

SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the June 19, 2008 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Young called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Delaney, Doherty, Hayssen, Smith, Starrett, Walters (arrived at 8:25 a.m.), and Young.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Smith moved with support from Delaney to approve the April 2008 minutes Commission Meeting Minutes. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Complaint Update

Stout reported that there were 68 complaints since the April 2008 meeting.

1. Jim O'Connor – helicopter circling overhead
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3. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air was flying too low
4. Marc LaMantia – Horizon Air was too low and too loud
5. Kathy (no last name) – questions about balloon regulations
6. Celia LaMantia – low jet overflight
7. Lisa Casey – loud noise in the early morning for about 2 hours – vineyard fans
8. Scott Griffin – loud, low overflight
9. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air was too low and too loud
10. Anonymous – loud noise in the early morning – vineyard fans
11. Mrs. Bishop – question regarding Las Vegas flight schedule
12. Candace Barron – helicopter circling overhead
13. Scott Griffin – loud jet overflight
14. Marc LaMantia – Horizon Air should not fly over his home
15. Sandi LaMantia – loud jet overflight
16. Sandi LaMantia – loud overflight
17. Celia LaMantia – Horizon Air was too low and too loud
18. Julie Seitzman – does not want balloons flying over her property
19. Mrs. Skerrett – low overflight
20. Zane Carpenter – question regarding a helicopter circling overhead
21. Jim Lindgren – loud overflight
22. Marc LaMantia – Horizon Air was too low and too loud
23. Mike Grover – Horizon Air should not fly over his home
24. Celia LaMantia – Horizon Air is too low and too loud
25. Susie Hayes – loud overflight
26. Mike Galasia – low overflight
27. Art Hernandez – low overflights
28. Scott Griffin – loud overflight
29. Art Frenel – low jet overflight

30. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air was too low and too loud
31. Kenneth Piters – low helicopter overflight
32. Peter Hence – loud overflight
33. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air was too low and too loud
34. Lynn Hamilton – low, loud jet overflight
35. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air was too low and too loud
36. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air was too low and too loud
37. Christina Raymond – low, loud overflight
38. Robert Russell – REACH should fly elsewhere
39. Don Albini – low overflight
40. Kathryn Chester – aircraft taking off affect her TV reception
41. Don Albini – low, loud jet overflight
42. Celia LaMantia – Horizon Air arrived too late at night
43. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air was too low and too loud
44. Scott Griffin – low, loud jet overflight
45. Celia LaMantia – Horizon Air was too low and too loud
46. Mr. Durham – loud overflights
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48. Mr. Durham – loud overflight
49. Mr. Durham – loud overflight
50. Mr. Durham – loud overflight
51. Mr. Durham – loud overflight
52. Mr. Durham – loud overflight
53. Henry Robbins – loud helicopter overflight
54. Jerry Elder – aircraft circling low over his home
55. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air was too low and too loud
56. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air was too low and too loud
57. Sandi LaMantia – loud jet overflight
58. Jerry Elder – aircraft circling over his home
59. Jeanna Schwab – low, loud overflight (Wings of Freedom)
60. Cyndy Dorn – B-17 was too low and too slow (Wings of Freedom)
61. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air was too low and too loud
62. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air was too low and too loud
63. Pam Selvarjay – low overflight
64. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air was too low and too loud
65. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air was too low and too loud
66. Scott Griffin – loud jet overflight
67. Mrs. Tago – too many low overflights
68. Bill (no last name) – aircraft circling very low over his home

B. Tower Report

Tim Pforsich, Tower Manager, was not present.

C. Airline Update

Stout reported that Horizon Air continues to do well. The second Seattle flight will end on August 25. The Las Vegas flight will depart earlier, 12:10 p.m., and the Portland flight will depart later, 5:20 p.m. The latest flight into STS will be at 9:35 p.m.

D. Hangar Inspections

Coté, Airport Secretary, reported that the next hangar inspections will be on July 22 to include the “D” and “G” hangars. Inspections are to note any repair, maintenance or hazardous waste issues as well as to confirm the tail number of the aircraft stored in the hangar.

E. EIR/EA Update

Stout reported that the Notice of Preparation (NOP) was mailed in early June. The public hearing will be held on July 1, 2008, 7-9 p.m. at the Hilton Sonoma Wine Country Hotel, 3555 Round Barn Blvd., Santa Rosa.

F. Neighbor Meeting

Stout reported that the date for the July 2008 Airport neighbor meeting will be announced when a suitable meeting room is located.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items at this time.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. KaiserAir

Stout reported that the Board of Supervisors approved the lease assignment to KaiserAir on Tuesday, June 17, 2008. Bids for construction projects are underway. KaiserAir plans to renovate the general aviation terminal rather than razing it.

B. Subcommittee Updates

Stout said that July meeting dates will be announced. A draft of the rules and regulations will be reviewed prior to the subcommittee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Oliver, representing the Sierra Club, introduced himself and requested information on the planned public scoping meetings for the environmental review documents related to the Draft Master Plan, which were answered by Jon Stout.

Oliver explained the Sierra Club’s concern regarding greenhouse gas emissions associated with an extension of the runway and increased jet traffic. Stout explained CEQA will require evaluation of greenhouse gas emissions. Oliver also pointed out that current flight paths affect every town in the vicinity of the Airport and suggested that the

Airport be moved to a different site. He also noted that there are variations in flight paths. Hayssen explained that weather and instrument conditions as well as other traffic in flight patterns can increase general pattern widths.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

There were no Commission comments at this time.

ADJOURN

Hayssen moved with support from Smith to adjourn. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Stout, CAE, AAE
Airport Manager