

SONOMA COUNTY
AVIATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the September 15, 2016 Meeting

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ahrens, Carrillo, Hayssen, McCord, Starrett and Young.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Hayssen moved with support from Ahrens to approve the August 18, 2016, Aviation Commission Minutes. Motion Carried.*

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Complaint Update

Stout reported that there were 19 aircraft related complaints since the last Commission meeting and 3 other complaints. Year to date there have been 187 noise complaints compared to 150 in 2015, an increase of 22.2%.

1. Lisa Bollman – increased air traffic and “green” flight path not in use
2. Teresa Burris – low overflights
3. Debbie Dresslove – low commercial airline overflight
4. Anonymous – increased air traffic
5. Sharyn Limp – low helicopter overflight
6. Michael Robison – low helicopter overflight
7. Katherine Henderson – increased air traffic
8. Steven Salvetti – low helicopter overflight
9. William Gifford – low helicopter overflight
10. Dee Kalder – current flight path over homes and schools
11. Alida Van Egmond – aircraft circling overhead
12. William Tighe – loud jet overflight
13. Donna San Filippo – increased air traffic
14. William Tighe – jets should have mufflers and not fly over city
15. Jan Smith – increased loud and low air traffic
16. William Tighe – jets should have mufflers and not fly over city
17. William Tighe – jets should fly higher, have mufflers and not fly over city
18. Phillip Farber – increased low air traffic
19. Gina Vickson – loud overflight

DISCUSSION ITEMS (moved to accommodate Air Show Director's schedule)

A, Wings Over Wine Country Air Show

Nancy Heath, Air Show Director, provided updates on the Air Show. F18's, staged out of Travis Air Force Base, will perform on Saturday and Sunday. Practice sessions are scheduled for Friday afternoon. The C17 and a Chinook helicopter will be on display. A private security firm will provide traffic control. The Mexican Consulate General will be in attendance along with the Latino Pilot Association. There will also be a Master Pilot award ceremony.

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

B. Tower Report/Update

The Tower Manager was not present. Stout reported that there were 7,716 operations in July 2016 compared to 8,083 in July 2015, a 5% decrease. Operations through July 2016 were down 9%, 45,262 through July 2016 compared to 49,765 through July 2015.

C. Airline Update

Stout reported that total airline operations were up 26.4% and passenger loads up 32% over 2015. Operations were up 45% over 2014. Alaska Airlines load factor for August was 82%. Allegiant passenger loads were 71% in July and 73% in August. 32 ticket vouchers were provided for marketing purposes. The negative article in the Press Democrat did result in some cancellations. The MD80 will be replaced by an AirBus in November.

American Airlines has requested some additional information. Stout is scheduled to meet with United Airlines on October 14.

D. Projects Update

- Service Road – a preconstruction meeting is scheduled for next week. Tree clearing will begin in October. Construction should begin in April or May, 2017. The bridge design and permitting still need to be completed prior to construction.
- Staffing – the Airport Maintenance Worker II started this week and will concentrate on hangar maintenance. An offer was made for the Airport Administrative Officer. The person in that position will concentrate on Board items, requests for proposals and bids.
- Pacific Coast Air Museum Move – the Butler hangar tenants will have to be moved in order for PCAM to rent the entire hangar. North Cost Air tiedowns and the HeliCo Sonoma helicopters will also have to be assigned new locations.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Aviation Commission Representative for Terminal Design Review

Stout reported that C&S will do construction review, BKF will do the parking lot design, and Mead & Hunt will do the terminal design. Construction kick off meetings will be held on October 6 and 7 and will include stakeholders. The Airport is requesting that a representative from the Aviation Commission be selected for terminal design review.

Hayssen moved with support from Carrillo to select Starrett. All Ayes. Starrett Selected.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

There were no Commission comments at this time.

ADJOURN

McCord moved with support from Ahrens to adjourn. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Stout, CAE, AAE
Airport Manager