

**VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Elliot Sanders. Members present: Elliot Sanders, David Rankell, Ron Merkin, Mel Roberts, Wayne Williams, Kathy Delle Donne, Cindy Goodfellow, Araz Parseghian, Wendy Saunders, Roger Oeland, Jason Price, Laurence Rabe, Harold Lee, John Parker, Gerald Silver

Absent: None

Mr. Silver introduced Representative John Brodtke from Congressman Brad Sherman's Office.

The Council vacancies as of September 4, 2018 are as follows: One appointment from Councilmember Monica Rodriguez Council District 7.

The minutes from the August 7, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

1.) STAFF REPORTS:

A. Flora Margheritis, Airport Manager:

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the VNY statistics: She reported 22,978 aircraft operations in July 2018 which represents a 6.65% increase in operations compared to July 2017. The Year-to-date operations are up 17.93% as compared to 2017.

Ms. Margheritis announced that the Super Scoopers have arrived at VNY and are ready to support the fire season.

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the 2017 Sustainability Report. This report is now available online and can be accessed at the following link:

<https://www.lawa.org/en/lawa-sustainability/resources>

Ms. Margheritis mentioned a few of the highlights of this report which include LAWA's determination to meet LAWA's goals in reducing greenhouse emissions improving air quality, building healthy communities while contributing to the region's economy. VNY is committed to getting most of its FBO's certified through the City of L.A. Green Business Program.

Ms. Margheritis announced to the council that the Annual Year in Preview report will be ready by the next CAC meeting on 10/2/18.

B. Christian Moreno, Chief of Operations:

Mr. Moreno addressed the council as it relates to Jet Aviation. Mr. Moreno stated Jet Aviation continues performing soil removal and they are now at 95% construction design.

Mr. Moreno updated the council regarding the Taxiway Bravo rehabilitation project. He stated LAWA will be going to the Board this September to award the design contract. This project is expected to mobilize in late October. Mr. Moreno also stated during the Taxiway Bravo project there will also be various small projects taking place including pavement repair and pavement replacement to be completed before the rainy season.

C. Diana Sanchez, Director of Public and Community Relations:

Ms. Sanchez congratulated Mr. Parker on being appointed Vice Chair's for the Valley Economic Alliance.

Ms. Sanchez addressed the council as it relates to upcoming events. Ms. Sanchez reminded the council of Fly-in event at the Prop Park on September 14th, 15th and 16th. (Hand-out attached).

Ms. Sanchez announced at that at the Fly-In there will be a pancake breakfast for the 99's Scholarship Program on Saturday and one for the Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys Sunday.

Ms. Sanchez notified the council The San Fernando Rescue Mission will be celebrating 20 years of service to the homeless on September 22nd at the Clay Lacy hangar.

Ms. Sanchez also notified the council of the Mid Valley Y Gala that will take place on Wednesday, December 5th at the Castle & Cooke hangar honoring Councilmember Nury Martinez.

Ms. Sanchez addressed the council as it relates to staffing changes at VNY Public and Community Relations. Due to the promotions of Carrie Nicoletti and Brandon Nunn we now have two new employees: Alyssa Malette and Sandra Peterson.

D. Len Krugler, Environmental Specialist

Mr. Krugler provided the council with a briefing on the Jet Early Turn and Quiet Departure programs for August 2018. The briefing summarized the information contained in the monthly environmental handouts (attached).

E. Lt. Dennis Lau, Officer-in-Charge, Airport Police

Lt. Lau reported there have been no significant security issues since the last CAC meeting on August 7th.

Mr. Merkin asked for an update on the Sherman Way Tunnel.

Ms. Margheritis notified the council that the Sherman Way Tunnel is scheduled to be cleaned the first Thursday of every month.

2.) BOAC Agenda Items Concerning VNY-Discussion/Action

- A. Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the BOAC meeting, which occurred August 16, 2018 in which there were 4 agenda items pertaining to VNY; the next BOAC meeting will take place on, September 6, 2018. There is one significant item pertaining to VNY. This item was for the 18 month extension for the Air Center.

Mr. Silver asked if free parking is provided for attendees of the BOAC Meetings.

Ms. Margheritis will confirm parking information and share with the council.

3.) REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

A. Committee Assignments

Mr. Sanders thanked all council members for responding to his request for committee assignments. Assignments of the committees will be discussed in detail at the October 2, 2018 CAC Meeting. Mr. Sanders stated the intent of these committees is to get the members of this council more involved.

4.) REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUPS

A. Membership – John Parker, Chairperson

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5.) PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS - Discussion

Ms. Kimberly Turner from “Studio City for Quiet Skies” addressed the council as it relates to the community noise concerns in the Studio City and Sherman Oaks areas. Ms. Turner provided a copy of a letter showing support from the Burbank Airport. (Letter Attached)

6.) NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers – Discussion/Action

Ms. Goodfellow nominated Mr. Rankell for Vice-Chair of the CAC. Mr. Price seconded this nomination.

