

SONOMA COUNTY  
AVIATION COMMISSION  
Minutes of the May 18, 2017 Meeting

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Young called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Ahrens (arrived at 8:03 a.m.), Carrillo, Delaney (arrived at 8:05a.m.), Hayssen, McCord, Starrett and Young.

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

**AIRPORT MANAGER’S REPORT**

**A. Complaint Update**

Stout reported that there were 61 aircraft related complaints since the last Commission meeting. Through April 2017 there were 238 noise complaints compared to 44 in 2016, an increase of 440%. There were 2 general complaints in April and 2 in April 2016. There were a total of 9 general complaints through April 2017 compared to 7 in 2016, an increase of 28.5%.

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9. David Meeson – low jet overflights
10. Laura Tighe – loud overflights
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21. Laura Tighe – loud overflights
22. Glen Buelteman – low overflight
23. Rosa Gray – loud overflights
24. Scott Wilson – low overflight
25. Laura Tighe – loud overflights
26. Laura Tighe – loud overflights
27. Laura Tighe – loud overflights
28. Laura Tighe – loud overflights
29. Scott Wilson – low overflight
30. David Griffin – frequent loud overflights
31. Rita Planchon – frequent loud overflights
32. Laura Tighe – loud overflights

33. Laura Tighe – loud overflights
34. Laura Tighe – loud overflights
35. James Barrett – loud overflights
36. Laura Tighe – loud overflights
37. Laura Tighe – loud overflights
38. Laura Tighe – loud overflights
39. Laura Tighe – loud overflights
40. Susi Meagher – low helicopter overflight
41. Robert Hopkins – loud jet overflight
42. Laura Tighe – loud overflights
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49. Laura Tighe – loud overflights
50. Celia Lamantia – frequent loud jet overflights
51. Celia Lamantia – loud jet overflight
52. Laura Tighe – loud overflights
53. Laura Tighe – loud overflights
54. Andy Tchirkine – low overflight
55. Laura Tighe – loud overflights
56. Laura Tighe – loud overflights
57. Laura Tighe – loud overflights
58. Laura Tighe – loud overflights
59. Jayne Hill – low jet overflight
60. Laura Tighe – loud overflights
61. Laura Tighe – loud overflights

## **B. Tower Report/Update**

Stout reported that there were 6,562 operations in March 2017 compared to 5,588 in March 2016, a 17.4% increase. Year to date there were 15,647 operations compared to 16,674 in 2016, a 6.2% decrease.

Dave Swanson, Tower Manager, reported that the FAA now has candidates for controller trainees.

The FAA is planning to paint the VOR and do some maintenance on the structure, but the dates have not yet been decided.

Swanson also reported that the controllers continue to see 14/20 runway deviations. This will be discussed at the Runway Safety Area (RSA) meeting on June 28, 2017.

## **C. Airline Update**

Stout reported that total airline passengers for April 2017 were 30,454 compared to 25,585 in April 2016, an increase of 19%. Through April 2017 passenger numbers were 107,868 compared to 89,477 in 2016, a 20.6% increase.

American Airlines reported a 79% load factor for April 2017. The second Phoenix flight will begin in July.

Sun Country plans to visit the Airport in June or July in preparation for the August start of flights. They report that bookings are doing well so far.

United is still scheduled to begin service on June 8. The sprung structure is on track to be completed by June 1.

#### **D. Projects Update**

- Sprung Structure – construction is still underway. Changes in Title 24, energy conservation, required changing the doors, which are due to arrive May 29. The light fixtures are scheduled to arrive June 10, after the United Airlines start date of June 8, so temporary lighting will be installed. Alaska Airlines, American and United will all start using the facility on June 8. Allegiant will remain in the terminal until the remodel has been scheduled.
- Parking Lot – the bids will be issued at the end of May. The contract should go to the Board of Supervisors for approval in July so that construction can begin in August. The project should be completed in November.
- Service Road – the holes for bridge abutments will be drilled for the next two weeks so that the bridge can be installed the third week in June. The installation will require use of a crane and may have to be done at night.
- Tree Topping – fourteen trees along the creek have been topped; the surveyor needs to report this to the FAA.
- Asphalt Repair, New Shade Hangars – the Airport is working on bids for pavement repair and seal.
- Airline Ramp Parking – the SIDA area is being expanded and painting for additional airline parking is in process. There will be three commercial aircraft remaining overnight beginning the first week in June with a fourth in July.
- Bus Loading Zone – the shelter originally planned is too small, so the Airport is working on a new location for a larger bus shelter to coordinate with the parking lot project.
- TruAir Corporate Hangar – demolition of the old Airport shop will be starting, and temporary fencing is up around the New Shade Hangars. Young advised improving the lighting along the fence and adding more blinkers to the fence.
- Tiedowns – the Airport is working on creating spaces on the west side of the Airport to move some of the old, non-flyable aircraft. Young suggested working with the EAA to move these aircraft.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items at this time.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **A. Town of Windsor UGB Renewal & Expansion**

Stout reported that the Town of Windsor plans to update the urban growth boundary and showed an aerial map of the plans. Stout requested direction from the Commission. After discussion about the proposal and the fact it only deals with the UGB at this time, no action is necessary. This item may be reviewed at a later date depending on the final vote from the Town of Windsor and the potential project moving forward.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business at this time.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at this time.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Delaney inquired about weed removal in the hangar areas, and Stout replied this was delayed due to staffing issues.

**ADJOURN**

*Delaney moved with support from Ahrens to adjourn. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Jon Stout, CAE, AAE  
Airport Manager