

**VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018**

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Elliot Sanders. Members present: Elliot Sanders, David Rankell, Ron Merkin, Mel Roberts, Wayne Williams, Kathy Delle Donne, Cindy Goodfellow, Araz Parseghian, Wendy Saunders, Roger Oeland, Jason Price, Laurence Rabe, Harold Lee

Absent: John Parker, Gerald Silver

The Council vacancies as of August 7, 2018 are as follows: One appointment from Councilmember Monica Rodriguez Council District 7; one member from Councilmember Bob Blumenfield Council District 3; one member from Councilmember Nury Martinez Council District 6

The minutes from the June 5, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

1.) STAFF REPORTS

A. Flora Margheritis, Airport Manager:

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the VNY statistics: She reported 23,999 aircraft operations in June 2018 which represents a 21.53% increase in operations compared to June 2017. The Year-to-date operations are up 20.14% as compared to 2017.

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the Fly Friendly event which took place on June 20th. Ms. Margheritis announced there were a total of 40 winners. Ms. Margheritis stated she is very appreciative of all who attended this event and the operators' efforts to comply with LAWA's Fly Friendly programs.

Ms. Margheritis addressed council in regards to LAWA organization updates. Ms. Margheritis stated the interviews for a Deputy Executive Director of Commercial Development continue. Additionally, due to the resignation of Mr. Trevor Daley, LAWA will begin the search for a new Deputy Executive Director of External Affairs.

Ms. Margheritis updated the council regarding Jet Aviation VNY's newest FBO. Jet Aviation continues with their environment and soil removal. They will be in full construction by 2019. Ms. Margheritis will provide council with further updates as project progresses.

B. Christian Moreno, Chief of Operations (Absent)

Ms. Margheritis updated the council on behalf of Mr. Christian Moreno as it relates to Airport Operations.

Ms. Margheritis updated the council on the upcoming rehabilitation of taxiway Bravo. LAWA intends on going to the Board in September to award the design contract for this project. Ms. Margheritis stated the ground breaking should take place in January 2019.

Ms. Margheritis notified the council that one of the many phases of this project will be the shortening of the runway from 8000 ft. to 5500 ft. for approximately 10 weeks. The runway is expected to be fully restored by June of 2019. Mr. Moreno will provide the council with further updates as the project start date approaches.

C. Diana Sanchez, Director of Public and Community Relations (Absent)

Ms. Margheritis updated the council on behalf of Ms. Diana Sanchez as it relates to Public and Community Relations.

Ms. Margheritis notified the council of the upcoming Fly-In event at the Propeller Park on September 14-16. She informed the council to refer to VNYProp.org if anyone would like to participate.

Ms. Margheritis thanked Aerolease, Airtel, Helinet and Propeller Park for participating and assisting with the Aviation Career Education Academy week. Ms. Margheritis spoke about the importance of reaching out to kids in Junior High and High Schools regarding opportunities in aviation and the industry.

D. Len Krugler, Environmental Specialist

Mr. Krugler provided the council with a briefing on the Jet Early Turn and Quiet Departure programs for June and July 2018. The briefing summarized the information contained in the monthly environmental handouts (attached).

E. Lt. Dennis Lau, Officer-in-Charge, Airport Police

Lt. Lau reported there have been no significant security issues since the last CAC meeting on June 5th.

Mr. Sanders asked Lt. Lau for an update on the motorhome issue on the west side of the airport.

Lt. Lau stated that the request for signage is pending Department of Transportation approval.

Mr. Sanders asked Lt. Lau to update council on the former Balboa Brick lot which is north of The Home Depot.

Lt. Lau stated the solution for the homeless issue at this location is exactly what LAWA is doing which is to proceed with the RFP process.

Ms. Margheritis informed council that the bids for the Balboa Brick lot RFP close on August 8, 2018.

2.) BOAC Agenda Items Concerning VNY-Discussion/Action

A. Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the BOAC meeting, which occurred June 14, 2018 in which there were six agenda items pertaining to VNY; the June 21, 2018 BOAC meeting was cancelled; the July 5, 2018 BOAC meeting was cancelled; the July 11 BOAC Special Session Meeting there was one item pertaining to VNY. The July 19, 2018 BOAC meeting was cancelled; The August 2, 2018 BOAC Meeting was cancelled. The next BOAC meeting will take place August 16, 2018. There is one item pertaining to VNY.

Ms. Margheritis notified the council that LAWA will go to the Board in September for an 18-month extension for the Air Center Lease which is due to expire at the end of this year.

3.) REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

A. Mr. Sanders reminded council about Officer Elections taking place next month.

4.) REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUPS

- A. Membership – John Parker, Chairperson
Absent

5.) PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS - Discussion

Mr. Rodine addressed the council as it relates to the community noise concerns and the response from the CAC.

Mr. Rodine addressed the council as it relates to the restructuring of the Ad Hoc committees and the upcoming CAC meeting agenda.

6.) NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ad Hoc Committees – Discussion

Mr. Sanders discussed the three new ad hoc committees. Mr. Sanders requested that he would like a response from all council members with two preferred committees:

1. Environmental Programs – water, airport appearance, power issues, noise
2. Airport Development – new projects, tenant involvement, in process projects
3. CAC Publications and Communications – new releases, social media to answer questions about noise issues

Mr. Merkin confirmed with council that these new ad hoc committees are strictly for CAC members and staff not for stakeholders.

Mr. Williams asked the council what the council's intent was with these committees.

Mr. Sanders stated the mission of these committees is to put together ideas that represent this council.

Mr. Rankell stated these new committees are all about opening communication and understanding what is going on at the airport.

Ms. Goodfellow stated these are all great ideas and offered the council the use of the Aerorelease conference room if needed.

Mr. Parseghian stated he is looking forward to the new Ad Hoc committees.

Mr. Merkin asked the council for clarification on communication structure of the new committees.

Mr. Sanders stated the Ad Hoc committee members can decide how often and where they want to meet. The goal is to contact the proper individuals for questions and information on the assigned working groups.

Ms. Rabe stated she is willing to be proactive; however, she is not interested in the assignment aspect of the new committees.

Mr. Sanders requested all councilmembers notify him with preferred committee.

Mr. Sanders stated there will be further discussion on the new assigned Ad Hoc committees at the next CAC meeting on September 4, 2018.

7.) OLD BUSINESS

A. Early Turn Update – Katheryn Pantoja, LAWA Noise Management

Ms. Pantoja updated the council as it relates to the early turns. Ms. Pantoja stated the FAA has published the revised departure procedures to include the new way point “PPRRY”. Ms. Pantoja stated early-turns are now down to pre-Metroplex numbers.

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

No items were discussed.

9.) ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Parseghian stated he is looking forward to the new committees.

Mr. Oeland stated he believes the new committees are a good idea. Mr. Oeland apologized for absences.

Ms. Rabe stated she will put more thought into her participation in these committees.

Ms. Delle Donne stated she believes the new committees are a good idea. She also stated this is a good way to be more informed about the airport.

Ms. Goodfellow stated she believes the new committees will bring more credibility to the council.

Ms. Goodfellow encouraged councilmembers to attend airport events.

Mr. Merkin stated these committees are not private. The difference is how the information is disseminated by up to seven people.

Mr. Price apologized to the council for his absences due to his new position with an airline.

10) ADJOURNMENT:

8:37 p.m.