Mr. Silver Nominated Mr. Price for Vice-Chair of the CAC. Mr. Williams seconded this nomination.

Mr. Price accepted the nomination for Vice-Chair of the CAC.

Mr. Rankell withdrew from the nomination for Vice-Chair of the CAC.

All members voted unanimously for Mr. Price as Vice-Chair of the CAC.

Mr. Williams nominated Mr. Sanders for Chair of the CAC.

Mr. Sanders declined the nomination for Chair of the CAC.

Ms. Goodfellow nominated Mr. Rankell for Chair of the CAC. Mr. Ron Merkin seconded this nomination.

All CAC council members voted with 12 council members in favor of Mr. Rankell as Chair of the CAC and 3 abstaining.

B. FAA realignment program Metroplex impact on southerly VNY departure procedures, SID HARYS THREE (RNAV), Waypoints, “PPRRY”, departures over Sepulveda Basin, Public impacts.(email) - Discussion Only

Mr. Sanders announced a new Ad Hoc Committee to address the Metroplex issues. Mr. Sanders asked Mr. Silver, Mr. Price and Mr. Parseghian to join this Ad Hoc committee. Mr. Sanders has asked that this committee report back to the council with updated information on the Metroplex issues.

Mr. Price stated he appreciates the opportunity to be on this Ad Hoc committee.

Mr. Price addressed the council as it relates to the details and clarification of the email from Mr. Silver, “**FAA realignment program Metroplex impact on southerly VNY departure procedures, SID HARYS THREE (RNAV), Waypoints, “PPRRY”, departures over Sepulveda Basin, Public impacts”**

Mr. Silver addressed the council as it relates to concerns of the deadline of August 23rd referenced in his email.

Mr. Sanders stated there are no upcoming deadlines pertinent to Van Nuys.

Mr. Silver stated one of his concerns with this issue is that it is taking place with no public input and no interlinking with the Burbank Airport and is concerned about the PPRRY waypoint.

Ms. Rabe stated the Metroplex issue goes beyond the issues with waypoint PPRRY.

Mr. Price stated as a pilot there have been no operational changes since waypoint PPRRY.

Mr. Price stated all of these issues will be addressed during the new Ad Hoc committee meetings.

Mr. Sanders suggested the councilmembers address these issues in an email and forward to Mr. Price.

Ms. Saunders suggested this new committee research if these noise issues are a result of NextGen/Metroplex or increased operations.

Mr. Silver requested that the discussion time for item 6B extended.

Mr. Sanders stated there will be more discussion with the Ad Hoc committee and there will be more answers at the next CAC meeting.

Mr. Williams stated he is hoping this new Ad-Hoc committee could find a way to get the FAA to understand that sending this Metroplex information out without public input is creating more of a problem.

Mr. Rankell addressed the council as it relates to the importance of information and comments regarding specific issues. This information should be run through the CAC or the defined airport authority.

Mr. Rankell stated there is not a specific date in August relative to Metroplex or flight changes.

Mr. Rankell stated the official way to communicate or make public comment is to address the council under the "Public Comment" period at a CAC meeting, under "Agenda Items" and/or in writing to the CAC through the CAC Secretary.

Mr. Merkin stated the Ad Hoc Committee idea is the way to proceed. Mr. Merkin suggested looking into getting the FAA interested in town hall meetings locally. Mr. Merkin also stated this committee/council should start consolidating decision makers on a local state and federal level.

Mr. Silver clarified he is specifically referring to Van Nuys not Burbank.

Mr. Silver stated the following dates regarding the Metroplex VNY Report re-routing issues should be acted on now: 9/13/18, 11/8/18, 5/21/20.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEM 6B - Discussion

Mr. Jim Esturlig Encino, a resident and member of the Encino Neighborhood Council Representing District 7, addressed the council as it relates to noise issues brought about by the Metroplex.

Mr. Joseph Casey, addressed the council as it relates to aircraft noise issues in Encino.

Mr. Peter Kasinski, addressed the council as it relates to noise issues and intersecting flights departing from Burbank Airport and Van Nuys Airport.

Ms. Kimberly Turner addressed the council as it relates to noise and pollution issues in Sherman Oaks caused by the Metroplex. (hand-outs attached)

Ms. Susan Ashley addressed the council as it relates to noise issues in Sherman Oaks.

Commissioner Jeff Daar addressed the council as it relates to the importance of the CAC Council.

Commissioner Jeff Daar thanked the council and the public for attending the CAC meeting.

Commissioner Daar also thanked Mr. Sanders for his service as CAC Chair.

