master Plan update and full disclosure was necessary.)

Ms. LaMantia said that Celia LaMantia, who was a member of the committee, which worked on the Guide, and the Good Neighbors requested that their names not be used in conjunction with the *Neighborhood Guide to Airport Operations and Activities*, since it is their opinion that it is misleading. Stout responded that the Guide does not contain endorsements nor make any reference to the Good Neighbor Group.

Ms. LaMantia, speaking on behalf of the Good Neighbors Group, asked when the Part 150 noise study would be done. Ms LaMantia referred to the minutes of January 20, 2005, stating that the Aviation Commission would request the study from the FAA. Stout replied that it was requested shortly after the Windsor meeting, but the FAA said it would not be funded based on Airport activity level and national priorities. Ms. LaMantia requested a letter from the FAA denying funding for the Part 150 noise study. The Commission requested Stout to seek this letter from the FAA.

Ms. LaMantia asked for a deadline for noise abatement procedures to be implemented by the Airport and for reasons for the delays. The Good Neighbors want to make sure noise abatement is part of the Master Plan. Young responded that the Commission is working on it and that they do not want to rush the process and publish procedures that are not correct.

#### **COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Young would like to discuss the new terminal building at a later meeting to make sure the Airport does not lose time on its completion.

#### **ADJOURN**

*Doherty moved with support from Delaney to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Jon Stout  
Airport Manager