

VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 1, 2022

A virtual meeting of the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Jason Price. Members present: Wayne Williams, Kathy Delle Donne, Thomas Materna, Marykate Harris, John Parker, Araz Parseghian, Sharon Bronson, Eliot Cohen, Bob Rodine, Lisa Petrus, Eric Robinson and Ryan Sanders.

Absent: Heren Molina, Kimberly Chan, Wendy Saunders and Leonel Fuentes.

Meeting minutes for the October 4, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

I. STAFF REPORTS:

A. Flora Margheritis, Airport Manager - Announcement

Ms. Margheritis announced her retirement at the end of the year and that the November meeting would be her last meeting with the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Citizens Advisory Council (CAC). Ms. Margheritis expressed her gratitude for the CAC's support and involvement along her journey adding that serving as Van Nuys Airport Manager has been a true honor, as well as one of the most rewarding, exciting and fulfilling experiences of her career.

Ms. Margheritis also announced that Mr. Paul Herrera, an exceptional leader and aviation professional, will assume the position of Van Nuys Airport Manager and will provide all airport staff reports from this point forward.

Ms. Margheritis thanked LAWA leadership for their support over the years and gave a very special thank you to her amazing team at VNY. She also highlighted several accomplishments under her leadership and noted that Van Nuys Airport has achieved an excellent safety record, enhanced by years of near-perfect annual state inspections.

Ms. Margheritis also reminded the CAC that they will be dark in December for the holiday appreciation event.

Paul Herrera, Airport Manager:

Mr. Herrera thanked Ms. Margheritis for her introduction. Mr. Herrera addressed the council as it relates to his appointment as the new airport manager and provided information on his background including obtaining a degree in Business Aviation Administration and working at LAX Burbank and Santa Monica Airports. Mr. Herrera shared that he joined LAWA in 2000 and is a Certified Member of the American Association of Airport Executives and a licensed pilot with an Instrument Rating.

Mr. Herrera stated that he recognizes the challenge of balancing the competing interests of the many users of the airport and the surrounding community while maintaining city charter and federal legislative obligations. He added that he understands the importance of the VNY CAC by providing feedback and recommendations as an advisory council to the BOAC.

Mr. Herrera addressed the council as it relates to face coverings no longer required inside LAWA buildings and facilities including the VNY offices, adding that individuals can continue to use masks as they deem necessary.

Mr. Herrera reported that last Thursday was the annual Great Shake-Out earthquake drill across the city noting that Van Nuys Airport plays a critical role in the recovery efforts and it is important to recognize the value an airport has in our community during disasters.

Mr. Herrera announced that this month's shout out goes to Signature Flight Support (SFS) for stocking sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) in all ten of their California fixed based operations. Signature's 30 percent SAF blend offers a 25 percent reduction in lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions versus traditional Jet-A.

Mr. Herrera reported that LAX passenger numbers are now about 80% compared with LAX's record year in 2019 and these passenger numbers are expected to remain the same as the Thanksgiving holiday weekend approaches.

Mr. Herrera added that In September 2022, VNY conducted 28,466 aircraft operations which represents a 14.60% increase in operations as compared to September 2021 noting that VNY's YTD 2022 operations totals are currently down by 7.06% as compared to YTD 2021 totals.

Mr. Herrera reported that September 2022 jet operations, based on the Airport Noise and Operations Monitoring System (ANOMS), had approximately 5,664 jet operations. This number is down 9.8% compared to September 2021.

Mr. Herrera addressed the council as it relates to redistricting noting that a couple of council members have inquired about the redistricting process and the need to adjust the CAC appointing authorities based on the new district boundaries. Since the CAC was founded, City Councilmembers who serve as appointing authorities have represented districts proximate to VNY that are either partially or completely located in the San Fernando Valley (SFV). Mr. Herrera added that since the VNY CAC was first established, the BOAC has passed several resolutions regarding the governing appointments to the CAC. Mr. Herrera noted that due to the latest redistricting process, CD5 is no longer located in the SFV and consequently the BOAC will consider taking action to remove CD5 as an appointing authority.

B. Christian Moreno, Chief of Airport Operations

Mr. Herrera announced that Mr. Moreno was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Herrera reported that the planned capital projects are coming to an end and the contractor is closing out pending items which included repaving a section of the vehicle service road on the northeast corner and a portion of the west side of Daily Drive. The contractor is expected to be off the airport by mid-November.