C. LAWA / CAC GUIDED TECHNICAL TOUR OF VNY- DISCUSSION

Mr. Sanders announced LAWA staff will arrange a technical tour of the Van Nuys Airport.

Mr. Sanders asked the CAC council members to email the CAC Secretary (VNYCAC@LAWA.ORG) if interested in participating in the tour.

7.) OLD BUSINESS

No items were discussed

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

No items were discussed.

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

Mr. Sanders thanked Mr. Rankell and Mr. Williams for nominating him. Mr. Sanders stated it has been interesting listening and seeing what this council is capable of. Mr. Sanders also stated he would like to see this council continue moving forward. Mr. Sanders reminded council to remember the BOAC is here to help. Mr. Sanders commended Ms. Margheritis on always being willing to work with the council.

Mr. Parseghian stated he is sorry to see Mr. Sanders leave the council.

Mr. Oeland apologized for his absences. He is trying to get back on track. He has been discussing noise issues with engineers.

Mr. Silver stated he believes the council and residents can fight back and there are plenty of solutions.

Mr. Silver thanked Mr. Brodtke from Congressman Sherman's office for attending.

Ms. Rabe stated she will miss Mr. Sanders. Ms. Rabe congratulated Mr. Rankell and Mr. Price on their new assignments as Chair and Co-Chair. Ms. Rabe understands the metroplex issues as both an aviation enthusiast and resident. Ms. Rabe believes the Metroplex is going to be a big challenge and there is an opportunity with this council to be engaged and gather community input.

Ms. Rabe commended the airport staff on listening and responding to all issues.

Mr. Williams thanked Mr. Sander for his service and believes this council does recognize this issue as a real problem.

Mr. Williams stated to the public that this council has no control or power. This council can only advise.

Ms. Delle Donne stated it's been great working with Mr. Sanders and wished him well.

Ms. Delle Donne congratulated Mr. Rankell and Mr. Price.

Ms. Saunders thanked Mr. Sanders for his service.

Ms. Saunders thanked Mr. Rankell and Mr. Price for taking on the leadership roles with this council.

Ms. Saunders addressed the public and thanked them for sharing their concerns.

Ms. Goodfellow confirmed Mr. Sanders is leaving the board and thanked him for his service.

Ms. Goodfellow congratulated Mr. Rankell and Mr. Price.

Ms. Goodfellow suggested that LAWA staff review any impacts with the Burbank Airport.

Ms. Margheritis stated the LAWA Environmental staff will be working on this with the Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Parker stated he is surprised to hear of Mr. Sanders resignation as Chair of the CAC.

Mr. Parker wished the new Chair and Vice-Chair continued success.

Mr. Rankell stated he respects Mr. Sanders decision and he will be missed.

Mr. Rankell addressed the council as it relates to the noise issues. Mr. Rankell stated this council needs to stay focused on the Van Nuys Airport issues.

Mr. Rankell reminded the council and the public that this council is a citizen's advisory only council with no true power.

Mr. Rankell informed the council and public that issues with the FAA must be brought to the attention of the FAA or elected officials.

Mr. Rankell addressed the council as it relates to public communication and testimony with this council. Mr. Rankell wants to ensure that all communications are in compliance with the Brown Act. All communication should be sent directly through the VNY CAC Secretary.

Mr. Merkin addressed the council as it relates to the new Ad Hoc Committee responsibilities. This is for all and is available at all CAC meetings. The FAQ provides pertinent information on what the council can and cannot do.

Mr. Merkin thanked and commended Mr. Sanders on his service to the council. Mr. Merkin also stated he looks forward to working under the leadership of Mr. Rankell and Mr. Price.

Mr. Lee congratulated Mr. Sanders on his service to the CAC council.

Mr. Lee congratulated Mr. Rankell and Mr. Price on their new assignments as CAC Chair and Co-Chair.

Mr. Price commended Mr. Sanders on his service on the CAC council.

Mr. Roberts commended Mr. Sanders on his service and congratulated Mr. Rankell and Mr. Price.

Mr. Roberts addressed the council as it relates to the Metroplex issues. Mr. Roberts stated he believes both the Metroplex and Burbank issues need to be resolved at the same time.

Mr. Roberts recognized the excellent and positive relationship between the council and the Van Nuys Airport.

Ms. Margheritis commended Mr. Sanders on all his service and for working with the Van Nuys Airport proactively to resolve issues to help the council and the community.

Ms. Margheritis advised Mr. Rankell and Mr. Price they will continue to have the support of LAWA and staff members. Ms. Margheritis stated she looks forward to working with the Ad Hoc Committees.

Ms. Margheritis communicated to the community members that VNY will look into the Metroplex issues, while working with the newly established ad hoc committee.

10) ADJOURNMENT:

9:02 p.m.