

AIRPORT NOISE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ANAC) Meeting Minutes April 17, 2013

On April 17th 2013, the Airport Noise Advisory Committee (Committee) met at the Commuter Building, 3225 N. Harbor Blvd, San Diego, CA 92101. The facilitator, Mark Butler, Ph.D., commenced the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Present:

John Bennett, County of San Diego; Captain (Ret.) Jack Bewley, Retired Airline Pilot Rob Cook, FAA Representative; Hirsch Gottschalk, Uptown Planners; Tait Galloway, City of San Diego; Jane Gawronski, PhD., Ocean Beach Planning Board; John Ly, City Council District 2 (ex-officio); Joe Scaglione, North Bay; Community Planning Board David Swarens, Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee; Deborah Watkins, Mission Beach Precise Planning Board (ex-officio); Paul Webb, Peninsula Community Planning Board; Mark Butler, Facilitator; and Airport Authority Staff

Absent:

Steven Holt, Airline Representative (ex-officio); Kirk Hanson (Community member); Congresswoman Susan Davis (ex-officio) Daniel Hazard (Excused); Carl Huenefeld, MCRD; Acoustician (Vacant); County Supervisor Greg Cox (ex-officio) (Vacant); Little Italy Association (Vacant)

Dr. Butler invited each ANAC participant to introduce him/herself. Because there was no quorum present, Dr. Butler deferred approval of the January 16, 2013 meeting minutes. Dr. Butler informed the members that Dr. Jane Gawronski will no longer be representing Ocean Beach Planning Board; Mr. Frazee presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation for being an active committee member and for her contributions as an Ocean Beach community representative.

Mr. Frazee provided an update on Airport Authority issues. For the Green Build expansion update, Mr. Frazee informed the committee that new gates 42-47 opened on Tuesday, and that Delta Air Lines was the first aircraft to use the new gate 42. Mr. Frazee went on to describe the new changes and upgrades in the terminals, and that the airport is building the terminal to LEED Gold specifications. August 13 will be the terminal's grand opening, when all ten new gates will be opened, as well new artwork and upgraded seating. Although dining is not at its best with the temporary food concessions, this will definitely change in the near term as new full service accommodations open; Mr. Frazee added that the whole project is on schedule and 45 million dollars under budget. On another note, all on-airport rental car operators will be relocated from present locations on Harbor Island to a new consolidated

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rental facility located at the on the north side of the airport; Landmark Aviation, the airport's fixed base (general aviation) operator and three air cargo carriers will be moving to a different location on the airport's north side. Construction Requests for Proposals (RFPs) are being solicited for the consolidated rental car facility. Improvements already in use at Terminal 2 West include a 12 lane security check point, customer seating with beverage holders and electrical outlets, and striking new art work. There's even an indoor pet restroom. Mr. Frazee gave an update on the noise monitoring pole replacement project. He explained that the remaining 12 (of 22) wooden poles housing monitoring equipment will be replaced in a project that is just beginning. These noise monitoring poles are the only ones not replaced in 2006, and will operate using solar vice commercial power.

Next, Mr. Frazee provided an update of the latest Curfew Violation Review Panel meetings. A scheduled public meeting was held February 6 to assess 11 violations, an increase compared to other recent CVRP; six of the operators were penalized and the five that were not penalized were either due to aircraft maintenance issues discovered proximate to departure or adverse weather conditions delaying the aircraft departures. Additionally, at the April 3rd meeting, there were nine violations; of which five were penalized. Spirit Airlines has the most violations since they started their operations here about a year ago, and Mr. Frazee informed the committee that he visited Spirit corporate office in Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. In April to discuss ways to alleviate violating the departure curfew. Spirit, as a growing air carrier, doesn't have the luxury of making significant changes in their flight schedule or proactive positioning of their aircraft, unlike the bigger airlines, but discussed other reasons they could consider in order to be a friendlier neighbor to the community. One member pointed out that community members have noticed the increase in curfew violations; this input was acknowledged by airport staff and will be passed to Authority Board members as well as to the airline station managers.

Seeing no more comments on CVRP, Dr. Butler introduced a new ANAC member, representing SAN Diego City District Two Councilman Faulconer, Mr. John Ly. Dr. Butler then announced that a quorum of members was present, so he requested a motion to approve the January 16 meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Committee, without discussion.

Mr. Mark Gagne, representing the Quieter Home Program (QHP) gave a program update. Since the January 2013 meeting, QHP has completed residential sound insulation of 97 residents; the majority being condominiums, with more work on west side at the Sea Colony condominium complex. Two construction phases of historic homes have also been completed since the last meeting, consisting of multi-family and single-family historic home in all three program areas, – the west side, east side, Banker's Middletown area as well as the Golden Hill south area. A new historic phase will begin in June, consisting of single-family homes mainly on the west side with a few on the east side. For planning purposes, the second annual realtor open house is forthcoming; last year's open house was successful, as it gave an opportunity for prospective homeowners and real estate professionals to become familiar with the program and to learn the eligibility boundaries in their areas. Mr. Gagne then explained a new approach QHP is using in approaching smaller local business contractors interested in the program. At present, there are two projects planned where smaller local business contractors can be

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involved; this in response to the Authority's desire to provide DBE and local contractors opportunities to bid on smaller contract packages, helping the community and getting more local businesses involved instead of using one major company that is not local. Participants asked where they could find out more information regarding this project and were informed that the Authority's Small Business Development (SBD) Department is available to provide such information. As for the change in how FAA's guidelines regarding participant eligibility for the sound attenuation program, it was suggested that Ms. Knack provide a substantive update at a future ANAC meeting.

No public comment.

Mr. Cummings presented updated Missed Approach statistics. See the PowerPoint presentation at the following link:

http://www.san.org/documents/airport_noise/anac/13April_Presentation_Items.pdf

Mr. Cummings presented an update of year-to-date Noise Complaints. See the PowerPoint presentation at the following link:

http://www.san.org/documents/airport noise/anac/13April Presentation Items.pdf

Mr. Cummings presented updated Early Turns operations. See the PowerPoint presentation at the following link:

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Comments were made that Early Turns are happening too often; that more are being noticed by the public; it was reiterated though that if an Early Turn occurs, it is due definitely due to weather or air traffic.

Mr. Cummings next presented Contra-Flow operations. See the PowerPoint presentation at the following link:

http://www.san.org/documents/airport_noise/anac/13April_Presentation_Items.pdf

This concluded Mr. Cummings' presentation with no further questions.

The last item on the Agenda dealt with changes discussed at the last meeting regarding the Committee's Rules and Procedures; to align the operating rules with a motion requesting that the Authority Board consider amending SDCRAA Policy 9.20. A motion was made to accept the revision to the draft Rules and Procedures and, further, to ask that the Airport Authority Board consider amending the wording of SDCRAA Policy 9.20 to allow more flexibility in the appointment of ex-officio (non-voting) members. The motion was accepted, and in discussion, it was requested that an link be added to the electronic draft document to reference the Policy and Rules and Procedures. The motion to accept the proposed changes and request to the Authority Board was passed with no further discussion.

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Hearing no more questions, Dr. Butler adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at the Commuter Terminal in the Airport Noise Mitigation Noise Room.

Dan Frazee

Director, Airport Noise Mitigation

NOTE:

1) Please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) on the Airport Noise Office website at http://www.san.org/sdcraa/airport_initiatives/noise/default.aspx for the answers to commonly asked aircraft noise-oriented questions at SDIA.