

# SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the August 18, 2011 Meeting

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

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Carrillo, Delaney (left at 9:35 a.m.), Hayssen, Smith, Starrett and Young (left at 9:25 a.m.).

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

## **AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **A. Complaint Update**

Stout reported that there were 27 complaints since the June 2011 meeting.

1. Mrs. White – frequent low and loud overflights
2. Tim Boatman – helicopter overflights
3. Helen Gillespie – question regarding flight path over her home
4. Finnigan – helicopter overflights
5. Julie Seitzman – hot air balloons are too close
6. Tooti – low helicopter overflight
7. George Wells – low overflight
8. Mr. Shimon – bomb squad training
9. Anonymous – PG&E contracted helicopter over property
10. Phil (no last name) – low helicopter overflight
11. Naomi (no last name) – helicopter overflight
12. Darci (no last name) – aircraft circling over home
13. Marsha Dupre – helicopter circling over home
14. Sandi LaMantia – low helicopter overflight
15. Dr. Harris Young – aircraft doing aerobatics over residential area
16. Josh Cheatwood – aircraft doing aerobatics over residential area
17. Sean Solomon – aircraft doing aerobatics over residential area
18. Kelly Wong – aircraft doing aerobatics over residential area
19. Terry Marshall (Ken) – aircraft doing aerobatics over residential area
20. Lindsey Moore – aircraft doing aerobatics over residential area
21. Tim Engel – aircraft doing aerobatics over residential area
22. Rachel Hart – aircraft doing aerobatics over residential area
23. Gary Scenti – aircraft doing aerobatics over home – lost sail
24. Marilyn Standley – low overflights
25. James O'Brien – frequent helicopter overflights
26. Anonymous – aircraft doing aerobatics over residential area
27. Bill Foss – Horizon flew too low over home

**B. Tower Report**

Allie Metcalf, Tower manager, said air traffic seems to have increased slightly. Stout said that the Town of Windsor expressed appreciation that traffic patterns had been tightened up.

**C. Airline Update**

Stout reported that the Airport submitted a proposal for the Small Community Air Service grant to the Department of Transportation for Frontier Airline's service to Denver. Stout said that 60 support letters were included and that Redwood Credit Union offered a ticket partnership with Frontier Airlines similar to the one used with Horizon Air. The grant awards should be announced in October 2011.

Stout said that Alaska Airline's passenger numbers were up 14% from 2010 and that the July numbers were up 11.3%. The aircraft upgrades and painting are nearly complete so that aircraft will be more available next spring.

**D. Projects Update**

- Security System – the start date for converting vehicle gates to the new system is September 1, 2011. The cameras on the gates still need to be aligned.
- Operations Specialist Position – an employee has submitted a notice of retirement, and the position should be posted in a week.
- Maintenance – the Airport has hired 2 extra help in order to catch up with current maintenance needs.

Stout also reported that the SK Aviation hangar project is progressing well at this time.

**E. Airport Ordinance**

Stout said there are currently no changes. After the Master Plan EIR process and the badging changes associated with the security system upgrade are complete, work will recommence on the ordinance.

**F. Neighbors Meeting**

The Airport neighbors meeting will be held on August 24, 2011 at Mesa Beverage Company from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The main topic will be the environmental document for the Master Plan.

**ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items at this time.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. EA/EIR Update**

Stout gave Power Point presentation summarizing and explaining the draft EIR. The Commission suggested that additional slides be added stressing the positive economic impact on the County.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kevin Quirk, member of the CAFÉ Foundation reported that electric charging stations have been installed, 8 for aircraft and one for vehicles. Power will be generated from the Geysers so that the charging stations are totally “green”. Quirk also said that Google has offered a \$200,000 sponsorship for the event.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

There were no Commission comments at this time.

**ADJOURN**

*Smith moved with support from Carrillo to adjourn. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Jon Stout, CAE, AAE  
Airport Manager