

MINUTES OF THE NOISE ABATEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD THURSDAY, JULY 17th, 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:

Robert Tetrault for Danny Perna	Arlen Stauffer
Frank Ayers	Donald Wesolowski
Robert Abbaticchio	Norm Decker
Richard Abbott	Randall Hitchcock
Gibb Dannehower	
Jeff Mitchell	Absent- Patricia Doyle

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

1. Approval of Minutes:

The June 12th, 2008 minutes were approved.

2. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Sunshine Law Discussion

- Greg McDole, Asst City Attorney read the email from Mr. Gummey pertaining to the Sunshine Laws. It said the following:

"Without question the open meetings and public records laws apply to everything within the jurisdiction of this committee. At the next meeting this should be the first item on the agenda and members who have had communication outside of a publicly noticed meeting must disclose the contents of the communication. Besides the criminal and civil penalties that can apply to a person who violates those laws, any actions of the committee (or of the Advisory Board or City Commission, when based on the committee's recommendation) are void ab initio, meaning void from the start."

- Mr. McDole proceeded to tell the board that they are to follow the Sunshine Laws and that if anyone had talked about anything after their last meeting, they would be required to disclose the information at this point.

B. Review motions from the June 12th meeting:

- Mr. Hitchcock went over the motions that were previously made at the June 12th meeting and again presented at the AAB July 16th.

The AAB passed the recommendation to have alternate members for the NAC pending City Commission approval of the alternate position on the board.

The following alternate members have been approved by the AAB.

- Marissa McCoy for Arlen Stauffer, Fairgreen
- Jim Speers for Gilbert Dannehower, Inlet Shore
- Al Alznauer for Don Wesolowski, Turnbull Estates
- McKay for Abbott, Sugar Mill
- Gary Norville for At-Large Member

Moved by Mr. Thurmaier, seconded by Mr. Gardner – Alternates were approved by AAB 5-0.

- The AAB passed a motion to **“Keep runway 2/20 at its present length and open.”**

John Kellat moved, seconded by Herb Gardner – Keeping runway 2/20 at its present length was approved by the AAB 5 –0.

C. Review Committee member recommendations for noise abatement (No public input during this period)

- This was covered under Item B.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Potential committee work assignments & agenda items

- This item was covered under the board members comments.

4. Airport Manager Comments:

- Mrs. Walker made the board aware that the Airport Advisory Board approved each of the neighborhoods/businesses of having an alternate member.
- Mrs. Walker made the board aware that she had begun the application process on the PAPI project for 7-25.
- Mr. Hitchcock asked if a 4-degree angle could be set on landings if the PAPI system is completed.
- Mrs. Walker said she would be happy to check with the consultant but stated it may be something that requires FAA approval and was not sure how long the approval process would be.

5. NAC Member Comments:

- Donald Wesoloswki said that the training flights were the most aggravating. He said that he would like to see less operations, quieter airplanes and better techniques.
- Robert Abbaticchio said that he doesn't think the noise study will show a problem.
- Gibb Dannehower suggested that the tower change the number of planes that were allowed in the pattern from 6 to maybe 4.
- Richard Abbott said that he thinks that Epic Aviation & Embry Riddle are trying to be good neighbors but that the airport needs to get all the other flight schools in the loop.
- Frank Ayers suggested that the board hold a tabletop workshop and layout different options as far as flight patterns and then hold a field workshop at the airport and have planes and pilots from the training schools fly the new patterns and gather feedback.
- Arlen Stauffer just reiterated what others had said that the city was on its own to resolve the noise problem and abate some of the noise issues. The FAA Representative had made it clear that due to the Surplus Property Act when the

Airport was given to the City and with all the grant assurances over the years that the City cannot restrict traffic.

- Jeff Mitchell said that he thinks Epic should be commended on standing down on Sundays.
- Robert Tetrault said that one of the larger issues is communication with the flight schools in conjunction with a workshop between the residents, the tower and the flight schools. He said that between everyone they could put together a pretty comprehensive plan that everyone could follow.
- Randall Hitchcock said that one of his main issues is the inability for the airport to mandate noise restrictions. He said that implementing landing fees would be the only way the airport could mandate noise restrictions.

6. Public Input:

- Mr. Perry of the Airport Advisory Board said that he liked the direction that the board was going in. He said that he would support changing of the pattern, take off distances & turns and that the FAA may even accept the changes. He said as Chairman of the Advisory Board that once the NAC Board came up with procedures that he would be happy to circulate to the groups, flight schools, safety meetings and the local pilots and read them the riot act and tell them what the noise abatement procedure is and tell them they need to follow them.
- Robert Calabrese read a brief dialogue he prepared.
- Jim Spears of Inlet Shores said that with his experience with noise studies he agreed that the noise study probably would not show that there is a noise problem.
- Bruce Mackey said that he had visited the Naples Airport and that they have noise monitors on the airport and that he was told that the airport gets noise readings from the areas surrounding the airport, such as cars and other noises other than airplanes.
- Frank Ayers again suggested a tabletop workshop be held within a week and then a field workshop at the airport within 2 weeks.
- The board members decided to have Mrs. Walker check and see if the DeBerry Room would be available on July 24th for the tabletop workshop.

7. Next Meeting Date:

- Tentative Workshop Meeting Thursday July 24th, 2008 @ 6:00 pm
- Regular Meeting Thursday August 21st, 2008 @ 6:00 pm

8. Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm