

KWIA Ad-Hoc Committee on Noise

June 4th, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Dany Kolhage at 2:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Committee Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Danny Kolhage
Peter Horton
Nat Harris
Marlene Durazo
Harvey Wolney

Staff and Guests in Attendance:

Beth Leto, Key West International Airport
Deborah Lagos, DML & Associates, Noise Program Coordinator
Steve Vecchi, THC, NIP Program Manager
Heather Faubert, THC, NIP Program Manager

A quorum was not present. Commissioner Dany Kolhage chaired the meeting.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes for the March 5th, 2019 Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

Since a quorum was not present, the minutes could not be approved. However, Deborah asked if there were any comments or corrections to the minutes. None were mentioned.

Nat Harris mentioned that there was a 6:15 am jet departure, and he felt that was a little too early. The committee then discussed the voluntary curfew (11 pm - 7 am), the prohibition on engine run-ups (11 pm - 7 am), and the 80% Runway 09 vs. 20% Runway 27 split of operations. It was pointed out that we cannot restrict departure time, only run-up operations. Commissioner Kolhage asked that someone share with the airlines that we would prefer if they not schedule departures prior to 7 am.

Discussion of NIP Implementation

Steve Vecchi provided a Power Point Presentation including the following items:

1. KWBTs Building B Floors 3-6 - Construction Update,
2. KWBTs Building C - Bid Process Update,
3. KWBTs Building C - Construction Summary,
4. KWBTs Building A - Implementation Plan.

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Deborah shared with the Committee that several KWBTs condominium owners, who opted out of their original opportunity to participate in the NIP, have changed their mind and asked if they can participate. She asked the Committee for their input, since previously, the Committee voted to "give everyone a first chance before anyone got a second chance." Deborah suggested that it might be more efficient to complete all KWBTs condos that wanted to participate in the NIP prior to starting the single-family homes on the other side of the airport. Commissioner Kolhage felt that would not be a problem if doing so would not delay the participation of the single-family homes. It was suggested that these condos be included in the final phase of KWBTs. Commissioner Kolhage requested this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting, so the Committee could vote on it.

Other Reports

Noise Hotline and Contact Log

Deborah reviewed the four calls received on the hotline. Three of the calls were regarding GA aircraft flying over or too close to La Brisa. Peter Horton suggested that we get with the operators and ask them to extend their downwind or turn in between KWBTs and La Brisa.

The final call was regarding the eligibility of Las Salinas Condominiums for the NIP. Peter Horton explained that it took the developer a long, long time to get permits because of mangroves and so forth. Sometime prior to 1988, Art Skelly, Airport Manager, wrote a letter to the developer, informing them that Las Salinas was in the flight path and would be subject to 100+ departure overflights per day. If the developer chose to go ahead and build, he recommended they incorporate noise attenuation materials in the design and construction of the buildings. In the original Part 150 Study, completed in 1999, the Committee decided that Las Salinas should not be eligible for the NIP because they were informed of the noise impact prior to construction. Commissioner Kolhage suggested that prospective buyers should be informed of the proximity to the airport.

Airport Noise Report

The following articles were discussed:

1. Volume 31, Number 13, "FAA Forecast - Aircraft Operations to Grow Over 25% Over Next 20 Years,"
2. Volume 31, Number 7, "ACRP - Project to Assess Feasibility of Using Active Noise Control for Jet Departures Proposed,"

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3. Volume 31, Number 11, "Electric Aircraft - Plan Unveiled for Most Advanced Lab to Design, Test High-Powered Generators,"
4. Volume 31, Number 11, "Electric Flight - A New Look, Therefore Quieter,"
5. Volume 31, Number 12, "Drones - DOT Announces First Air Carrier Certification for Drone Delivery,"
6. Volume 31, Number 13, "Legislation - Meng Plans to Reintroduce Bills to Refund EPA Noise Office, Require Research on Aircraft Noise Impacts,"
7. Volume 31, Number 15, "Legislation - Smith to Reintroduce Bill Designating Communities as Being 'Aviation Impacted,'"
8. Volume 31, Number 15, "San Carlos Noise Maps Approved."

Any Other Discussion

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 PM.