LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAXAAC)

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2023 MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at approximately 7:07 p.m. by John Wahlert. A Quorum was reached.

1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

- A. ROLL-CALL (IN ATTENDANCE):
 - John Wahlert, Chair (Culver City)
 - Luciano Nocera, Vice Chair (Culver City)
 - Danna Cope (Westchester/Playa del Rey)
 - Jim Withrow (Inglewood)
 - o Guido Fernandez (Hawthorne)
 - Carl Jacobson (El Segundo)
 - Sergio Paz (Lennox)

B. ROLL-CALL (ABSENT):

- Henry Brown (Inglewood); Excused
- Kevin Klowden (Culver City); Excused
- William Cumming (Marina del Rey); Excused
- Lance Giroux (El Segundo)
- Corrie Zupo (El Segundo)

C. LAWA STAFF:

o Darcy Driscoll – Acting Director, Community Relations

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the December 08, 2022 meeting were approved.

4. OFFICER'S REPORT – JOHN WAHLERT, LAXAAC CHAIR

Chairperson Wahlert John Wahlert chose to merge his report into the discussion that will take place during the Unfinished/Old Business agenda item. Wahlert again emphasized that he wants to ensure that the LAXAAC moves forward with a clear purpose and direction. He stated that he hopes that discussions with Denny Schneider can provide insight into more opportunities for collaboration between LAXAAC and the LAX Noise Roundtable.

5. MANAGEMENT REPORT - DARCY DRISCOLL, LAX COMMUNITY RELATIONS

On December 15, the Community Relation's Division hosted its Annual Santa Fly-In, featuring 150 students from three area schools to celebrate the winter holidays in unique aviation style by welcoming Santa Claus who arrived at the Flight Path Museum on the Fire Department ARFF.

With the recent opening of the new concourse and headhouse at our beautifully reimagined Terminal 3, LAX also announced the phased opening of 10 new concessions. Recent celebrations include the openings of Hudson Nonstop – which features Amazon's walkout payment technology – Alfred Coffee, Native by Nyesha, Gameway and Homeboy Café. These are amazing new concepts at LAX, which not only broaden our concessions portfolio, but also help to create a sense of place within our terminals as we add a better mix of local, boutique and national brands.

LAX is forecasting a busy winter holiday travel period that is expected to draw an average of 200,000 passengers per day, from Dec. 16, 2022 through Jan. 3, 2023. Traffic around the Central Terminal Area is expected to surge with as many as 89,000 vehicles in a single day from Dec. 19-21 – a 12% increase compared to the current daily average.

LA Mayor Karen Bass was sworn into office by Vice President Kamala Harris in a historic ceremony marking the election of LA's first female Mayor, and only the second Black Mayor after Tom Bradley. We congratulate our new Mayor and look forward to working with her and her administration to continue the incredible progress we have made on the transformation of LAX and Van Nuys airports.

6. LAXAAC SUBCOMMITTEE PANEL REPORTS

No reports were provided.

7. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

Denny Schneider spoke to the LAXAAC about his role and involvement in the LAX Noise Roundtable meetings. He also offered suggestions about issues that the LAXAAC might want to consider focusing on for future planning.

8. NEW BUSINESS

The LAXAAC voted unanimously to schedule the committee meetings to take place every other month, on even months, beginning in February. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. (in-person at the Flight Path Museum and online via Zoom).

9. ADJOUNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.