

SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the July 20, 2006 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Smith moved with support from Hayssen to approve the June 15, 2006, Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Complaint Update

Stout reported that there were 22 complaints received since the May 18, 2006 meeting.

1. Marc LaMantia – loud, low jet overflight
2. Scott Griffin – low jet overflight
3. Mrs. Zresmer – loud, low overflight
4. Annabelle Beliz – loud overflights
5. Elaine Bennett – no details
6. Doug Worley – helicopter circling the area
7. Tyra Foxx – low flying helicopter
8. Sherry Green – helicopter circling Safari West
9. Will Ryan – low flying helicopter
10. Marc LaMantia – loud, low overflight
11. Marc LaMantia – loud, low jet overflight
12. Marc LaMantia – loud jet overflight
13. Sandi LaMantia – loud, low overflight
14. Marc LaMantia – loud, low overflight
15. Mrs. Hailey – loud, low overflight
16. Kathy Richie – unhappy with terminal landscaping
17. Alex Zonzounio – loud jet overflight
18. Sandi LaMantia – loud jet overflight
18. Christine Angel – loud, low helicopter overflight
20. Pat Wiele – low overflight
21. Gene Fuss – loud jet overflight
22. Sylvia Icarra – loud overflights

Stout reported that 2006 so far has received the most complaints to date since 2000, with 36% more than 2005, although operations remain low compared to 2001. Complaints are still scattered geographically. PG&E was conducting line inspections with a helicopter, which accounted for most of the helicopter complaints. The Bohemian Grove Spring Jinx also contributed to the noise complaints.

B. Tower Report

Tim Pforsich, Tower Supervisor, was not present.

Stout reported that there were 12,390 operations in June 2006, an increase of 2,250, or 23.4%, from June 2005.

Tower employees have complained about jet fumes from Sonoma Jet Center operations. The Airport is working with the FAA and an Industrial Hygienist to solve that problem. In addition, there are some maintenance issues to be addressed including repairs to the catwalk, air conditioner, electrical system and removal and abatement of asbestos floor tiles. The FAA does not have funding to replace the tower at this time.

C. Airline Update

Stout reported that there have been no changes in Horizon's plans to start service in Sonoma County. A request has been sent to Washington D.C. for security screeners.

D. Airport Fuel Report

The Airport fuel report through May 2006 was included. The June fuel flowage totals have not yet been reported.

E. Neighbor Meeting

The Neighbors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Postcards were mailed to neighbors within a one-mile radius of the Airport. The Sheriff is scheduled to explain helicopter operations, and a representative from Transportation & Public Works will explain the process of eminent domain.

F. Neighborhood Guide

The Neighborhood Guide has been mailed to all communities and Chambers of Commerce in the County and will be mailed to residents within a 2-mile radius of the Airport. The list of realtors is still being created, and the Guides will be mailed out when the list is complete.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items at this time.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Open House Event

Stout reported that the Open House went well. The estimated turnout was 800-900 people. The Civil Air Patrol was pleased with the turnout for their pancake breakfasts. The Young Eagles flew 65 kids on Saturday.

The tenants who participated have been asked if the event should be one or two days if held next year.

B. Good Neighbors Group Letter

The Good Neighbors Group has retained an attorney, James A. Thompson, who sent a letter addressing the group's concerns about the Neighbor Guide. Stout explained their issues with the Guide. A letter from Mark Mispagel, special counsel to the Airport, responding to Mr. Thompson's letter was also distributed.

Stout distributed the Good Neighbors' letter regarding using their name in association with the Neighborhood Guide along with Stout's response to that letter and their request for documents relating to the FAR Part 150 study. Stout said the Airport is still waiting for a written response from the FAA regarding the requested funding for the noise study.

Young distributed a letter from the Aviation Commission in response to the Good Neighbors.

C. Noise Abatement Brochure

The noise consultant attended the meeting and discussed the brochure with the Commission. The following revisions to the Noise Abatement Brochure were recommended:

1. Add restrictions to Touch & Go operations requiring full stops during evening and nighttime hours.
2. Add a yellow arrow to mark the PG&E substation.
3. Remove the yellow arrows to the traffic patterns; just simplify the diagram and show the traffic patterns.
4. Extend the traffic pattern north to Shiloh Road.
5. In the text box Flying Neighborly Suggestions, Constant Speed Propeller Aircraft, change to "reduce high RPM settings as soon as practical."
6. Put the runway headings back on the diagram.

After discussion, it was the consensus that the consultant makes the recommended changes and email back the revised draft. After the Commission reviews and signs off, Stout will print and mail draft copies to Airport tenants for their comments. The approval and tenant input will be scheduled for the September Commission meeting.

D. Air Show

Stout reported that air show preparations are going well and that the C17 will work on the runway for landing and take-off. It will be limited to Taxiway "A" to the CDF hardstand, and shuttles will be provided for the public to view it.

NEW BUSINESS

Young informed the Commission that the Pacific Coast Air Museum is interested in relocating to a larger site on the Airport. Stout will update the Commission on those discussions at the August meeting.

Stout informed the Commission that on June 18 the Board of Supervisors approved the new lease with Apex. Apex plans to renovate the North hangar and add 5,000 square

feet of office space. They also plan to knock down the old Aerocrafters' building and build a 7,500 square foot terminal building and a 24,000 square foot hangar.

The County is working with Dragonfly on a new month-to-month lease, as this leasehold reverted back to the Airport as part of the new Apex lease.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Baumgardner, a resident, attended the meeting to see what is happening at the Airport.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Smith reported that Bob Patterson is the new airport manager for the Petaluma Airport.

Walters complimented the Airport on the quality of the Red Barron Flyer.

Walters also asked why the density altitude is not on ATIS. Hayssen responded that it might not show up until the density altitude is above 1,000 feet.

ADJOURN

Delaney moved with support from Walters to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Stout, C.M.
Airport Manager