

VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 7, 2011
MINUTES

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Rick Flam. Members present: Rick Flam, Don Schultz, Elliot Sanders, Harold Sullivan, Wayne Williams, Gerald Silver, David Rankell, Laurence Rabe, Ron Merkin, Harold Lee, Chris Nassif, Ken Miller, Bob Frazier, Wendy Saunders

Members Absent: Roger Ortiz, David Bernardoni, Roger Oeland

The Council vacancy as of May 21, 2011 is as follows: one appointment from the Board of Airport Commissioners.

The minutes from May 3, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

Mr. Flam shared his thoughts on the passing of Bob Jackson on May 21, 2011. He stated Bob's dedication and commitment to the CAC and due to Bob's hard work and persistence, all the vacancies on the CAC were filled.

Mr. Rodine also shared his thoughts on Bob's passing. Please see the attached statement from Mr. Rodine.

Mr. Schultz also spoke very fondly of Bob and the 26-years they spent together on the CAC. Mr. Schulz thanked Mr. Rankell for his assistance in facilitating the Los Angeles City Council's adjournment of today's meeting in Bob's honor. A certificate from the City Council will also be presented to Bob's son Doug.

1.) STAFF REPORTS

A. BOAC President Michael A. Lawson - Discussion

Commissioner Michael A. Lawson, President of the BOAC introduced himself and stated he has been President of the BOAC since January 2011 and has been a BOAC Commissioner since 2005. His "day job" is an attorney specializing in executive compensation, employee benefits, mergers and acquisitions. He stated he brings with him the ability and willingness to listen and has a complete open door policy. He has great respect for LAWA staff and stated that Gina Marie and Jess Romo are doing a great job. He stated he came to this meeting today to observe and listen. He thanked the Council for inviting him to attend and this will not be the last time he attends a CAC meeting.

Mr. Williams stated he appreciates President Lawson taking on this position. He stated that the BOAC needs to understand the needs of VNY.

Mr. Miller stated that President Lawson's approach is greatly appreciated. He stated the function and purpose of VNY is different than other airports that LAWA runs. He stated that sometimes they feel like VNY is not being recognized for those differences. Mr. Miller also stated he appreciates Commissioner Aredas attending the CAC meetings and looks forward to working with President Lawson.

Mr. Silver asked if staff could look up Part 91.36D, a FAR Bulletin regarding helicopter operations. This bulletin allows an airport proprietor, such as LAWA, to define a noise sensitive area that would then place voluntary restrictions on helicopter noise and operations.

Mr. Schulz stated he appreciates President Lawson attending the meeting tonight. He also asked if President Lawson could use his influence to have more regular BOAC meetings regarding VNY issues held in Van Nuys. He also stated that President Lawson is the first BOAC President to attend a CAC meeting.

President Lawson stated he will try to hold more BOAC meetings in Van Nuys.

Mr. Flam thanked President Lawson for attending the CAC meeting.

2.) REPORT FROM CHAIR

Mr. Flam stated that he continues to communicate with Mr. Steve Martin regarding the status of the final approval of the lease of the Prop Park. He stated it appears that all parties involved are working to resolve the remaining issues.

Mr. Argubright stated all the parties are very close to resolving the issues. He also stated that drawings have been submitted to Building and Safety and are in the permit process.

3.) BOAC AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING VNY

Mr. Romo discussed four items concerning VNY that were on the June 6th BOAC Agenda:

#3. Award of a three (3)-year Contract to Vista Paint Corporation: For supply of paint and painting supplies for Los Angeles International Airport and Van Nuys Airport for amounts not to exceed \$270,000 and \$30,000, respectively (David Shuter, 424-646-5111)

#7. One (1)-year Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles City Department of Cultural Affairs: With two (2) one-year Renewal Options, for curatorial, art program development and administrative program services for Los Angeles International Airport, LA/Ontario International Airport, Van Nuys Airport and the Van Nuys FlyAway for annual amount not to exceed \$310,000 (Michael Feldman, 424-646-5111)

#8. Direct Award of a three (3)-year Contract to Bruel and Kjaer EMS, Inc.: For maintenance and support services of the Aircraft Noise and Operations Monitoring System at Los Angeles International Airport, LA/Ontario International Airport and Van Nuys Airport for amount not to exceed \$1,485,701 (Michael Feldman, 424-646-5111)

#9. Direct Award of a three (3)-year Contract to PASSUR Aerospace, Inc.: For maintenance and support services of the Passive Surveillance Radar Units at Los Angeles International Airport, LA/Ontario International Airport and Van Nuys Airport for amount not to exceed \$266,004 (Michael Feldman, 424-646-5111)

Mr. Romo also discussed a VNY item that was on the May 16th BOAC Agenda. The item was the adoption of aviation land rates for the majority of tenants at VNY. The Board approved the item, however four or five of the aviation tenants opted to go through the appraisal process and the resolution of that will come next. And the next items will be building rents that are outstanding need to be adjusted and rental rates for non-aeronautical uses.

Mr. Flam asked if there has been any further action on finalizing the land use policy. He asked how rents are going to be determined for tenants at VNY. He stated that members of the CAC had previously met with Steve Martin and Debbie Bowers regarding this issue.

Mr. Romo stated there are only two rates that were approved by the BOAC: Commercial users-est. \$31,000 per acre/per year and Propeller users-est. \$16,000 per acre/per year.

