# AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION MINUTES THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2008 BOARD ROOM

<u>CALL TO ORDER:</u> Chairperson Bersin called the meeting of the Airport Land Use Commission to order at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, December 4, 2008, in the Board Room at the San Diego International Airport, Commuter Terminal, 3225 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101.

# **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

## **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Board Members: Bersin, Boland, Finnila, Miller, Orso-Delgado (Ex-

Officio), O'Connor (Ex-Officio), Panknin, Watkins,

Zettel

Absent: Board Members: Desmond, Sheehy (Ex-Officio), Young

Also Present: Thella F. Bowens, President/CEO; Breton Lobner, General

Counsel; Tony Russell, Director, Corporate Services/Authority

Clerk, Linda Gehlken, Assistant Authority Clerk I

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. POLICY DIRECTION TO AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION STAFF ON URBAN AIRPORTS PROPOSED AIRPORT LAND USE COMPATIBILITY PLAN SAFETY POLICY – GILLESPIE FIELD:

Lori Ballance, Gatzke Dillon & Ballance LLP, provided information regarding the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) Handbook. She stated that the law requires that an Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) be guided by the information in the CALTRANS handbook. Ms. Ballance stated that if the Commission's actions deviate from the Handbook, the Commission needs to clearly demonstrate the rationale and motivation for this action. She stated that CALTRANS staff is available to assist the Commission with any needed clarification required regarding the Handbook.

Chris Farell, Division of Aeronautics, CALTRANS, provided information regarding safety zones. She stated that CALTRANS does not consider the operations at Runway 17-35 to be in a "low activity" safety zone, but a "median" one. She stated that CALTRANS supports the proposed safety zones for Gillespie Field recommended by Authority staff.

Sandi Sawa, Manager, Airport Planning, provided a presentation regarding policy direction on Gillespie Field Safety Zones following the guidance of the CALTRANS Handbook.

Board Member Panknin stated that he had met with staff and Ms. Bowens regarding this issue. He stated that he had sent a letter which provided the basis for his position, and why he was in disagreement with the staff recommendation. He stated that after speaking with staff he was recommending that the area in Zone 4 be adjusted inward by 500 feet at the outer perimeter as this would not compromise safety and it is acceptable by the City of Santee.

MELANIE J. KUSH, CITY PLANNER, CITY OF SANTEE, expressed her opposition to the staff recommendation, and stated that the City of Santee would like to ask the Commission to reject the current proposed safety zone because Runway 17-35 is a secondary runway in terms of actual use.

JAMES O'GRADY, SAN DIEGO, expressed his opposition to the proposed safety zones.

JOHN ZIEBARTH, SAN DIEGO, expressed his opposition to the staff recommendation. He stated that CALTRANS should use accident data in addition to runway length as the deciding factor in determining whether an airport has low, median, or high activity.

BARRY BARDACK, EL CAJON, spoke in support of the proposed safety zones. He stated that smart growth should be compatible with airports, and requested that the Commission approve the staff recommendation.

RICK BEACH, SAN DIEGO, expressed support for the proposed safety zones. He stated that a precedent will be made by this action, and it should be carefully considered by the Commission.

ERIC NELSON, SAN DIEGO, spoke in support of the proposed safety zones, and stated that Zone 4 is already as small as it should be.

Thella F. Bowens, President/CEO, stated that staff makes recommendations based on the CALTRANS Handbook.

Board Member Finnila stated that reducing Zone 4 is not in the best interest of safety.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive the report and direct staff to prepare an Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) and necessary environmental documentation for Gillespie Field consistent with Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) policy direction on the airport's safety zones and related urban airport safety policies. Staff recommends that the Gillespie Field safety zones remain as proposed.

