

MINUTES OF THE NOISE ABATEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2011 AT 9:00A.M.

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 210 SAMS AVENUE, NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLORIDA

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

Jim Speer, Inlet Shores, Chairman Jeffrey Mitchell, Airport Business Rep.
Kenneth Petrie, Non-incorporated Resident Richard Abbott, Sugar Mill
Nikki Payne, ERAU Norm Decker, Isleboro

Also present was: Rhonda Walker, Asst. Public Works Director, & Tammy Dickerson, Administrative Specialist and members of the public.

FAR PART 150 UPDATE

Ms. Walker stated that she needs to get the Board's comments on Chapters 8 thru 12 of the noise study. She stated that they can be sent to her by email and then she will forward them to the consultant. She asked the Board to get the comments to her in the next two weeks. The Board agreed they would do that.

DISCUSSION- VOLUNTARY NOISE ABATEMENT PROCEDURES

Mr. Petrie asked about the noise expert that came to speak to the Board in April 2006. He stated that the Airport Advisory Board had recommended repetitive flight training not starting at 10:00am and ceasing it at 4:00pm because of the inversions. He asked if that had changed.

Ms. Payne stated that she didn't know of any change to that.

Mr. Petrie stated that this noise expert liked our airports policy on the repetitive flight training because of the airport proximity to water and the inversion it causes. He stated that he would like reiterate that policy.

Mr. Speer stated that some students can't fly until after school. He stated that we have to be reasonable.

Ms. Walker stated that those times are not what the final decision by the Board was.

Mr. Petrie stated that he would like to change it back to the times of 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Mr. Speer stated that is not a reasonable request. He stated that a more reasonable request would be to minimize the traffic from 5:00pm to 6:00pm during the dinner hour.

Mr. Petrie stated that he gets traffic off of all the runways. He stated that if the airport went back to the left hand pattern he would get some relief of the noise. He stated that he would like to propose a notification zone that the Airport Advisory Board recommended years ago. He stated that therefore people that are buying property in those zones of the airport will be informed of the noise. He stated that if he had been informed he wouldn't be in this meeting today.

Ms. Walker stated that if the city had that notification requirement that the county residents still wouldn't of been informed when purchasing a piece of property.

Mr. Speer stated that he thinks that is a valid request.

Mr. Petrie stated that another way to control the noise is charging different fees for different times of the day. He stated that the sound noise expert analysis was that it's louder in the early morning and late in the afternoon.

Mr. Speer stated that there are many conditions that could determine how loud it is.

Mr. Petrie stated the fees he thought the airport should charge for different times of the day.

Mr. Speer stated that he thinks this recommendation needs to be done in writing to the Board and before it's done there should be discussion with other airports that charge landing fees. And who pays for the accounting and how it's done and how much it's going to cost. He stated that the tenants of the airport should not be charged.

Mr. Petrie stated that the FAA won't complain of any fees charged and it would also increase the funds of the airport.

Mr. Speer asked if Embry Riddle paid any landing fees at any of the other airports.

Ms. Payne stated that none of the local airports in the area charge landing fees.

Mr. Petrie stated that the master plan includes extending runway 11-29.

Ms. Walker stated that we haven't started working on that yet. She stated that is not necessarily going to happen it's a wish list for the airport. She stated that there will be studies done before this is considered which could take 2 to 3 years.

Mr. Petrie stated that most things aren't put in a master plan unless you eventually do want to do them.

Ms. Walker stated that to her knowledge it's been in the master plans for the last 20 years and hasn't been done yet.

PUBLIC INPUT

Paul Rooy, President of the Friends of New Smyrna Beach Airport, stated that it was mentioned that temperature inversions could increase sound such as mist and fog. He stated that the presence of mist and fog during repetitive flight training probably wouldn't occur because they would be below Visual Flight Rules (VFR) minimums. He stated that as far as expanding the repetitive flight operation prohibitions beyond what they are presently they are already prohibited half the time. He asked what business can survive if their activities are prohibited half the time but the flight schools have agreed to these rules. He stated that can we realistically expand that to 68 percent.

Cindy Rhatigan, Tara Trail, stated that she would like to request the meetings be held in the evening. She discussed her written comments with the Board. She stated that she requests no weekends or holidays for repetitive training. She stated that the hours should be from 10:00am to 4:00pm or 9:00am to 5:00pm. She stated that there are other airports that they could be flying in to. She stated that Pearson is open and it's just a field and not in such a populated area such as New Smyrna Beach.

Ms. Payne stated that Pearson is a grass field with no lights and we require a tower for some of the operations.

Ms. Rhatigan stated that there are other airports that they could be flying in to.

Mr. Speer stated that they can fly in to here it's a public airport.

Ms. Rhatigan stated that she knew her request that she hoped that voluntarily the flight schools would do to be good neighbor. She asked what the 800 foot elevation was on runway 11.

Ms. Walker stated that was in effect before she came and she assumes it was to avoid Inlet Shores.

Ms. Rhatigan stated that requests she change the elevation to 800 foot on the other runways so she isn't being hit by every single pattern and also either do all right hand or left hand turns. She stated that she also request to limit the amount of planes in a pattern.

Ed Charbonneau stated that he wanted to turn in his application to the Board for volunteering to be on the Board.

Ms. Walker stated that it will have to go before the Airport Advisory Board for approval and it will be placed on their next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25a.m.