

SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the November 17, 2011 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Young called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Carrillo, Hayssen, Smith, Starrett and Young.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Smith moved with support from Starrett to approve the October 2011 Aviation Commission Minutes. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Complaint Update

Stout reported that 26 complaints were received since the October 2011 meeting.

1. Chris Kuhn – AC performing aerobatics over home
2. Mrs. Storm – loud overflights
3. David Griffen – loud jet overflight
4. Rich (no last name) – low, loud jet overflight
5. Dale Ahern – multiple “commercial airline” flights over area
6. Harvey Bell – low overflights
7. Rich (no last name) – jet overflight
8. Rich (no last name) – Alaska Air flew over too low
9. Cindy Shiperly – multiple jet overflights
10. Cindy Shiperly – jet overflight
11. Mr. Mclean – hot air balloon landed near his property
12. Philip Lapame – low helicopter overflight
13. Rich (no last name) – low Cal Fire overflight
14. Rich (no last name) – low Cal Fire overflight
15. Rich (no last name) – low Cal Fire overflight
16. Rich (no last name) – low overflight
17. Rich (no last name) – loud, low overflight
18. Rich (no last name) – loud, low overflight
19. Rich (no last name) – multiple jet overflights
20. Rich (no last name) – loud, low overflight
21. Rich (no last name) – aircraft circled over home
22. Harvey Bell – Horizon Air flew over too low
23. Anne Lotz – low jet overflight
24. Bill Foss – 2 aircraft practicing touch-and-goes
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General Complaints

1. Susan Anton – missed flight

Stout reported on an incident where 6 people went through security 5 minutes before a flight and were not able to board the flight.

B. Tower Report

Allie Metcalf, Tower manager, was not present. Stout reported that air traffic is up 4.4% over last year and that fuel sales showed an increase of nearly 4.4% for AvGas and over 14% for jet fuel.

C. Airline Update

Stout reported that Horizon Air passenger numbers through October 2011 were up 5.6% over last year. There have been twelve months of increased passenger numbers. As part of their seasonal scheduling, the Las Vegas flight has been dropped on Wednesday and Saturday until March 2012. Alaska Airlines is wrapping up the modifications on the Q400's. The Airport is still in discussion regarding an additional flight to Los Angeles during the summer as well as a San Diego flight. The Airport is also working on an incentive package with Sonoma County Tourism for these flights.

Stout said the business traveler survey is wrapping up. Sixteen businesses have responded with community specific data on business travel needs.

Discussion with Frontier Airlines regarding possible service is currently on hold. A possible complication according to Stout is that Republic Airlines has indicated it wants to spin off Frontier Airlines. Stout stated that the small community air service grant could be used for another airline.

D. Projects Update

- Tree removal – trees have been cleared from the ILS
- Security Project – the project has been completed except for items on the punch list, training and installation of some additional cameras; there are no major problems.
- Terminal electrical upgrades – beginning in about two weeks, the restaurant and airline GPU will each be on its own electrical circuit, and the ramp will have additional lighting installed.

E. EA/EIR Update

Stout reported that the EA/EIR response to comments will be delivered today for distribution on Friday, November 18, 2011. The Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for December 1, 2011. A hearing at the Board of Supervisors is tentatively scheduled for January 10, 2012; January 24, 2012 is the tentative Board of Supervisors date for certification. Stout explained that additional traffic analyses were included. The water survey showed that sixteen additional ESD's would be required by 2030, but Stout said this number can be reduced by the use of dual treated water in the new terminal and for Airport landscaping.

Starrett asked about support from the business community, and Stout replied that the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce and Santa Rosa Alliance have both circulated petitions in support of the project.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items at this time.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. & B. Rules & Regulations & Minimum Standards

Stout reported that the 2008 subcommittee had completed a basic draft of rules and regulations. Hayssen will continue as chair of the Rules & Regulations subcommittee, and Young will continue as chair of the Minimum Standards subcommittee. Starrett will replace Mike Sass, who moved out of the area, on the Minimum Standards subcommittee. The Commission agreed that general aviation tenants should be included on the Rules & Regulations subcommittee and that commercial tenants should be on the Minimum Standards subcommittee.

It was suggested that Rob Clark, who is both a hangar tenant and flight school operator, be asked to serve on both subcommittees. Joshua Hochberg, owner of Sonoma Jet Center, will be asked to name a representative for the Minimum Standards subcommittee, and Steve Penning, partial owner of the SK Aviation hangar currently under construction, will also be asked to serve on the Minimum Standards subcommittee.

The Commission directed Gloria Coté, administrative aide for the Airport, to contact the 2008 committee members to re-confirm their interest in working on these committees.

C. Becker Blvd. Name Change

Dave Pinsky, Executive Director of the Pacific Coast Air Museum, explained the reasons for renaming Becker Boulevard to reflect the museum's presence. Dave Barron, owner of Barron Air, expressed his opposition as did Rob Clark, owner of North Coast Air. Since the name change is on hold for the time being, the Commission did not make any recommendations at this time. The museum will contact PRMD regarding naming the "stub" street in front of the museum and will check with the post office regarding mail delivery.

D. Auto Gas Update

Stout reported on the subcommittee's meetings and recommendations. The subcommittee met with the fire marshal, who will evaluate temporary truck-to-truck fuel delivery. It was recommended that an existing fuel provider should set up a 6-month trial run.

The Commission recommended that the FBO's on the Airport be notified that they have 60 days from the date of this Commission meeting, November 17, 2011, to provide a plan to sell ethanol free auto fuel for aircraft. If neither FBO submits a plan to the Airport manager, a non-fuel provider will be able to submit a proposal. Review of a proposed plan would be scheduled for the January 2012 Commission meeting.

The subcommittee working on the Minimum Standards will review the section on fueling.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Archibald, owner of Dragonfly Aviation, expressed his dissatisfaction on being offered an alternate Executive Shade Hangar bay and explained that his security plan was based on Executive Shade 1 and that access to electricity made this bay a necessity. Stout explained that the tenant in Executive Shade 1 discovered that his aircraft would not fit in the other bay so that he was unable to move. Starrett will meet with Stout to review the hangars.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

There were no Commission comments at this time.

ADJOURN

Smith moved with support from Carrillo to adjourn. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Stout, CAE, AAE
Airport Manager