

**VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, October 3, 2017**

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Elliot Sanders. Members present: Elliot Sanders, David Rankell, Jason Price, John Parker, Kathy Delle Donne, Ron Merkin, Mel Roberts, Craig Welzbacher, Gerald Silver, Wayne Williams, Roger Oeland, Laurence Rabe, Cindy Goodfellow, Vahid Khorsand, Harold Lee, Wendy Saunders

Absent: None

The Council vacancies as of September 6, 2016 are as follows: Two appointments from Councilmember Monica Rodriguez Council District 7.

The minutes from the September 5, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

**1.) STAFF REPORTS**

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the VNY statistics: she reported 20,704 aircraft operations in August 2017 and this represents a 0.84% decrease in operations compared to August 2016. Year-to-date operations are up 4.4% as compared to 2016.

Ms. Margheritis updated the council on the issue of early turns as well as her discussion with Kathryn Pantoja from LAWA's Environmental Programs Group. Based on data gathered by LAWA it was determined in the month of August 2017 there were 176 early turns reported; in September 2017 there were 73. It is expected this number will continue to decline. An Air Traffic Control Tower SOP has been developed to ensure that all aircraft assigned an RNAV departure will fly runway heading and will be directed to initiate a turn to the east or west no sooner than Victory Blvd.

Mr. Sanders thanked Ms. Margheritis for the update and indicated if needed they will further agendize this item and continue to monitor as necessary.

Lt. Lau addressed the council on airport security updates and discussed the year-in-preview.

Ms. Sanchez discussed the Hurricane Relief effort and handed out flyers. (Attached)

Ms. Margheritis addressed the departure of CAC Secretary Ani Ghoukassian and her promotion to another department. Belinda Quinteros will act as CAC Secretary in the interim.

**A. BOAC Agenda Items Concerning VNY – Discussion/Action**

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the September 7, 2017 and September 20, 2017 BOAC Meetings. The next meeting will take place October 5, 2017; there are no items pertaining to VNY.

**2.) REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

**A. Working Group Reports – Discussion/Action**  
**Membership – John Parker, Chairperson**

Mr. Parker addressed the council as it relates to the two vacancies from Councilmember Monica Rodriguez' District. Based on his discussion with Mr. Doug Tripp, there are no appointees yet. Mr. Sanders indicated Mr. Tripp suggested a meeting at the end of October in an attempt to bring in another councilmember from CD7.

Mr. Sanders indicated all sixteen members are present at tonight's meeting and thanked the members for their attendance.

**Outreach & Communications – Ron Merkin, Chairperson**

Nothing to report.

**VNY Noise Issues – Gerald Silver, Chairperson**

Mr. Silver addressed the council as it relates to receiving many noise complaints from homeowners of Encino.

Mr. Ed Burnham, member of the public, addressed the council as it relates to noise and the re-routing of departures to the south.

Ms. Elaine Newman, member of the public, addressed the council as it relates to noise in the Encino area.

Mr. Phillip Schlosberg, member of the public, addressed the council as it relates to an increase in noise in his neighborhood.

**VNY Helicopter Issues – Wayne Williams, Chairperson**

Mr. Williams addressed council as it relates to the Airport's efforts to work with the Control Tower to get helicopter pilots to fly along designated routes.

**Social Media Outreach – Vahid Khorsand, Chairperson**

Nothing to report.

**Environmental Issues – Craig Welzbacher, Chairperson**

Nothing to report.

Mr. Sanders renamed this working group Environmental Issues (previously Rainwater Reclamation). Mr. Sanders indicated he would like Mr. Welzbacher to seek information from presenters tonight and to continue to push this as a CAC function for information, and to report on progress accordingly. Mr. Sanders asked Mr. Welzbacher to include solar and anything else relevant to environmental issues.

**3.) PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS - Discussion**

Ms. Elaine Newman, member of the public, addressed the council as it relates to the voluntary Noise Abatement Program at VNY.

Mr. Ed Burnham, member of the public, addressed the council as it relates to transparency of the CAC and the lack of details in the minutes.

**4.) NEW BUSINESS**

**A. UC Davis Noise Symposium February 2018 – Discussion/Action**

Mr. Oeland will attend the UC Davis Aviation Noise & Emissions Symposium in Long Beach, California, February 25 – 27, 2018.

**B. Aerolease Associates Solar Presentation – Discussion/Action**

Mr. Curt Castagna presented council with presentation. (Attached)

### **C. Civil Air Patrol at VNY – Discussion/Action**

Captain Jeff Rayden discussed the possibility of Civil Air Patrol (CAP) renting a space at VNY on a permanent basis. (Attached)

Mr. Sanders indicated this is a tenant issue and asked members of the council who have further comment or endorsement to bring it forth now.

### **5.) OLD BUSINESS**

No items were discussed.

### **6.) EMERGENCY ITEMS SINCE POSTING OF AGENDA – Discussion/Action**

No items were discussed.

### **7.) ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Oeland will discuss options with CAP.

Ms. Rabe congratulated Ms. Ghoukassian. Ms. Rabe also expressed her appreciation for the solar presentation.

Mr. Williams congratulated Aerolease on their solar presentation and thanked them for their efforts.

Ms. Saunders congratulated Ms. Ghoukassian. Ms. Saunders enjoyed the meeting and thanked Aerolease for their efforts.

Ms. Goodfellow expressed pride in Aerolease's solar project, and appreciated the airport's efforts for hurricane relief. Ms. Goodfellow congratulated Mr. Oeland on his nomination to attend the noise symposium and Ms. Ghoukassian on her promotion.

Mr. Parker wished Ms. Ghoukassian well.

Mr. Rankell commended VNY management and staff on the responsiveness of the airport stating it's the best it's ever been. Mr. Rankell congratulated Ms. Ghoukassian.

Mr. Sanders expressed appreciation to Ms. Ghoukassian.

Mr. Merkin indicated he liked the meeting. He recommended inviting the new Control Tower manager to a CAC meeting. Mr. Merkin stated the members should do all they can to help the CAP. Mr. Merkin congratulated Ms. Ghoukassian.

Mr. Lee congratulated Ms. Ghoukassian.

Mr. Welzbacher enjoyed the solar panel presentation and congratulated Ms. Ghoukassian.

Mr. Price congratulated Ms. Ghoukassian.

Mr. Roberts congratulated Ms. Ghoukassian.

### **8) ADJOURNMENT:**

8:42 p.m.