



MINUTES

Airport Noise and Safety Committee
Thursday, December 4, 2008 – 5:00 p.m.
Fullerton Council Chamber
303 W. Commonwealth Avenue

CALL TO ORDER

Member Patel assumed the Chair position by mutual consent and called the meeting to order at 4:57 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fullerton	Jeff Harris, absent Michael Johnson, absent Ashok Patel, Chair
Buena Park	Tom Atkins Dottie Jones Heidi Oliveira, Alternate Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

Rod Propst, Airport Manager, Fullerton
Susan McGraw, Administrative Assistant, Fullerton
Jay Saltzberg, Buena Park

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of August 28 2008, were motioned for approval by Member Jones, seconded by Member Atkins, and approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. PRESENTATION BY CONSENSUS PLANNING GROUP, INC. - THE CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED TRAIN PROJECT. **POSTPONED TO FEBRUARY 26, 2009 AT REQUEST OF CPG, INC.**
2. NOISE AND OPERATIONS REPORT/AIRPORT INCIDENTS - Public comments on individual complaints.

Airport Manager Propst presented the operations report which, over four months, have flattened at 69,000 from low 70,000s due to the recent downturn in the economy, i.e., increase in aviation fuel. However, businesses are stable, fuel sales static, flight school training is down but busy. Adding over flights (those that don't land or take off but are still in Class D) at 7,000 brings the count for the period ending in November to 66,766.

The Airport received seven complaints in the past three months – two from Buena Park, three from Fullerton, and two with no addresses.

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- September 13 - Airport Day. Chris Winter, Fullerton stated there was a significant amount of air traffic and believed the Airport had modified its operating rules because it was Airport Day. He was advised this was not the case, discussed the Airport's 'Fly Friendly' policy, and typical daily operations; seemed satisfied with responses to his concerns.
- September 13 – Frances Iwema, 1607 Sunset Lane, Fullerton, complained of a dark helicopter flying very low and very loud. ATCT was contacted, but could obtain no identity or verification; left message with caller; no further contact.
- October 1 – Richard Torres, Fullerton, complained of an airplane flying over St. Jude Hospital at 150 feet. Contacted Mr. Torres and explained arrival/departure routing to Fullerton; seemed satisfied with information received.
- November 23 – Robert Shreeves, 6912 Brenner Ave. Buena Park, complained of two jets with landing gear down passing over his house very low. He was advised they were F-18s inbound to Los Alamitos after a fly-by at a soccer game.
- November 23 - An unidentified caller complained of same issue as Mr. Shreeves; left no contact information.
- November 23 – Vanessa Cervantes called and indicated a complaint, but gave no information or return phone number.
- November 29 – Roslyn Hunt, West Bluff, Fullerton, complained about over two hours of air traffic and noise. She talked with the Control Tower, and they advised her that it was just an unusually busy day because of good weather conditions, flight training, etc.

3. AIRPORT MONTHLY SAFETY INSPECTIONS.

August 25 - Mike Johnson reported gates open on the north side. Manager Propst explained that Air Combat tends to leave the gate open while conducting main activities. A reminder will be made.

September 30 - Dottie Jones reported no discrepancies; however, she noticed the problems with moles and gophers. Manager Propst advised that a pest control company has been hired and began eradicating just this week.

October and November reports were not available.

Committee Member Patel stated he received a message at 6:30 p.m. on a Friday for a Monday morning inspection. There was not sufficient time to plan for this. Manager Propst will check with staff.

Committee Member Patel inquired about the security issue with the gates left open. Manager Propst stated that the slide gate is left open by Air Combat for employees to pass through into the work area. Notice will be issued to Air Combat owners regarding the lapse in security and the violation of their lease agreement.

Incidents - On September 30, a solo instructional flight went awry when a pilot crashed on takeoff ending upside down midfield in the runway safety area. The airbag saved his life, and fuel lines didn't brake, avoiding the potential for fire. Serious injuries were sustained

FAA NTSB inspected the accident and a preliminary report is available, however, a final report will probably not be available for a year. The insurance company came out to recover the aircraft. Damages to the runway include the directional signs, a runway edge light, and significant gouges in runway. Insurance will be billed by City's Risk Management for repayment of all losses. The runway was patched immediately using cold patch. Not significant control issue for aircraft.

On November 21, a pilot experienced engine problems, aborted his takeoff, and ran off the end of the runway. The only damage was a blown tire, no injuries.

4. MANAGER'S AIRPORT UPDATE.

- The new FBO is under construction, and moving fast. It is anticipated that the seven new hangars will be up in two months.
- The Airport offices will be closed from December 24 to January 2, 2009. The Airport Service Workers, however, will be working regular shifts, and the answering service will be taking calls as usual.
- Airport Day was a great success. Committee Member Jones said there was interaction with public and handed out gifts; Committee member Oliveira had a great day; Committee Member Patel walked area and handed out wings to the children. The rides were a huge success.

Committee Member Atkins inquired about an air glider attraction and/or a hot air balloon. Manager Propst responded that the runway is not long enough to support a glider and balloons don't mix well with fixed wing aircraft. The ATCT is not comfortable having a balloon tethered in such close proximity to an active runway. Blimps have made low passes in the past, but Goodyear, MetLife, and Fuji were all booked and out of the area.

5. DISCUSSION REGARDING DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2008. It was suggested to change the meeting dates for the beginning of each quarter – March, June, September, and December. The Committee Members also discussed the issue of conducting a meeting with a quorum. It is important to demonstrate the efforts of the Committee to meet regularly.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. to the next quarterly meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2009. Member Heide Oliveira will Chair the meeting and Member Michael Johnson will serve as Alternate Chairperson.

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