

VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday, August 3, 2010
MINUTES

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Rick Flam. Members present: Rick Flam, Don Schultz, Ron Merkin, Wayne Williams, Harold Sullivan, Bob Jackson, Ken Miller, Gerald Silver, Harold Lee, Roger Oeland, Elliot Sanders, David Rankell.

Members Absent: Chris Nassif, Wendy Saunders, Laurence Rabe, and Bob Frazier.

The Council vacancies as of May 4 are as follows: one appointment from the Office of Councilmember Alarcon, and one appointment from Councilmember Cardenas.

The minutes from July 6, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved with two minor corrections.

1.) STAFF REPORTS

A. Propeller Park status update – Discussion/Action

Mr. Steve Argubright informed the CAC on the current status of the Propeller Park. He stated the following update: Hopefully the last variation of the lease will come on Friday, hoping the negative declaration will be in place by the end of next week, they will conduct soil samples and boring next week, hope to have a lease by November 1st, and some sort of construction beginning in December.

Mr. Romo stated the City process once the lease is completed: The lease will be sent with the staff report to the CAO Office because this requires City Council approval (timing is 4-8 weeks), next it will go to the BOAC for action, then it goes back to City Hall and agenda'd for TCT Council Committee, then full Council. The Council has to act within 30-days otherwise its deemed approved.

Mr. Argubright stated that this project is two years behind schedule.

Mr. Flam stated that Mr. Argubright has an open invitation to return to the CAC with anything that he may need to accelerate this process. The CAC will make sure the item is agenda'd quickly for further action.

Mr. Silver stated that this item remain on the Agenda so that Mr. Argubright is aware that he's welcome to attend any meeting.

Mr. Flam stated that we do have a report on this item. And he requested Mr. Argubright update the CAC as new information is available.

Mr. Schultz asked Mr. Argubright if he knew approximately how many prop aircraft have been lost and gone to other airports waiting for this project to be completed.

Mr. Argubright stated that out of 187 people who have put down deposits, seven people have been lost.

Mr. Romo stated that he will provide the CAC with the number of props we had based at VNY between 2004-2009 so we can see the trend and how they have changed. Mr. Rodine stated that

this information could be found on the SCAG website. It may not be the most current information but since the VNY 2009 Based Aircraft Report has not been completed it may show some of the trends.

2.) REPORT FROM CHAIR

Mr. Flam introduced the newest CAC member, David Rankell.

Mr. Flam stated that Ms. Debbie Bowers agreed to report to the CAC on a rotating four week basis on the real estate plan for rental adjustments and land use policy that was discussed with them at the June CAC Meeting.

3.) BOAC AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING VNY

Mr. Romo stated the VNY Taxiway A2 item was presented to the BOAC on August 2nd and approved. The contract was awarded to Griffith. The project is expected to start in October 2010 through April 2011.

Mr. Romo briefed the CAC on the following items that impact LAWA: 1) The Tom Bradley West Project-The gates will be pushed back to the west in order to accommodate larger aircraft. The project is set to be delivered by Spring 2012 and at a cost of \$1.5 billion. 2) Security and safety remain paramount for all of LAWA's airports. The number of sworn and non-sworn police personnel as well as their budget has increased and we continue to allocate resources. The new Assistant Chief has been appointed, her name is Ethel Maguire. 3) The future of Ontario Airport-There continues to be interest from the City of Ontario for LAWA to keep costs down and maintain the level of service to attract new service to ONT. The budget has been cut by 16% and cut staffing levels again and lowered the landing fees and rental rates.

Mr. Merkin stated that consultants found that it could take up to 20-years for Airports to come back.

Mr. Romo stated that the latest reports from the FAA forecast between 20-40 years to get back. He also stated that it is not in the airline industry nature to do long term planning.

Mr. Romo stated that BOAC presentations could be found on LAWA.org.

Mr. Schultz stated that budget discussion should be agendized for future meetings due to the City's current financial issues and how LAWA is or is not affected.

Mr. Flam circulated the roster to all the members to update their contact information.

Mr. Flam commended Trans-Exec for having exceeded the noise level in only 1 in 98 flights, Clay Lacy exceeded in only 4 out of 70 flights, and Chrysler Aviation exceeded 6 out of 41 flights. But Phantom Sales exceeded noise levels in 6 out of 9 flights.

Mr. Krugler stated that Phantom Sales is a broker and has many pilots that need to be educated on the Fly Friendly Program at VNY.

Mr. Flam stated he would like a report back from Mr. Krugler on Phantom Sales response.

Mr. Flam stated that Trans-Exec, Net Jets, and Clay Lacy should receive a commendation from the CAC on their efforts to comply with the Fly Friendly Policy. Since there is no method to enforce the noise policy, it is strictly voluntary but most people comply.