Mr. Flam asked Mr. Romo to ask Mr. Martin and/or Ms. Bowers if they could attend the August meeting to discuss the final land use policy in terms of rent.

Mr. Romo stated he will make the request.

4.) PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bill Mouzis, member of the public, made a statement (attached).

Mr. Flam asked Mr. Romo to comment on Mr. Mouzis' concern regarding passenger services/scheduled flights at VNY.

Mr. Romo stated that staff has checked with the local FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) on what kind of operations these are. The FSDO representative stated these are not scheduled flights (139 operations) like the ones out of LAX, ONT, or Burbank. Mr. Romo stated these operators may advertise seats on certain dates; however, those are when they are moving aircraft around within their system. These are not scheduled flights and do not fall under 139 airport restrictions.

Mr. Flam asked Mr. Romo what he knows factually about this operator.

Mr. Romo stated he has only seen web pages. The web page states that you may purchase a ticket for one or more legs of an operation that they are anticipating bringing into VNY or taking out of VNY.

Mr. Miller stated Jet Suite sells seats on restricted days, at a certain rate, they will have to sell all the seats (like a charter), not like an airline that is committed with one passenger or 100 passengers.

Mr. Silver stated that Mr. Mouzis' concern should be on the next agenda.

Mr. Flam stated this item will be added to the July agenda.

Mr. Flam asked Mr. Romo for copies of the web page of this particular operator and to invite the operator to the July CAC meeting.

Mr. Frazier stated he does not think anyone will understand what this operator is doing; it is a business, and not any different than what is happening at Camarillo Airport.

Mr. Sanders stated it might be inappropriate to single out a business. He believes the FAA should attend the meeting to address this issue.

Mr. Merkin stated he would like to learn more about this type of operation at VNY.

Mr. Flam asked Mr. Romo to notify the operator that this issue will be on the July agenda.

Ms. Rabe stated she believes the FAA should attend the July meeting and explain the differences in operations.

Mr. Miller stated it would be appropriate to invite the FAA and this operator to the July meeting to discuss the issue.

Mr. Nassif stated he will email Mr. Romo the information regarding Jet Suite.

Mr. Schultz stated both the FAA and the operator should be at the meeting together either in July or as soon as both could attend together.

Mr. Romo stated invitations will be made to both parties.

Mr. Flam stated they will proceed with the meeting with FAA even if the operator does not attend.

Mr. Mouzis asked for the status of the Bull Creek route issue. He believes it is very important and past due.

Mr. Flam recapped the attendees on the helicopter route issue that began more than one year ago. A request was made to the FAA for a 45-day test to change the route. The FAA's response was "no".

Mr. Silver stated we should not let this go. He asked if Mr. Williams is going to have a committee meeting to discuss this issue.

Mr. Flam stated this item will be added to the July agenda.

Mr. Silver asked if Mr. Williams will take up this issue.

Mr. Williams stated there is a high likelihood that the test will not happen because it will then cause problems to the residents along Balboa. He believes the public's efforts in reaching out make a bigger impact in changing the behavior of pilots.

Mr. Mouzis stated the LAFD should adhere to the Bull Creek designated route, but they deviate from it.

Mr. George Abrahms, a Beachwood Canyon resident, introduced himself to Mr. Williams in order to meet and agendize their issue regarding the helicopter issues in his area.

Mr. Williams stated that these are helicopter companies flying over the homes in the Beachwood Canyon area.

Mr. Abrahms stated they are trying to attend the next helicopter pilot's meeting.

Ms. Fran Reichenbach, President of the Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association, stated she tried to get a hold of the Professional Helicopter Pilots Association (PHPA), but was unsuccessful. They may attend the PHPA meeting as spectators only. She stated they don't know how to navigate through this. She also stated that these are not only helicopter tours but also commuter helicopters with high ranking officials taking a short cut to the Staples Center.

Mr. Flam stated this item will be added to the July agenda.

5.) NEW BUSINESS

No items were discussed.

6.) OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports – Discussion/Action

1. Status of Prop Park Development – Discussion/Action

This item was discussed during the Report from the Chair.

Mr. Rodine stated he had conversations with Mr. Miller and Mr. Frazier regarding understanding the finances of VNY. It was agreed they will pursue the issues they were questioning. They will get in touch with the LAWA Budget person to discuss these issues. They will then have a follow-up meeting and have a report for Mr. Flam with their findings.

Mr. Flam stated they discuss this with Mr. Shultz on when to agendize this item.

7.) EMERGENCY ITEMS SINCE POSTING OF AGENDA – Discussion/Action

No items were discussed.

8.) ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Silver referred to the June meeting regarding LAWA's comments on the April 10th Daily News Article.

Mr. Flam stated this item will be added to the July agenda under Staff Reports.

Mr. Romo stated they were prepared to discuss this item at the July meeting.

Ms. Rabe stated the Aviation Career Day event was a success and thanked LAWA for all the hard work.

Mr. Silver displayed a full page ad in the Daily News for the 2011 Young Achievers sponsored by VNY and other agencies. He asked how much this ad cost.

Ms. Sanchez stated it cost \$2500 for the full page ad.

Mr. Silver stated he does not think this ad is sufficient outreach to advertise VNY and the Prop Park.

Mr. Merkin thanked President Lawson for attending the meeting.

Mr. Miller stated there should be a memorial for Bob Jackson such as a bench dedication.

Mr. Merkin adjourned the meeting in Bob Jackson's honor.

9) ADJOURNMENT:

8:36 p.m.