

KWIA Ad-Hoc Committee on Noise June 6th, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Don DeGraw at 2:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Committee Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Danny Kolhage
Peter Horton
Sonny Knowles
Marlene Durazo
Dr. Julie Ann Floyd
Harvey Wolney
Nick Pontecorvo

Staff and Guests in Attendance:

Don DeGraw, Monroe County Director of Airports
Deborah Lagos, DML & Associates
Steve Vecchi, THC
Bud Griner, EYW Tower
Eric Mealus, Guest
Joel Cognevich, Guest
LaJuana Woods, Delta Airlines
Bill Gordon, GA
Jessica Steinbach, KW BTS

A quorum was present. Don DeGraw chaired the meeting.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes for the November 1st, 2016 and March 7th, 2017 Ad Hoc Committee Meetings

Don DeGraw asked if there were any comments or corrections to the minutes. None were mentioned. Marlene Durazo made a motion to approve the minutes; Peter Horton seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

Discussion of Replacement Ad-Hoc Committee Members

Deborah announced that Tom Nelson and Paul DePoo have resigned from the Committee, and Paula Joyner-Clinard is no longer the Station Manager for Delta Airlines. Don DeGraw introduced LaJuana Woods, the new Station Manager for Delta Airlines, and Bill Gordon, who runs the Conch Bi-Plane Operation, as potential

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replacements for Paula Joyner-Clinard and Paul DePoo. So, we are still looking for a Community representative, preferably one who lives in Key West year-round. Marlene Durazo made a motion to recommend the appointment of Bill Gordon and LaJuana Woods to the BOCC; Peter Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of NIP Implementation

Deborah explained the request for a Waiver of the "Buy American" Requirement submitted to the FAA and its impact on the Bid Opening for the NIP Phase 1A - KW BTS Building B and Two Single-Family Homes. Deborah provided a hand-out that was a copy of the letter from the FAA approving the request for a Waiver of the "Buy American" Requirement for the use of ductless mini-split air conditioning systems incorporating energy recovery ventilators (ERVs) at KW BTS. There are no ductless mini-split air conditioning systems or ERVs manufactured in the United States, so a Waiver of the "Buy American" Requirement was required. The Bid Opening was originally scheduled for May 17th, but we were two days away from that date, and the FAA had not approved the waiver request. Following discussion with the FAA, we learned that we needed to revise the waiver request to a "Type IV Waiver" so that it could be approved by the ADO in Orlando, rather than having to go to HQ in Washington. The Bid Opening Date was delayed one month, to allow time for the waiver request to be revised, and approved. The approval was based on the argument that including domestic material will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25%. Receiving this waiver is fantastic news, and keeps the project on track.

Following the Bid Opening next week, we will submit the grant application to the FAA, which will include: (1) the construction cost for the NIP KW BTS Building B and Two SF Homes, (2) consultant costs for construction management of NIP KW BTS Building B and Two SF Homes, (3) consultant costs for preparation of final bid documents and bidding of KW BTS Building C. We expect to receive the grant in August, an award the contracts in September. The FAA covers 90% of the cost, and the County covers 10% using PFCs.

Other Reports

Noise Hotline and Contact Log

Deborah indicated she had received a couple of calls about helicopters, one was at night and was probably a law enforcement situation, the other was during the day and was mosquito control. She also received a call from a couple living in Tavernier about a military jet that was extremely low and loud,

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probably using afterburners. There was a call on the hotline from a gentleman living at Las Brisas about the planes disturbing the terns that were nesting on the roof, and that it was a bird sanctuary. There was another call on the hotline that was indiscernible.

Don DeGraw indicated he would get the phone number for the military base, and post it on the website.

Airport Noise Report

Deborah indicated there were several interesting articles about development of new technology aircraft, such as electric aircraft. This is encouraging that efforts are still being made to reduce aircraft noise. Also under development is a new supersonic transport.

There was discussion of the potential privatization of the air traffic control system.

Any Other Discussion

Commissioner Murphy received a letter from Mr. David Darrow of Key Largo regarding increasing frequency of commercial aircraft travel (i.e., small plane and helicopter charters) over the Keys, as well as their decrease in altitude. He focused more on the helicopters, comparing the situation to what he experiences on Long Island, NY. Don DeGraw responded to Commissioner Murphy and explained that there was little Monroe County can do about the situation.

Nick Pontecorvo moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sonny Knowles. The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:10 pm.