Mr. Herrera added that at the same time, the FAA completed the new Precision Approach Path Indication (PAPI) project and added new antennas on the airport's localizer as part of this aircraft instrumentation system. Last week the FAA conducted a flight check to certify the new equipment prior to returning it to full service.

Mr. Herrera stated that during the first week of December, the LAX Paving Crew will resurface the southern edge of taxi lane B1 due to safety concerns adding that there will be no impacts to nearby tenants.

C. Diana Sanchez, Director of Public and Community Relations:

Ms. Sanchez addressed the council as it relates to the UC Davis Noise & Emissions Symposium to be held May 1-3.

Ms. Sanchez noted that since the last meeting, VNY attended the Sherman Oaks Street Fair on Sunday, October 16 with thousands of people in attendance. VNY, also attended the Valley Industry and Commerce Association's Business Forecast Conference on October 21 with over 400 people in attendance.

Ms. Sanchez shared that the airport will be collecting canned goods for a food drive supporting MEND, Meeting Each Person with Dignity until Nov. 16.

Ms. Sanchez reminded CAC members that the CAC's Annual Appreciation will be held virtually December 6.

C. Ryan Page, Environmental Management Report:

Mr. Page reported the monthly statistics for September including noise comments, Jet Early Turns and the Quiet Jet Departure/Fly Friendly programs. He also provided an update on the Quieter Nights Program. The briefing summarized the information contained in the environmental reports which can be viewed on VNY's website at www.iFlyVNY.com under the Noise Management Section.

D. Sergeant Clint Beacom, Officer-in-Charge, Airport Police:

Sergeant Beacom reported the airport has no major incidents and airport police have focused on having high visibility in the area and on the airfield. He added that VNY will be hosting key personnel from other local airports to discuss aviation security.

If there are any concerns members can reach out to airport police at vnyapd@lawa.org.

II. BOAC AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING VNY

Since the CAC Meeting held on Tuesday, Oct. 4th, there have been two BOAC Meetings, one on October 6th and one on October 20th.

At the October 6th meeting there were four items pertaining to VNY.

The first two items were on the consent calendar. The first was for the Board to approve a 63-month lease with the Gallardo Law Group, to cover office space at Aviation Plaza. The second item was for the Board to approve an adjustment to the industrial land and building rental rates

under a Monthly Occupancy Permit 012965 for the City of Los Angeles - Fire Station 90, in accordance with the required five (5)-year periodic adjustment, for the period of July 1, 2022 through July 1, 2027.

There were two items under regular board action. The first was for an award of a six-year contract to RS&H California, Inc., to cover professional engineering design and construction administration services for the Airfield Improvement Program at VNY. The second item was for a resolution to award a three-year contract to Orkin Services of California, Inc. to cover an integrated pest management program and pest control services for both LAX and VNY.

At the Thursday, October 20th Board meetings there were also four items related to VNY.

Under the consent Items for Board action, the first Item was for a Resolution for the Submittal of Application, Acceptance of Allocation of Funds, and Execution of a Grant Agreement with the State of California Department of Transportation (DOT) to secure State of California DOT Airport Improvement Program matching grant funds for the Taxiway Reconstruction Project at VNY.

The second item was for a five-year lease with the County of L.A. Fire Department to cover the premises located at 16200 Daily Drive.

Under regular items, there was a Resolution for a Second Amendment to Contracts Construction Management Solutions, Berg & Associates, Jacobs Project Management Co., Simpson & Simpson Management Consulting, and Vanir to increase their respective contract authorities, covering project controls services, project management and construction management services for LAX and VNY.

The second item was for a Resolution for a Grant Agreement with the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance to cover the acceptance of a grant award to secure \$800,000 in federal grant funds for direct reimbursement of the purchase of body-worn cameras for use by LAWA sworn Airport Police officers.

The next BOAC Meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, November 3rd at 10 a.m. There is one item expected to be on the agenda related to VNY for a Resolution for a Second Amendment to a Contract with KONE, Inc., to extend the term through September 16, 2023, and increase the contract authority. This is to cover full-service elevator, escalator, and moving walkway maintenance, repair, and related services at LAX and VNY.

BOAC meetings are held in-person and broadcasted live. Members of the public wishing to make a public comment at the BOAC meetings must do so in-person.

