

SONOMA COUNTY
AVIATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the August 18, 2016 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Young called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ahrens, Carrillo, McCord Hayssen, and Young.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *McCord moved with support from Carrillo to approve the July 21, 2016, Aviation Commission Minutes. Hayssen Abstained. 4 Ayes. Motion Carried.*

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Complaint Update

Stout reported that there were 45 aircraft related complaints since the last Commission meeting and 11 other complaints. Year to date there have been 153 noise complaints, an increase of 17.7% compared to 130 in 2015.

1. Jean McMullen – loud aircraft engine
2. Alexis Clark – loud overflights
3. Barbara Wolfe – low overflights
4. Barbara Wolfe – low helicopter overflight
5. Michael Skurtun – loud aircraft engine
6. Jill Plamann – loud overflights
7. Holly Trivan – loud jet overflight
8. Karen Holtman – loud jet overflights
9. Glen Buelteman – loud, low overflight
10. Mark Galipeau – loud, low overflight
11. Pam Selvaraj – loud overflight
12. Jennifer (no last name) – increased air traffic
13. Anonymous – helicopter overflight
14. Anonymous – helicopter overflight
15. Holly Trivan – loud overflight
16. Cheryl Carrozzi – loud overflight
17. Elizabeth/Brian Bollman – loud, low overflights
18. Jodi Duckett – loud, low jet overflight
19. Lisa Bollman – loud jet overflights
20. Duane Pierce – loud jet overflight
21. Dave Oliver – air traffic should be directed away from the city
22. Elizabeth Bowers – helicopter overflights
23. Julie Brown – low helicopter overflight
24. Julie Sabbag-Naskey – loud, low overflight
25. Jason Brendmoen – loud, low jet overflight
26. Anonymous – loud jet overflight
27. Dave Oliver – loud jet overflight
28. David Griffin – loud, low jet overflight
29. Kimberly Gehl/Scott Wilson – increase in loud overflights
30. Jennifer West – increase in loud overflights, which should be directed away from rural areas
31. Terri Ehinger – increased air traffic
32. Diane Hill – loud jet overflights
33. Richard Burtt – loud commercial jet overflights
34. Keith Fletcher – loud, low jet overflight

35. Georgia Schilling – ATCT should change flight paths
36. Jean Lindsay – loud jet overflight
37. Helen Tucker – low jet overflight
38. Bill Switzer – low jet overflight
39. Ryan Kelley – loud, low jet overflight
40. Richard Burt – flight path for commercial jets
41. Laraine Hansmann – loud jet overflight
42. Debra Sanders – loud overflights
43. Laura Tighe – loud, low overflight
44. Kathie Barclay – loud, low overflights
45. Anonymous – increase in air traffic

Stout reported that Allegiant has plans to replace the current MD80 with quieter A319's in November 2016.

B. Tower Report/Update

Stout reported that in June 2016, there were 7,037 operations compared to 7,926 in June 2015, an 11.2% decrease. Year to date there were 37,546 operations in 2016 compared to 41,682 in 2015, a 9.9% decrease.

Dave Swanson, Tower Manager, reported the following:

- The next Runway Safety Action Committee meeting has been scheduled for September 21, 2016. The FAA recommends re-training rather than punitive measures in response to pilot and vehicle deviations.
- The Air Traffic Controllers have signed a 6-year contract.
- The FAA has announced the opening of hiring new controllers and plans to hire about 1,500 in the next fiscal year.

C. Airline Update

Stout reported that there were 35,384 passengers in July 2016 compared to 27,205 in July 2015, an increase of 30.1%. Through July 2016 passengers totaled 190,130 compared to 142,524 through July of 2015, a 33.4% increase.

Josh Hochberg, owner and president of Sonoma Jet Center, announced that Allegiant will change to a morning schedule in order to provide better options for substituting aircraft if necessary.

Stout summarized the Trillion Quarterly Report included in the agenda packet. American Airlines requested additional information, which has been sent. Stout added that Sonoma County Tourism has budgeted \$300,000 to help with surveys, research and marketing. Visitors to Sonoma County will be tracked by zip code again this year to present to airlines.

Stout reported that Alaska Airlines is working on the spring 2017 schedule. The second Seattle flight will be added, but not the second Portland flight. Hawaii will not be added at this time. The Embraer 175 will start replacing the Q400 in summer 2017.

D. Projects Update

- Terminal Upgrade – the design contract and funding options are scheduled for Board of Supervisors' review on September 13, 2016. The long term parking lot will be included as part of that resolution. In response to a question about the rental car parking on Flightline, Stout said the Airport is working on finding additional parking and investigating a consolidated rental car facility.
- Temporary Tent – Mead & Hunt has provided a design. The holding room will be moved into the temporary tent.

- Rental Car Parking – the Airport met with representatives of the car rental companies to discuss a car facility charge (CFC). The south half of the Sheriff garden has been designated as a future parking, area for rental cars to include a detail and wash station.
- Sidewalks – sidewalks will be added along Airport Boulevard from Laughlin to the terminal as part of the long term parking lot project.
- Pavement Seal – the New Shade hangar area will be sealed next year.
- Service Road – Ghilotti will start doing some tree removal in the fall. Two bridges will be included in the project.
- Hangar Inspections – the “G” hangars were inspected this week to identify maintenance issues, contents of hangars and to verify that aircraft stored are on the lease. Stout explained that hangar leases prohibit modifications and additions to County owned hangars.
- Web Site – the new contractor has migrated most of the website contents and plans to set up focus groups to include pilots and members of the public for ideas on additional content. The contractor is also working on a mobile app.
- Air Maps – about 100 airports have portals showing air space restrictions for use by drone operators to create flight plans. Swanson reported that by the end of August there should be a map linked to STS showing each quadrant with approved altitudes for drones. Stout said that drones operating within 5 miles of an airport need a letter of agreement.
- Staffing – interviews for the maintenance position are scheduled for next week. Recruitment for administrative services officer (ASO) is underway. The additional senior office assistant position should be filled by the end of 2016. The security office might be moved to the Annex. Two more positions in maintenance and operations may be added in February 2017.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items at this time.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A, Hangar Assessment Report

Stout reported that staff is working on a phased plan to cover the recommended maintenance items beginning with those marked in red. Hangar inspections will include identifying maintenance needs. The addition of the maintenance position will allow that person to focus on maintenance issues.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Hayssen congratulated Josh Hochberg on receiving his airline pilot rating.

ADJOURN

Hayssen moved with support from McCord to adjourn. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Stout, CAE, AAE
Airport Manager