

MINUTES OF THE NOISE ABATEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 12th, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M.
DEBERRY ROOM, 200 CANAL ST., NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLORIDA

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

Danny Perna
Ivan Grau for Frank Ayers
Robert Abbaticchio
Richard Abbott
Gilbert Dannehower
Arlen Stauffer
Patricia Doyle
Al Alznauer for Donald Wesolowski
Randall Hitchcock

Absent: Norm Decker

Also present was: Rhonda Walker, Asst. Public Works Director & Amy Thomas, Admin. Asst II

1. Overview of Council's duties & responsibilities by Airport Advisory Member:

- Mr. Gardner representing Mr. Perry welcomed everyone and went over the duties and responsibilities for the Noise Abatement Committee.

2. Nomination and Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman:

- The following 2 members were voted as Chairman & Vice Chairman with unanimous votes:
 - Chairman- Randall Hitchcock
 - Vice Chairman- Danny Perna
- Mrs. Walker went over packets that were handed out.
- Mr. Hitchcock asked whether the board had to follow the Sunshine Laws.
- Mrs. Walker said she would verify that with the City Attorney and until she is otherwise notified that the board should follow the Sunshine Laws.

3. Discussion of Noise Concerns Chaired by New Chairman:

- Mrs. Walker went over the status of the noise study and the funding for it. She said that the study has many steps to go through before it will actually start.
- Mrs. Walker did ask that all the NAC members try to attend the Airport Advisory meeting on July 16th, 2008 because an FAA representative will be giving a presentation.
- Mayor MacKay said that the Commission would like to move as quick & possible on their part. She would like to get the study completed.
- Mr. Hitchcock asked each member of the board to introduce him or herself and give their perception for the committee.
- Mr. Hitchcock said that he would like to see landing fees be implemented.

- Danny Perna first started by thanking city staff for reinstating the NAC. He said that he would try to be a good neighbor as a board member and FBO. He opposes landing fees and says that they will not generate enough funds for the airport.
- Gib Dannehower said he wants less airport noise. He said that the training flights are the major generator of noise and wanted to know if there were any restrictions other than the voluntary noise.
- Robert Abbaticchio said he is concerned about safety and that he would like to settle the noise problem.
- Al Alznauer (for Donald Wesolowski) said that the training flights were the noise issue.
- Richard Abbott said thanks for the NAC board being reinstated and he hopes that all parties can compromise.
- Arlen Stauffer said he would like to see solutions to the noise issue. He said that whatever gets agreed upon in this board, he would want to see it on the very next Airport Advisory Board meeting agenda. He also said that he has several things in mind for the board.
- Patricia Doyle doesn't think there is a noise problem.
- Ivan Grau said that Frank Ayers is looking for better communication between Embry Riddle and the public. He said that in the last 5 years they have had about 30,000 hrs drop each year since simulators have been in place for training.
- Mr. Hitchcock did inform the board that he is the president of the NSBCAN website and asked that everyone please respect others and their thoughts or opinions.
- Mr. Dannehower apologized to Mr. Perna for jumping at training flights.
- Mr. Perna requested that the meetings be held more than 3 or 4 times per year. He also suggested that they come up with noise solutions before the noise study begins.

Arlen Stauffer made a motion that we the NAC recommends to the Airport Advisory Board that member of this board be allowed to select a potential alternate member of the same neighborhood that you represent or the same constituency that is represented and that if the person can be identified by submitting an application by the next advisory board meeting that the person be allowed to be an alternate for the specific committee member. Gib Dannehower seconded. Motion passed with 7-0 vote.

- Mr. Stauffer noted that Runway 2-20 is being threatened by proposed residential development at its southern end since some of its protection zones fall within the proposed development property. He noted that it is important to have as many different runways working as possible so that the noise can be spread in 6 different directions (with the current 3 runways) rather than being concentrated repeatedly onto only certain neighborhoods. The proposed development, Hidden Lakes, would place homes within a half-mile of the end of the runway. The State of Florida has already reported that this development is not compatible land use (with the airport). Thirty percent of the airport's traffic uses Runway 2-20, so shortening it or closing it would shift that traffic onto the other 2 runways, and the noise onto those other neighborhoods east and west of the field.
- Chairman Randy Hitchcock agreed with that assessment, and added that to potentially limit or close Runway 2-20 is not the answer in regards to noise issues.
- Danny Perna responded to a question about flight training traffic by saying that shortening Runway 2-20 by 800 feet would definitely affect any flight training traffic on that runway.

Arlen Stauffer made the following motion:

We, the Noise Abatement Committee, because of the serious noise implications of shortening or closing Runway 2-20, provide our recommendation to the Airport Advisory Board that Runway 2-20 not be shortened, and that it should be

maintained in its present length.

It was seconded by Richard Abbott. Motion passed with 7-0 vote.

- Mr. Stauffer suggested a Real Estate Notice be in place for future homebuyers.

Mr. Stauffer made a motion to recommend to the Airport Advisory Board to take to the City Commission that a notice be provided to real estate buyers letting them know about the airport. Seconded by Robert Abbaticchio. Motion did not pass, majority of members voted no.

- Mrs. Walker had informed the board that the Airport Advisory Board had previously sent a similar recommendation to the Commission and it was not acted upon.

4. Public Input:

- Robert Dobbelaar, Tower Manager said that the flight schools have started doing stop & go's in lieu of touch & go's. He thinks that the stop & go's are a safety concern. He said that he could take a noise complaint a lot better than 2 planes colliding.
- Mike Hickson commented on the noise disclosure. He went on to express his dissatisfaction with the airport and the noise.
- Bob Baker of 2245 Turnbull Bay Rd discussed an incident that had occurred by an Embry Riddle plane and his concerns for safety.
- Ivan Grau, Embry Riddle said that he would be more than happy to take any concerns or suggestions to a meeting that is being held within the next month with several of the flight training schools. He also responded to Mr. Baker about the plane incident that had occurred saying and stated that after notification by the Airport Manager of the incident, the incident was investigated. The pilot while he did not violate any FAA regulations was instructed not to practice that type of landing in the future.

5. Next Meeting Date:

- The board agreed to meet once a month. Mrs. Walker told them that Amy would have to verify with the Utilities Commission the available dates to hold the meetings.

6. Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.