On the topic of Request for Proposals (RFP's) that were posted to RAMPLA.org (formerly LABAVN) and are no longer visible on the portal because they are in the process of being negotiated and/or sent to the BOAC to be awarded for lease.

Mr. Herrera addressed the council as it relates to an award of Lease to Bonseph Helinet, LLC; for a term of up to twenty-five years, covering potential redevelopment of land and existing facilities at 16231 Waterman Dr. within Van Nuys Airport. This will be on the BOAC Meeting Agenda for November 17th.

Mr. Herrera addressed the council as it relates to negotiations for an award of lease to a

successful bidder that has not been named as of today. This lease will likely be for a term of five-years however if the proposer intends to make major renovations or redevelop the property, then the term of the lease will be commensurate with the level of the investment for a not exceed period of twenty-years. Any term greater than five-years may be reduced to a five-year term if tenant fails to satisfy all City regulatory requirements. This RFP was posted and closed and is not referred to as a Jet Park, but is referred to as RFP for Ground Lease Non – FBO Aviation Facility 16750 Roscoe Blvd. This property is approximately 87,120 square feet (2 acres) of paved land with 8,000 square feet of hanger/office space. This will be on the BOAC Meeting Agenda for a meeting in December or January.

Mr. Herrera noted another RFP up for lease is for a 20-year ground-mount & roof-top solar at the Van Nuys Airport. LAWA has invited qualified firms to submit proposals in response to this RFP to provide the highest revenue to LAWA for the rights to access one location at VNY to install, operate, own, and maintain ground mount photovoltaic (PV) solar power system (PV System) at a specific location. LAWA's overall objective of this RFP is to generate sustainable electricity and reduce LAWA's carbon footprint, while also creating revenue. LAWA intends to award one 20-year contract to a developer for this RFP. The winning proposal will be selected, based on the evaluation criteria defined within the RFP.

Mr. Herrera addressed the council as it relates to the award of a lease by the BOAC. Once an award of a lease is made, the proposer will move into the project phase where the successful bidder will be invited to make a presentation to the VNY CAC for input and feedback. CAC and community members will be provided an opportunity to provide comment and input on developments as they progress through the entitlement and/or environmental process as required by the city.

Ms. Margheritis noted that later on the agenda, the VNY Airport Manager will share how the team plans to handle future communications and briefings to the CAC regarding VNY development RFPs posted on RAMPLA.org. This topic will be covered in tonight's meeting agenda for further discussion and input by the CAC members.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Chair opened the meeting to Public Comment,

The following community member spoke during the public comment period:

Suzanne Guterrez-Hedges
Sue Steinberg
David Rankell, Resident
Jared Negrón, Resident

A list of community members who submitted written comments are attached. Comments submitted prior to 12 p.m. were sent to CAC members prior to the meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Communication Process Regarding LAWA Procurements

Airport manager Flora Margheritis and Assistant Airport Manager Paul Herrera discussed the new VNY CAC Communication Process Regarding LAWA Procurements and how the CAC will be briefed on these matters in the future. The written process that outlines this communication method is attached and was shared with the CAC.

Vice Chair Williams presented the following motion for a Moratorium on Growth at Van Nuys Airport, seconded by Mr. Materna.

Whereas; the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (VNY CAC) was created in 1985 at the request of then City Council member John Ferraro. The VNY CAC was mandated by the Los Angeles City Council that year to represent the interests of the surrounding community impacted by noise and pollution emanating from VNY, along with other issues.

Whereas; Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (VNY CAC) has had no Lease, lease extension, Request for Proposal (RFP) or expansion presentations to discuss and advise on in over half a decade as was previously the norm.

Whereas: The former VNY City Council Member and Council President Nury Martinez was caught on audio recordings exposing her manipulation of airport interests beyond her purview. Along with her significant redistricting manipulation efforts exposed in the recordings, successfully diminished the most heavily noise impacted areas of the San Fernando Valley City Council members appointment strength on the VNY CAC from four seats down to two.

Whereas; The recent RFP and leases by Bonseph Helinet, LLC and perhaps many others may have bypassed the VNY CAC and falsely claimed there was public scrutiny as well as presentation to the VNY CAC when there was none.

Therefore; The VNY CAC formally request a moratorium on all growth and expansion of projects and leases at VNY until such time as they can be presented publicly to both the media and to the VNY CAC for discussion/action and give the CAC an opportunity to advise to both the Board of Airport Commissioners and the Los Angeles City Council on such matters.