# MOTION #1

ACTION: Moved by Board Member Panknin and seconded by Board Member Watkins to approve staff's recommendation with the exception of bringing the very outer reaches of Zone 4 in 500 feet on the same arch. Motion failed by the following vote: YES – Panknin; NO – Bersin, Boland, Finnila, Miller, Watkins, and Zettel; ABSENT – Desmond, Young. (Weighted Vote Points: YES – 8; NO – 67; ABSENT – 25)

## **MOTION #2**

ACTION: Moved by Board Member Finnila and seconded by Board Member Miller to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried by the following vote: YES – Bersin, Boland, Finnila, Miller, Watkins, and Zettel; NO – Panknin; ABSENT – Desmond, Young. (Weighted Vote Points: YES – 67; NO – 8; ABSENT – 25)

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Chairperson Bersin and Board Member Finnila reported that they were not at the November 13, 2008 meeting, but have read the minutes and will be voting on their approval.

Sandi Sawa, Manager, Airport Planning requested that Paragraph 3 on Page 1 and Paragraph 4 on Page 2 of Resolution No. 2008-0114 ALUC for Item 3 be amended to include reference to "60-65 dB CNEL". The Board concurred.

ACTION: Moved by Board Member Boland and seconded by Board Member Finnila to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion carried by the following vote: YES – Bersin, Boland, Finnila, Miller Panknin Watkins, Zettel; NO – None; ABSENT – Desmond, Young. (Weighted Vote Points: YES – 75; NO – 0; ABSENT – 25)

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of the November 13, 2008 special meeting.

# **CONSISTENCY DETERMINATIONS**

### City of San Diego

2. CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION – SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - AIRPORT LAND USE COMPATIBILITY PLAN – CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL UNIT AT 4656 ORCHARD AVENUE, CITY OF SAN DIEGO:

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RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2008-0114 ALUC, making the determination that the project is conditionally consistent with the San Diego International Airport, Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.

- 4. CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR AIRPORT LAND USE COMPATIBILITY PLAN INTERIOR CONVERSION OF EXISTING WAREHOUSE BUILDING FOR RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLY USE AT 7595 CONVOY COURT, CITY OF SAN DIEGO: RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2008-0115 ALUC, making the determination that the project is conditionally consistent with the MCAS Miramar, Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.
- 5. CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR AIRPORT LAND USE COMPATIBILITY PLAN INTERIOR CONVERSION OF EXISTING OFFICE BUILDING FOR ADULT EDUCATION USE AT 5893 COPLEY DRIVE, CITY OF SAN DIEGO: RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2008-0116 ALUC, making the determination that the project is consistent with the MCAS Miramar, Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.
- 6. CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR AIRPORT LAND USE COMPATIBILITY PLAN CONSTRUCTION OF OFFICE BUILDING AT 9685 VIA EXCELENCIA, CITY OF SAN DIEGO:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2008-0117 ALUC, making the determination that the project is consistent with the MCAS Miramar, Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.

# County of San Diego

7. CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION – RAMONA AIRPORT - AIRPORT LAND USE COMPATIBILITY PLAN – GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND SPECIFIC PLAN FOR MONTECITO RANCH, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2008-0118 ALUC, making the determination that the project is conditionally consistent with the Ramona Airport, Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

8. STATUS UPDATE ON THE PREPARATION OF AIRPORT LAND USE COMPATIBILITY PLANS FOR BROWN FIELD, GILLESPIE FIELD, MCCLELLAN-PALOMAR AIRPORT, MONTGOMERY FIELD, OCEANSIDE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, TWO U.S. NAVAL AIRFIELDS, AND SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:

Sandi Sawa, Manager, Airport Planning, provided a presentation on the Status Report on the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Process for November 2008, which included ALUCP Status, and Estimated ALUCP Adoption Timeline.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive the report.

ACTION: No action taken.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: None** 

**OLD BUSINESS:** 

**COMMISSION COMMENT:** 

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION THIS 9TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2009.

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DIRECTOR, CORPORATE SERVICES/

**AUTHORITY CLERK** 

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BRETON K. LOBNER GENERAL COUNSEL