

**MINUTES OF THE NOISE ABATEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M.  
DEBERRY ROOM, 200 CANAL ST., NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLORIDA

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

Robert Tetrault for Danny Perna  
Frank Ayers  
Randall Hitchcock  
Donald Wesolowski

Arlen Stauffer  
Jeff Mitchell  
Richard Abbott  
Robert Abbaticchio

Absent- Norm Decker, Dale Williams & Gibb Dannehower

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

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes for October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting were approved  
Minutes for the November 20, 2008 meeting were approved

**2. How to improve on written minutes:**

- Mr. Hitchcock suggested that the minutes capture any objections or additions to any topics that are discussed.
- Mrs. Walker explained that the minutes are a summary of the meetings, which is what other departments do. She also said that the AAB & NAC are the only boards besides the City Commission that post audio minutes on the city website in addition to the text minutes.

**3. Review VNAP brochure from Mr. Tetrault & discuss to improve NSB's handout:**

- Mr. Tetrault said that he had received a voluntary noise abatement procedure brochure in the mail before Christmas from St. Lucie Airport. He went over the layout of it and said it was similar to what the committee had come up with. He said that St. Lucie provided a cover letter along with the brochure when they sent it out. Mr. Tetrault said the important thing was how the brochure would be distributed.
- Robert Perry, AAB Chairman said that he would help distribute the flyers to the flight schools.
- Mrs. Walker said the brochure could be posted on the city's website. She said it would also go out to the surrounding airports, FAC (Florida Airport Council) and all the T-hangar & shade hangar pilots.
- Mr. Abbaticchio said that he has a club of 300 pilots that he would distribute them to also.
- Mrs. Walker said that Mr. Ayers offered to assist with the creating the flyer.
- Mr. Hitchcock inquired on the time frame.
- Mrs. Walker said that she'd have to check with Mr. Ayers.
- Mr. Tetrault suggested the information be placed in the airport facility handbook.
- Mr. Ayers arrived and was able to let the committee know that Embry Riddle would do the graphics for the brochure. He said once he receives the final version of the brochure that it would be about a week turn around time.

**4. Review & discuss Noise Abatement Policy items approved by City Commission:**

- The committee reviewed the items that were approved by the City Commission.
- The 1000ft traffic pattern altitude was not passed.
- Mr. Mitchell suggested that the maintenance run-up items be moved to the bottom of the policy items.

**5. Review meeting schedule – consider every other month or every 3<sup>rd</sup> month:**

- The committee members agreed to meet every other month in lieu of every month.

**6. Noise study update:**

- Mr. Hitchcock said that he had been contacted and that he was providing input and addresses for the noise study.
- Mrs. Walker stated that phase 1 of the study was expected to take approximately 6 months to complete. The initial phase would include monitoring and said Mr. Hitchcock was selecting the locations for the monitoring and that her office would not be notified of the locations until after the monitoring was completed.

**7. Public Input:**

- Gary Norville of 1061 Bay Drive stated that the NAC had recommended some of the requests by NSBCAN to the Airport Advisory Board, which included the following:
  - Part 150 Noise Study
  - Voluntary Noise Brochures
  - No flights on Sundays & Holidays

Mr. Norville felt that NSBCAN extorted the city by placing a billboard up when they weren't satisfied that all of their demands were not met, so therefore it was a conflict of interest and since Mr. Hitchcock was the President of NSBCAN (which is the group that had the billboard put up) and also Chairman of the Noise Abatement Committee. He recommended that Mr. Hitchcock step down or that the committee vote to remove him as chairman.

- Mr. Hitchcock said that everyone has the right to his or her opinions and the same conflict of interest point could be made about the two flight school representatives that are members of the committee. He said he appreciated the comments and said that people do what they have to in order to get what they want and so will they (NSBCAN).
- Arlen Stauffer stated that there were a few things that bothered him about the billboard one of them being the part that says "poor quality of life" because visitors coming in to town will think that NSB residents have a poor quality of life and he thinks that NSB is a great place to live.
- Arlen Stauffer made a motion that would declare the Airport Managers office as the sole source of authoritative noise complaint data, seconded by Robert Tetrault and it was accepted unanimously by acclimation.
- Mr. Wesolowski said he is troubled by the airport noise but he does not go along with the billboard.
- Mr. Abbaticchio said that the billboard looks as if the Noise Abatement Committee was behind it.

- Mr. Ayers said that he thinks that any billboards or website that is posted should have their name somewhere on them.
- Mr. Tetrault expressed his concerns regarding the chain emails that circulate one in particular, which basically suggested that the flight schools are not cooperating. He said that Epic Aviation along with Embry Riddle have been working with the Committee, the City and the residents to come up with the voluntary procedures to help with all the noise concerns, which has not been put in place yet. He said that the message Mr. Hitchcock's group was sending out was contradicting to what they were doing as a committee.
- Mrs. Walker said that noise issues have been being addressed and some relief has been provided.
- Mr. Hitchcock said that the biggest contender to the noise problems/issues is Phoenix East.
- Mr. Ayers expressed that he was excited about moving forward with the noise brochure. He said that he would distribute them at the flight school meetings.
- Mr. Ayers said that the diversity of opinions is what makes the board work.
- Mr. Abbott said on behalf of Sugar Mill that they wanted to thank the training schools for the reprieve, the board and everyone who has contributed to the task of accomplishing less noise.

**8. Next meeting date:**

- March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 @ 6:00 pm (Thursday)

**9. Adjournment:**

- Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm