



MINUTES of the  
**COUNCIL/CITIZENS AVIATION COMMITTEE**  
 (draft until approved by the Committee)

MEETING DATE & LOCATION: **Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013** at the Newport Beach City Hall, Community Room

ATTENDANCE:

- Committee membership:

Leslie Daigle	Council Representative	not present
Rush Hill	Council Representative	not present
Tony Petros	Council Representative	present
Kay Mortenson	District #1	present
Vacant	District #1 (alt)	N/A
Eleanor Todd	District #2	present
Gerald Scarboro	District #2 (alt)	present
Tom Anderson	District #3	not present
Bonnie O'Neil	District #3 (alt)	not present
Tom Meng	District #4	not present
Jock Marlo	District #4 (alt)	present
John Cunningham	District #5	present
Craig Page	District #5 (alt)	present
Shirley Conger	District #6	present
Bud Rasner	District #6 (alt)	present
Suzy Casey	District #7	not present
Jim Dunlap	District #7 (alt)	present
Dave Kiff	City Manager	present
Aaron Harp	City Attorney	present
SPON/Air Fair Rep.	Nancy Alston	present
AWG Representative	Tony Khoury	present
Roger Ham	Newport Coast Rep	present
Vacant	General Aviation Rep	N/A

- Others present: Lynn Cathcart, Robert Hawkins, Michael Jarvis (the Bluffs HOA), Jim Mosher, Bob Pastore, Nicole Shine (*OC Register*)
- JWA Representatives present: Alan Murphy, Eric Freed.
- Representatives from Corridor Cities present: Gary Armstrong (Costa Mesa), Liz Vasquez-Avila (Laguna Beach)
- City representatives present: Tom Edwards.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Welcome.** The meeting was called to order by Mr. Petros at 8:00 a.m.
2. **Self-Introductions** were made.
3. The **minutes** from the June 24<sup>th</sup> Aviation Committee meeting were approved without amendment.

4. **Current Business – All Things Aviation:**

- **Update on CEQA process for Settlement Agreement Amendment/Extension.** Mr. Murphy noted that the Board of Supervisors approved the consultant team for the EIR, and the City adopted the funding required for the City's half. November 2013 through February 2014 will be the technical analysis time, with a goal to issue the Draft EIR in late February. "the County is required to respond to every comment," Murphy said. He expects that June or July 2014 will see the final EIR considered by the Board of Supervisors and City. In an answer to a question, Murphy thought that the federal budget and sequestration issues would have no effect on the EIR process right away. Harp noted that Patrick Alford will be the City's representative to the EIR team. Mr. Mosher asked about ensuring that the Notice of Preparation (NOP) information and related scoping meetings associated with the EIR be highlighted on the City's website. He also was interested in seeing what the "no project" alternative will be.

Mr. Hawkins noted that the City will pay for half of the EIR costs. He also expressed concerns about the role of Gary Sherwin of Newport Beach and Company in working with the airport on new markets. Nancy Alston agreed with Mr. Hawkins' concerns, saying that more advocacy for markets could affect whether or not the "trigger" is affected in the proposed Settlement Agreement. At a Newport Beach City Council meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Sherwin said that he was stepping away from the new markets task force as the settlement agreement is finalized – Mr. Hawkins and Ms. Alston's concerns surrounded any role for any person funded with Newport Beach dollars to advocate for airport growth that could trigger the trigger, even after the Settlement Agreement extension is finalized.

Mr. Pastore asked what issues will be studied in the EIR (answer: noise, circulation, air quality, more – all detailed in the NOP) as well as the impact areas to be studied (also in NOP). He asked if the noise thresholds were changed – Mr. Edwards said that the dB levels were not, and there is no potential to change the location of the Noise Monitoring Stations.

- **JWA Operational Updates.** Mr. Murphy spoke about trends at JWA, noting that, as of August 2013's numbers, the trend is an increase of about 5% in 2013 from 2012. August 2013 is only up about 1.7% from August 2012, however.
  - **Clarifications on Tom Edwards' Monthly Report.** Edwards asked if anyone had questions about his Monthly Report – he pointed Mr. Pastore to the noise section and responded to a question about Ontario with a "stay tuned" as the battle between LAWA and the City of Ontario continues. He noted that international travel is what's keeping Ontario afloat, at least right now.
  - **Departure Procedures Update.** Kiff said that he and Edwards had spoken to GE Aviation/Naverus and would continue to work with them as the FAA sorts through an initial departure plan for Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson airport. Hawkins asked if Naverus had been fully paid, at what amount (\$75K fully funded, Kiff reported). Pastore spoke about the FAA's work nationwide on RNP, and his hope that a departure pattern could be developed that minimized the impacts on "both sides of the bay." He asked the City to consider meeting with airlines' fleet managers to discuss more consistent departure procedures (such as power-back) versus departure paths.
5. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda items.** Mr. Hawkins asked about changing the room location if the early morning glare could not be addressed.
6. **Items for an Upcoming Agenda.** None were suggested.

7. **The Committee's next meeting** was set for 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in the Civic Center Community Room.

8. **The meeting was adjourned** at 8:34 a.m.

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