



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

MEETING DATE & LOCATION: **Monday, October 28th, 2013** at the Newport Beach City Hall, Community Room

ATTENDANCE:

- Committee membership:

Leslie Daigle	Council Representative	not present
Rush Hill	Council Representative	present
Tony Petros	Council Representative	not 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	present
Bonnie O'Neil	District #3 (alt)	present
Tom Meng	District #4	not present
Jock Marlo	District #4 (alt)	not 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	present
Jim Dunlap	District #7 (alt)	present
Dave Kiff	City Manager	present
Aaron Harp	City Attorney	present
SPON/Air Fair Rep.	Melinda Seely	present
AWG Representative	Tony Khoury, Tom Naughton	present
Roger Ham	Newport Coast Rep	present
Vacant	General Aviation Rep	N/A

- Others present: David Browne, Robert Hawkins, Michael Jarvis (the Bluffs HOA), Jim Mosher, Nicole Shine (*OC Register*), Bob Strang, Don Webb.
- JWA Representatives present: Alan Murphy, Eric Freed.
- Representatives from Corridor Cities present: Gary Armstrong (Costa Mesa), Christa Johnson (Laguna Beach)
- City representatives present: Tom Edwards.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Welcome.** The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hill at 8:00 a.m., and self-introductions were made.
2. The **minutes** from the September 30th, 2013 Aviation Committee meeting were approved without amendment.

3. **Current Business.**

- **Update on CEQA process for Settlement Agreement Amendment/Extension.** After an introduction by Mr. Murphy, the group discussed very briefly the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the CEQA document for the JWA Settlement Agreement Extension/Amendment. There were no committee comments, but Mr. Hawkins in the audience asked for clarification on similar comments he raised at the October 17, 2013 Scoping Meeting. Mr. Murphy noted that there are “no plans” to add loading bridges even though the limits on the number of loading bridges (today = 20) would go away after December 31, 2020. The deadline for commenting on the NOP is October 31, 2013.
- **JWA Operational Updates.** Mr. Murphy spoke about trends at JWA – the most recent numbers showed a 3% year-over-year increase in passenger traffic, but that Mr. Murphy expects that to “moderate” in the months ahead, meaning staying roughly at that increase or a lower number year over year.
- **Clarifications on Tom Edwards’ Monthly Report.** There were no Committee members’ comments about the monthly report. Mr. Mosher thanked Edwards for the tables comparing growth and passenger levels at JWA, Ontario, LAX, Long Beach, and Burbank. Mr. Mosher noted that “by 2015, JWA will have more passengers than all of the other regional airports (excluding LAX) combined.” Edwards noted that “one of the reasons this is so is because of the median income” levels in the JWA region – “higher median income means more flight demands.” Mr. Murphy agreed. Mr. Khoury also thanked Edwards for the report and said he looked forward to it monthly.

4. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda items.** Mr. Naughton spoke about the FAA’s “NextGen” effort and how the FAA has established a Federal Advisory Committee called the Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics (website = www.rtca.org). They have been in place since 1935 with a mission to “*be the premier Public-Private Partnership venue for developing consensus among diverse and competing interests and provide advice and recommendations on key issues critical to aviation modernization in an increasingly global enterprise.*” Mr. Naughton noted that Committee members should read the RTCA website for more information, and noted that the RTCA had been tasked by the FAA with prioritizing NextGen efforts across the country.

5. **Items for an Upcoming Agenda.** Mr. Cunningham asked that the next Edwards Report include information about helicopters, such as sightseeing helicopters. His concerns were about the frequency, hours, altitude, and more.

6. **The Committee’s next meeting** was set for 8:00 a.m. on Monday, January 27, 2014 in the Civic Center Community Room.

7. **The meeting was adjourned** at 8:22 a.m.

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