

MINUTES OF THE NOISE ABATEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M.

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 210 SAMS AVE., NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLORIDA

Mr. Speer called the meeting to order with the following answering present to roll call:

Norm Decker, Isleboro

Arlen Stauffer, Fairgreen

Ken Byrnes, ERAU

Danny Perna, Epic Aviation

Non-incorporated Resident, Vacant

Active GA Pilot, Vacant

Jim Speer, Inlet Shores, Chairman

Richard Abbott, Sugar Mill

Donald Wesolowski, Turnbull Estates

Jeffrey Mitchell, Airport Business Rep.

Airport Business-Vacant

Impacted Resident, Vacant

Stuart Ochs for Danny Perna

Blake Kelly – Embry Riddle in place of Ken Byrnes

Also present was: Rhonda Walker, Asst. Public Works Director, & Renee Richards, Admin. Asst I
Mike Arnold with ESA Airports, re: FAR Part 150 Noise Study

1. Overview of Part 150 Noise Study results:

Mike Arnold with ESA Airports – gave a preliminary overview for Phase 2 of Noise Study – Operational procedures and noise mitigation measures for:

- They were conducting testing of 20 to 30 different aircraft procedures and how they can be flown slightly differently to reduce noise.
 - Flight patterns were flown at 800 to 1000 feet with noise measuring off to the side as well
 - Runways were tested with different departure raises in altitude and acceleration
 - Looked at pattern turns at 500 feet and 800 feet
- ESA will summarize the data to average benefits provided for each noise-exposed neighborhood with recommendations after meeting with tower personnel and flight schools. They will coordinate with Rhonda for next meeting the 3rd week in January.
- Mrs. Walker stated that Runway 7-25 will be closed starting Monday, November 23 to construct PAPI's (precision approach path indicator) which should help to keep planes at correct approach altitude and will be complete by mid January. The noise complaints could move to different neighborhoods while we are down to 2 runways.
 - Mr. Speer stated that he observed the testing procedures and feels they are doing a very good job gathering the data, and is optimistic that it will help some people.

Comments from Rhonda Walker - We have received 5 complete books of the first phase of noise mapping for members who would like to review them. Copies were given to: Mr. Speer, Embry Riddle, Mayor Barringer, Stuart Ochs, & Arlen Stauffer will rotate when done with other committee members. The recommendations within will go to the AAB for review, and to the City Commission for final review and approval.

Mrs. Walker stated she attended the flight schools' quarterly organized meeting that included local airport and tower managers. She distributed NSB voluntary noise abatement procedure brochures at the meeting, and all seem very willing to cooperate and to remind instructors of our policy. She also found that other airports are having the same issues – we are not alone. Blake Kelly and Stuart Ochs stated that the main focus of the meeting is safety with regard to flight training, and noise abatement is a big part of that too.

1. Looking to fill Board member vacancies – openings are as follows:

- Non-incorporated area resident – to replace Randall Hitchcock’s opening
- General Aviation pilot – to replace Mr. Abbaticcio’s opening – who went to AAB
- Airport Business
- Impacted Resident – to replace Dale Williams

Rhonda stated that the ideal candidate would be unbiased, and not from the same neighborhood as members already on the Committee to allow for equal representation. Mr. Abbott questioned as to whether the City would cover the Committee’s liability based on their recommendations, if two planes ever collided. Rhonda stated she would check with Mr. Gummey, the City Attorney, but any final decisions are made by the pilot with regard to safety as number one. Mr. Speer agreed. Blake Kelly (Embry Riddle) agreed also, it is a non-issue.

2. Public Input

Cindy Rhatigan – 1339 Scarlett Trail – Tara Trails – New Smyrna Beach

- Has a concern with members being “unbiased” would mean they don’t believe there is a noise issue. She feels they shouldn’t be on the committee if that is their opinion, because they won’t be helpful in finding appropriate fair solutions.
- Rhonda clarified that what she meant regarding “unbiased” was based on neighborhoods, not based on the noise issue.

Joel Bem - 2201 Turnbull Bay Rd. – New Smyrna Beach

- Questioned why our Air Traffic Control Tower is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. when other local airports are only open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. – who makes that decision?
- Mrs. Walker answered that the hours of operation are based on traffic needs and the FAA approved them for safety reasons. Mr. Speer pointed out that the tower does not “attract” traffic for the stated hours, it is there to make the operations safer with actually more limitations of pattern totals.
- Mr. Bem stated that in his observations today, the planes approach were much higher when the noise study was being conducted and then went right back to their low approaches when the testing was done.

3. Next meeting date:

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4. Adjournment:

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