

KWIA Ad-Hoc Committee on Noise December 1st, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Deborah Lagos at 2:06 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Committee Members in Attendance:

Peter Horton
Harvey Wolney
Sonny Knowles
Andrea Haynes
Nick Pontocorvo
Nat Harris (via Zoom)
Marlene Durazo (via Zoom telephone)

Staff and Guests in Attendance:

Deborah Lagos, DML & A, Noise Program Coordinator (via Zoom)
Erick D'Leon, Deputy Director of Airports
Jethon Williams II, Monroe County TV/Multimedia Manager
Michael Sullivan, Las Salinas Condominiums Homeowner
Dr. William Quillen, Las Salinas Condominium Association Board Member
Elizabeth Brady, Las Salinas Condominium Association Board Member
Rashon Lyons, Las Salinas Condominium Association Property Manager
Peter Green, FAA (via Zoom)
Robert Gold, Old Town Homeowner (via Zoom)
Andrew Dulcey, Las Salinas Condominiums Homeowner (via Zoom)
Beth Schreier Las Salinas Condominiums Homeowner (via Zoom)
Jamie Caballero, Residential Property Manager (via Zoom)
Maureen O'Brien, Key West Homeowner (via Zoom)
Melissa Paul Leto, City of Key West Planning Department (via Zoom)
Sandy, Las Salinas Condominiums Homeowner (via Zoom)

A quorum was present. Deborah Lagos chaired the meeting.

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Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes for the March 5th and October 1st, 2019, and March 6th and October 1st, 2020 Ad Hoc Committee Meetings

Deborah Lagos asked if there were any comments or corrections to the minutes. None were mentioned. Marlene Durazo made a motion to approve the minutes; Andrea Haynes seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

Discussion Regarding Environmental Assessment

Deborah described the Proposed Action and the Purpose and Need, which is the justification for the project. She showed a slide listing the environmental resources to be considered, one of which is noise and compatible land use. Then she presented three slides illustrating the noise contours for the existing condition, 2024 no action and proposed action, and 2029 no action and proposed action. While these contours are not to be used for the NEM Update, they do provide a clue as to what those contours might look like. She pointed out how much smaller these contours are compared to the previous NEMs and commented that it is mostly because of the changes in the types of aircraft using the airport, rather than a reduction in the number of operations.

Peter Green indicated that the FAA is coordinating with other agencies regarding the findings in the EA and any proposed mitigation. Marlene Durazo asked if the project will have a negative impact on birds and was assured that it would not. The timing of the project was described as follows: the EA should be completed within the next couple months, then the projects will be designed, and funding will be sought; construction will occur after that.

Noise Exposure Maps Update

Deborah presented a slide showing airport operations over the past twenty-four months. Clearly the operations over the past twelve months have been negatively impacted by the pandemic but are starting to rebound. She mentioned that she is still working with the FAA to determine the operations to be used for modeling both the existing condition and the future condition. The FAA says we cannot ignore the impact of the pandemic, so we cannot use pre-pandemic numbers for the existing condition, and we cannot use the pre-pandemic forecast for the future condition.

She presented a slide illustrating what she called a "quick and dirty" analysis just to get an idea of what we would be looking at if we used operations from 2020. These contours were compared to those developed for the EA based on 2019 operations. The 2020 contours were slightly smaller than the 2019, but not as bad as she expected. Peter Horton indicated that the contours do not serve the public in illustrating the impact they experience. Michael Sullivan stated these contours are

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inaccurate, and that sentiment was shared by many others in attendance. A lengthy discussion followed, including questions regarding field noise measurements, flight tracks, and number of operations. Deborah assured the committee that the NEM Update was being prepared in accordance with all FAA guidelines and requirements and would be as accurate as possible.

Finally, Deborah reviewed the public participation requirements that the airport operator must afford interested persons adequate opportunity to submit their views, data, and comments concerning the correctness and adequacy of the draft Noise Exposure Map and descriptions of forecast aircraft operations.

Discussion of NIP Implementation

Deborah Lagos presented a Power Point Presentation, prepared by Steve Vecchi, including the following items:

1. KWBTs Building C - Project Summary
2. KWBTs Building A - Phase 1 Construction Update
3. KWBTs Building A - Phase 2 Bid Strategy
4. KWBTs Building A - Phase 2 Project Schedule

A copy of the presentation was included in the Agenda Package.

Other Reports

Noise Hotline and Contact Log

Deborah indicated that since the previous Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting the following calls and emails were received:

- Four (4) calls from one caller to the Hotline regarding low-flying aircraft flying over La Brisa - DML failed to include in previous report.
- One (1) call directly to DML&A about 12th Ave, Stock Island overflights
- One (1) call regarding generator noise
- Two emails to DML&A about NIP participation

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Airport Noise Report

The following articles were briefly discussed:

- FAA approves P-150 Update Addressing Noise from F-35 Jets Now Based at BVT. Vermont Gas Co. to Provide Local Matching Funds. (Vol. 32, Nos. 31 & 35)
- Vol. 32, No. 32
 - Effects of Aviation Noise on Human Health
 - Aviation Noise During COVID Lockdown
- RDU and PTI Land Use Regulations (Vol. 32, No. 33)
- Electric Aircraft (Vol. 32, Nos. 31, 34, and 35)
- SSTs (Vol. 32, Nos. 31 & 36)

Discussion of Meeting Schedule for 2021

Peter Horton made a motion to approve the schedule; Nick Pontecorvo seconded the motion. The schedule was approved as presented.

Any Other Discussion

Several representatives from Las Salinas Condominiums voiced their opinion that Las Salinas should be eligible for the NIP. Peter Horton encouraged them not to lose hope, it took a lot of time and effort to get KWBTS approved. He mentioned that use of the DNL 60 dB contour, rather than the DNL 65, might happen in the future.

Peter Horton made a motion to adjourn; Nick Pontecorvo seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:10 PM.