Mr. Silver stated that he wants the City Attorney's enforcement action on violators and the number of curfew violations that the City Attorney has moved forward with prosecution.

Mr. Flam requested a report back from Mr. Krugler at the September meeting.

Mr. Flam stated what is the legal authority or regulation on curfews and asked for a copy of the ordinance is emailed to all CAC members. He also asked what kinds of records are being kept and what enforcements are made.

Mr. Romo stated that the ordinance can be found on the LAWA.org website but it will also be emailed to the CAC.

4.) PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mouzis, member of the public, stated that the Bull Creek route be replaced by Balboa Boulevard as a designated route and for the Flood Basin route to be used more effectively. He also handed out a copy of his comments to all the CAC members and LAWA staff.

5.) NEW BUSINESS

A. Helicopter Routes Motion – Discussion/Action

Mr. Flam stated that this item has remained on the agenda for many months and discussed in length.

Mr. Schultz introduced a motion as follows:

Motion:

“The Citizen’s Advisory Council requests that the FAA institute a 45-day test period for the diversion of helicopter activity from the Bull Creek route (corridor) to Balboa Boulevard route (corridor) with the following recommendations:

- **That the FAA Van Nuys Control Tower ask departing and arriving helicopter traffic to use the Balboa Boulevard route (corridor) for entry and exit from VNY on Mondays through Fridays, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. the following day.**
- **That the FAA Van Nuys Control Tower ask departing and arriving helicopter traffic to use the Bull Creek route only between the hours of from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.**
- **That the FAA to Van Nuys Control Tower ask departing and arriving helicopter traffic to use the Balboa Boulevard route (corridor) on weekends and the Bull Creek route (corridor) on weekends only when the Tower deems it necessary.”**

The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Merkin stated that two months ago they were advised by the VNY Tower on parallel ingress and egress departures. He asked Mr. Romo how this is working and if there has been any complaints from pilots.

Mr. Romo stated that this is an ongoing practice and he has not heard of any complaints from pilots.

B. Approval of a sublease Superior and Munchkin Motion – Discussion/Action

This item was inadvertently left on the agenda. It was already discussed and a motion passed at the July meeting.

6.) OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports – Discussion/Action

Mr. Merkin stated that the Annual Year in Preview Report should be presented by Mr. Romo at the September meeting. This report should include any projects coming up that we anticipate taking place between now and June 30, 2011.

Mr. Merkin stated the following update on the Beautification Committee (Question and answer with Diana Sanchez):

1. As you know, I am the Chair of the CAC Beautification Committee. During our meeting last Tuesday we began discussing the possible need to increase the number of general waste disposal bins within VNY. We've begun hearing about full bins and trash blown around by winds that could create a FOD situation. Is this something you could investigate and report on? I do understand that trash is tenant situation, but it may be becoming a larger issue.

Answer: The trash pick up at VNY is indeed a tenant issue (except for the few areas such as MTCE and the Flyaway), and if there is the potential for FOD, our Ops folks are all over it. If a tenant sees FOD or someone creating FOD, they need to call Operations immediately to address the situation and the culprit. Specifics are needed to address the situation.

Ops continuously monitors the airfield for FOD; if we see an over-flowing trash bin that is generating FOD and spilling onto aircraft ramps or taxiways, they are quick to bring it to the attention of the culprit. Ops has staff on the airfield however, one person can only see a portion of the field at one time, that's why it is the responsibility of all to report FOD or security related issues.

2. Is Waterman Drive part of the City trash pickup route, or is it a LAWA designated pickup area?

Answer: Waterman Drive is a City street and therefore Street Services is responsible for cleaning up street side.

3. Oil recycling: I understand that there is one main site VNY for used oil. There has been a request to see if 'we' can offer additional sites for recycling. Most of the tenants are bringing their filters and oil off site for disposal. Another suggestion was made for VNY to distribute a memo to tenants reminding them where they can recycle these items on site.

Answer: We can only handle LAWA generated oil waste. Each tenant is responsible for handling/disposing of their generated waste. However for convenience three leaseholds have agreed to house sites on their facilities.

VNY has 3 aircraft oil recycling sites available to airport tenants, located at:

- MPG leasehold (west of the runways)
- TXL B1 (east of the Briles facility)
- Prop Park East at Encore Aviation

Procedure: Ops monitors the “fill level” of the containers at these sites; when the containers are near-full, Ops notifies VNY Maintenance so they can call “EnviroServe” for emptying.

