

SONOMA COUNTY
AVIATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the March 16, 2017 Meeting

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ahrens, Carrillo, Delaney, Hayssen, McCord (left at 9:30 a.m.), Starrett and Young (left at 8:09 a.m.).

Action Item A and Discussion Item A were moved up to the beginning of the meeting in order to facilitate Young's early departure.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve FY 17/18 Airport Rates & Charges

Stout explained that there was an error on the FY 16/17 Rates and Charges for hangar rents, which showed a 5% rent increase. This was corrected to 2% for FY 17/18.

Hayssen moved with support from Ahrens to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the adoption of the proposed FY 17/18 modified rates and charges for the Airport fees and charges hearing in May 2017. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Designated Parking

Young explained Brown act requirements in responding to emails and regarding email discussions between Commissioners and members of the public.

Regarding a complaint submitted via email to the Aviation Commission, Stout explained that the restaurant parking on the inner loop had to be removed to allow taxi and ride share parking as outlined in the County Ordinance for Commercial Vehicle Operators. There are 2 spots designated for ride share operators. 10 additional 1-hour parking places were added. The first 2 hours' parking in the short term lot are free and open for use by restaurant customers.

It was confirmed that Airport staff were not contacted by this individual. The Airport logs each complaint. Delaney asked if a member of the public can schedule a meeting with the Airport Manager to discuss a complaint, and this was confirmed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Hayssen moved with support from Starrett to approve the January 2017, Aviation Commission Minutes. All Ayes. Minutes Approved.*

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Complaint Update

Stout reported that there were 72 aircraft related complaints since the last Commission meeting and 5 other complaints. Through February 2017 there were 65 noise complaints compared to 17 in 2016, an increase of 282%.

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4. Leslie Mikulich – loud overflight
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10. Sylvia Ibarra – loud overflight
11. Laura Tighe – aircraft need mufflers and flight path should be directed away from the city
12. Anonymous – loud noise, possibly aircraft from the Airport
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17. Olivia Williams – loud, low overflight
18. Mark Stanley – loud overflights
19. Laura Tighe – aircraft need mufflers and flight path should be directed away from the city
20. Dana Aguero – loud, low overflight
21. Gino Zalunardo – Allegiant flight delay
22. Abell – loud, low commercial airline overflights
23. Allan Tillman – low helicopter overflight
24. Scott Wilson – loud jet overflights
25. Laura Tighe – aircraft need mufflers and flight path should be directed away from the city
26. Sandy Burton – loud overflights
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30. Robert Hopkins – loud overflight
31. David Griffin – loud overflight
32. Glenn Wyer – loud overflights
33. Travis – loud commercial jet overflight
34. Laura Tighe – aircraft need mufflers and flight path should be directed away from the city
35. Shae Wells – loud, low overflights
36. Laura Tighe – aircraft need mufflers and flight path should be directed away from the city
37. Dave Oliver – loud, possibly a commercial airline, overflight
38. Rhonda Rockwood – loud jet overflight
39. Laura Tighe – aircraft need mufflers and flight path should be directed away from the city
40. Jay Almon – low overflight
41. David Griffin – loud overflights
42. David Griffin – jet and helicopter overflights
43. David Griffin – jet and helicopter overflights
44. Kimberly Gehl – loud jet taking off
45. Laura Tighe – aircraft need mufflers and flight path should be directed away from the city
46. Barbara Wolfe – loud, low overflight
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50. Patrick Collins – loud, low overflight
51. David Griffin – loud jet overflight
52. James Barrett – objects to increase in commercial air service
53. Laura Tighe – aircraft need mufflers and flight path should be directed away from the city
54. Scott Wilson – loud overflight
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61. Scott Wilson – loud overflight
62. Laura Tighe – aircraft need mufflers and flight path should be directed away from the city
63. Laura Tighe – aircraft need mufflers and flight path should be directed away from the city
64. James Barrett – helicopters and aircraft overflights
65. Don Albini – low overflight
66. Claire Stark – loud overflights
67. David Griffin – loud jet overflight
68. Anonymous – loud jet overflight
69. Laura Tighe – aircraft need mufflers and flight path should be directed away from the city
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71. James Barrett – loud commercial overflight
72. James Barrett – loud commercial overflight; should be redirected to the west

B. Tower Report/Update

Stout reported that there were 4,511 operations in January 2017 compared to 4,279 in January 2016, a 5.4% increase. February 2017 operation numbers will be available on March 20, 2017.

Dave Swanson, Tower Manager, discussed the possibility of changing the Tower operations' hours to cover the 6 am commercial flights with the FAA District Manager. At this point the hours will not be changed.

C. Airline Update

Stout reported that total airline passengers for January 2017 were 23,027 compared to 19,970 in January 2016, an increase of 15.3%. February 2017 passenger numbers were 23,572 compared to 20,554 in February 2016, an increase of 14.7%. Total passengers year to date are 26,599, a 15% increase over 2016.

United Airlines will start on June 8, 2017 with 3 daily flights to San Francisco (SFO). Sun Country will provide service to Minneapolis from August 24 to December 3, 2017, arriving on Thursday and departing on Sunday. American Airlines will add a second flight to Phoenix on July 5, 2017, and Alaska Airlines will increase to 9 flights per day in June 2017.

D. Projects Update

- Modular Building – the modular building is now in use by American Airlines.
- Hangar Roof Repair – the contractor did not complete the repairs on the D hangars and is being rescheduled to finish the work.
- Tree Removal – 14 trees identified as obstructions will be removed; work has been delayed due to rainy weather.

DISCUSSION ITEMS continued

B. New Website

Stout reviewed the new website and explained that it is still in the process of being updated. Commissioners were asked to provide comments and suggestions.

C. Terminal and Parking Lot Expansion Updates

Stout gave a Power Point presentation showing the following Airport improvement plans:

- Commercial Aircraft Parking – a 4th airline parking space is being added; this was delayed due to the rain.
- Terminal Remodel – 28,000 square feet are necessary to meet the needs of stakeholders and users of the terminal, rather than the originally planned 19,000 square feet. As a result, the Airport will request direction from the Board of Supervisors on funding options to cover additional loan costs.
- Parking Lot – the design is about 65% complete. The new parking lot will have 450 parking spaces. Solar panels will face south in order to reduce possible glare for the Tower. Construction should start in July 2017.
- Sidewalks – sidewalks will be constructed on Airport Blvd. to North Laughlin. Crosswalk connections will be added around the short term parking lot loop.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Josh Hochberg, Sonoma Jet Center president, inquired about the possessory interest tax charged to Airport tenants. Stout replied that the majority goes into the County General Fund and schools.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

There were no Commission comments at this time.

ADJOURN

Starrett moved with support from Ahrens to adjourn. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Stout, CAE, AAE
Airport Manager