Therefore; the VNY CAC calls on the Los Angeles City Attorney to investigate all past, present and upcoming items regarding RFP's, leases and their extensions and any other growth arrangements at VNY since former disgraced Council Member as well as Council President Nury Martinez entered the Los Angeles City Council in 2013 until her resignation this October 2022.

Discussion ensued with Mr. Rodine declaring the motion out of order.

The motion passed with a roll call vote of six "affirmative" votes, four "no" votes and three "abstentions". (E. Cohen, M. Harris, T. Materna, E. Robinson, W. Williams, and L. Petrus); four "no" votes (K. Delle Donne, R. Sanders, J. Parker and A. Parseghian) and three abstentions (S. Bronson, J. Price, B. Rodine).

B. Update on EPA Proposed Endangerment Findings on Leaded Aviation Gasoline

LAWA Environmental Manager Mr. Rob Freeman presented the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed endangerment finding for lead emissions from aircraft engines that operate on leaded fuel and recommends members visit and comment on the EPA's website [epa.gov/regulations-emissions-vehicles-and-engines/regulations-lead-aircraft#public-comments](https://www.epa.gov/regulations-emissions-vehicles-and-engines/regulations-lead-aircraft#public-comments). He also noted that unleaded avgas is now available at VNY.

C. Determination to Continue Holding CAC Meetings via Teleconference and/or Videoconference under Assembly Bill 361 Section 2 € (3).

Mr. Bob Rodine presented a motion *“Pursuant to AB 361 Section 3(e)(3), the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council finds that holding Council meetings in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of the members. Pursuant to AB 361 Section 3(e)(3), the Council finds that the COVID-19 State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of Council and Council members to meet safely in person. As such, the Board should continue holding Council meetings via teleconference and/or videoconference.”*

Mr. Parseghian seconded the motion.

The motion passed with a roll call vote of eight "affirmative" votes, three no votes and two abstention. Affirmative votes (K. Delle Donne, S. Bronson, R. Sanders, J. Parker, A. Parseghian, R. Rodine, M. Harris and L. Petrus); no votes (E. Cohen, T. Materna and E. Robinson) and two abstention (W. Williams and J. Price).

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION

No items were discussed.

VI. EMERGENCY ITEMS SINCE POSTING OF AGENDA

A motion was made to extend the meeting beyond 9:30 p.m., seconded by Lisa Petrus.

The motion passed with a roll call vote of seven “affirmative” votes (K. Delle Donne, R. Sanders, E. Cohen, W. Williams, R. Rodine, T. Materna and M. Harris), four “no” votes (J. Parker, A. Parseghian, L. Petrus and E. Robinson) and one “abstention” (J. Price).

VII. REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUPS

A. Membership

Mr. Parseghian addressed the council as it relates to vacant positions.

VIII. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Chairman Price announced a special guest, Commissioner Nicholas Roxborough and asked the commissioner to say a few words.

Commissioner Nicholas Roxborough thanked Airport Manager Flora Margheritis for her support and guidance and noted that he looked forward to working with Paul Herrera. Commissioner Roxborough also thanked the CAC for their stewardship regarding the issues.

Chairman Price thanked Ms. Margheritis for her role in having a much more transparent relationship with the CAC. He looks forward to working with Mr. Herrera.

IX. ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

R. Sanders thanked Ms. Margheritis for her hard work as a friend and mentor.

J. Parker thanked Ms. Margheritis for her service and stated that he looks forward to working with Mr. Herrera.

Mr. Parseghian congratulated Ms. Margheritis on her retirement and welcomed Mr. Herrera.

Ms. Harris thanked Ms. Margheritis, welcomed Mr. Herrera, thanked the public for attending and thanked Mr. Freeman for his presentation and the EPA webpage.

Mr. Williams wished Ms. Margheritis well and added he looked forward to working with Mr. Herrera. He also thanked Commissioner Roxborough for attending.

Mr. Rodine thanked Ms. Margheritis and stated he looked forward to working with Mr. Herrera.

Mr. Materna wished Ms. Margheritis well in retirement adding that he looked forward to working with Mr. Herrera. He stated he would like to see recordings of our meetings and is happy that written comments are included.

Ms. Petrus thanked Ms. Margheritis for all her support.

Mr. Robinson thanked Ms. Margheritis for her service and looks forward working with Mr. Herrera.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

9:45 p.m.