4. We've seen some great graffiti removal from the walls off of Hayvenhurst north of Sherman Way. The downside is that it creates newly painted off-white squares. I know that Jess and Ron had a good idea about planting creeper vines on the walls. Any update on that? We also need to address the lack of ground coverings in that area (and others).

Answer: Jess will update us tonight as he had a meeting with the parties involved last Friday. Remember it takes time for this to grow but it is a start.

5. Is there an overall Maintenance schedule for cleanup projects that have been identified? Even if the schedule is not 'firm', we'd like to receive one.

Answer: The bushes on Roscoe have been pruned, cleaned and should only need an annual cleaning. As Ron Domash mentioned last meeting if there are tenant areas that need clean-up let him know and he will contact the tenant. The Sod operator has been very cooperative and is keeping his area clean.

6. This one is not within the purview of my Committee, but I thought it was important to mention. I've heard from 2 Council offices that "Its becoming more difficult to reach Management on issues that are VNY related." While this is not a major issue... (I told them that there have been some staffing and location/on site scheduling changes)...I thought it might be good to at least mention this to you both.

Answer: I'm not sure which Council Offices you are referring. Jess and Kim are always accessible by phone and I know I personally talk to Council District 6 on at least a weekly basis. I know you referred someone to me and I returned his call but have not received a call back. If you provide more specifics we can figure out what happened and address it.

Mr. Merkin stated that he would like to know what locations VNY Maintenance has identified to beautify and some sort of a timeframe.

Mr. Sanders stated if there has been thought for more oil recycling locations at VNY.

Mr. Romo stated that it is the tenant's responsibility to handle the disposal of hazardous waste. The contract for maintaining these locations has expired but a third party is still maintaining them at this time. Mr. Romo wants to make sure LAWA Environmental has approved these locations and perhaps add more sites.

Mr. Tatro stated that these oil recycling sites were requested by VNY tenants and LAWA was not obligated to provide this service but did so to help small tenants with oil disposal.

Mr. Romo stated that this service is at a cost to LAWA and VNY Construction and Maintenance is servicing the sites.

Mr. Merkin stated that he would like for Mr. Romo or Mr. Tatro to email him on the status of the oil recycling sites and the maintenance of them.

Mr. Merkin spoke about the signage at VNY. He stated that there are people who think we need to upgrade signage and others who don't want any new or upgraded signs VNY. Mr. Merkin stated that we could hold a contest for area school children to draw new signs.

Mr. Romo stated if this is concerning a monument signage versus directional for VNY. Mr. Merkin said yes.

Mr. Miller stated that VNY does not have a terminal where a sign could direct the public to.

Mr. Merkin stated that this monument sign would be more for beautification rather than direction.

Mr. Romo stated that a monument sign would not be cheap. He also discussed the landscape plan north of Sherman Way on Hayvenhurst to Saticoy. There is an agreement with the two tenants that cover this area. He is waiting for a response from LAX to start this project.

Mr. Flam requested a Power Point Presentation at the next CAC meeting regarding this landscape plan including scope of the project and the timeline.

B. Van Nuys Airport BOAC

Mr. Schultz made a motion doing a study on possibly creating a VNY BOAC, but withdrew this motion after a discussion with various CAC members. But he will re-visit this motion after discussing it further with the CAC.

Mr. Merkin stated that a committee should be formed to discuss the specifics on what could be accomplished with creating a VNY BOAC.

Mr. Flam asked the members of the CAC to raise their hands if they are not in favor of the CAC exploring the establishment of a VNY BOAC at this time. Four people voted against this project.

Mr. Jackson stated that he wants two people assigned by the BOAC to attend every CAC meeting to address issues and take them back to the BOAC for action/discussion.

Mr. Flam stated that there is not a consensus on this item and we will re-visit it in a future meeting.

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

Mr. Jackson stated that Channel 35 has had a 50% staff cut and therefore going automated in the future but no date has been set because they don't have the staff.

Mr. Romo stated that Channel 35 has already gone automated and he witnessed this at the August 2nd BOAC meeting.

Mr. Jackson stated that he was advised differently by the Channel 35 employee.

Mr. Miller stated that there very inexpensive ways to stream theses meetings on the internet.

Mr. Silver stated that whether the City Council's website will be broadcasting BOAC meetings on their Video on Demand on the computer.

Mr. Romo stated that he will find out the broadcasting of the BOAC.

Mr. Romo stated that we are consolidating staff to the 3rd floor. He has already moved his office to the 3rd floor.

Mr. Jackson requested a current phone list for VNY.

Mr. Romo stated that we will email the list to the CAC. We have gone to the Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) system. There are some bugs but we are trying to work through it and asked that everyone bears with us. The new numbers will be 818 area code numbers.

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

9) ADJOURNMENT:

9:25 p.m.