



City of Newport Beach

MINUTES of the
COUNCIL/CITIZENS AVIATION COMMITTEE
 (draft until approved by the Committee)

MEETING DATE & LOCATION: **Monday, June 18, 2018** at the Newport Beach Civic Center (100 Civic Center Drive, NB), City Council Chambers.

ATTENDANCE:

- Committee membership:

Jeff Herdman	Council Representative	present
Brad Avery	Council Representative	not present
Vacant	Council Representative	
Kay Mortenson	District #1	present
Warren Wimer	District #1 (alt)	not present
Steve Byers	District #2	present
Vacant	District #2 (alt)	
Tom Anderson	District #3	not present
Bonnie O'Neil	District #3 (alt)	not present
Tom Meng	District #4	present
David Cook	District #4 (alt)	present
Joel Bergenfeld	District #5	present
Vacant	District #5 (alt)	
Jeffrey Cole	District #6	present
Scott Bergey	District 6 (alt)	present
Jim Dunlap	District #7	present
Karen Rhyne	District #7 (alt)	not present
Dave Kiff	City Manager	present
Aaron Harp	City Attorney	present
Melinda Seely	SPON/Air Fair Rep.	not present
Jennifer McDonald	SPON/Air Fair Rep.	not present
Tony Khoury	AWG Representative	not present
Tom Naughton	AWG Representative	present
Roger Ham	Newport Coast Rep	not present
John Youngblood	General Aviation Rep	not present

- JWA Representatives present: Nik Gaskins
- City representatives present: Tom Edwards, Tara Finnigan, Shirley Oborny
- Others present:

Joe August	Sue Dvorak	Russell Niewiarowski
Mel Beale	Charles Griffin	Sorrell Wayne
Allan Beek	Jo Carol Hunter	
Ted and Beth Cooper	Marsha Kendall	
Shana Conzelman	Steve Livingston	

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

Chairman Herdman called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

2. **Self-Introductions**

3. **Public Comments on Consent Calendar**

Mr. Mosher attend JWA's quarterly noise meeting. He recommended attendees take a look at the Reagan National Noise Reports, which are very detailed. He feels their report does a better job at measuring and monitoring the quieter planes.

4. **Approval of the Minutes.**

The minutes from the December 11, 2017, Aviation Committee meeting were approved with Committee Members Cole and Mortenson abstaining.

The minutes from the February 12, 2018, Aviation Committee meeting were approved with Chairman Herdman and Committee Members Cole, Mortenson and Naughton abstaining.

5. **Current Business**

(a) Presentation by Charles Griffin and Russell Niewiarowski (per their request)

1. A variation on departure paths from JWA

Mr. Niewiarowski explained that after learning about the new 737 Max, he feels it should be flying out of JWA. He and Charles Griffin decided to explore other ways to make JWA a better, friendlier and quieter neighbor. His presentation (see attached) focused on four things he feels can be implemented to make JWA quieter and safer:

1. Updating the commercial airline fleet's engines
2. Implementing new departure and arrival routes
3. Implementing new departure procedure mandate
4. Extending JWA's commercial runway

Discussion ensued.

(b) Updates from the City regarding:

1. STAYY

Mr. Gaskins said they have been monitoring the STAYY and for the most part is following the procedure as designed. Right now Southwest is the only carrier following it and United and Alaska will be starting it at some point.

Mr. Kiff said he and Mr. Edwards have been monitoring the STAYY as well. Southwest is only flying the STAYY for their Denver and Phoenix flights. It's appropriately cutting through the center of the backbay. It does approach Balboa Island a little differently, about 200 to 300 feet further west of Ruby.

2. Departure analysis by HMMH

Mr. Kiff reminded attendees that HMMH is a private sector firm specializing in noise and departures. The City hired them about six months ago. The first thing they did was to calibrate the County's own testing of the noise monitoring stations. The second thing they did was to set up some temporary noise monitors side by side anywhere from 20 to 50' away from the existing noise monitors. They did that for two days in December to see if they were getting similar readings. In January, they set up three different noise monitoring stations that are not monitored today. One was at Joe August's house, one was at Tony Khoury's house and one was located at 700 S. Bayfront. The results from that test showed that planes are not purposely going around the monitors. Both reports are available on the City's website.

Their next task is to do a departure analysis. The first part of that is to look at October 2017 through January 2018 and show by carrier, plane type and weight who is flying at what noise level. We only did the big ones: Alaska, American, United and Southwest. We didn't look at Frontier or Delta. The second part is to analyze between carriers if there is something that one carrier of the same plane and weight is doing that another carrier could be doing that would reduce noise. That should be done by the end of July.

The third part is to find out if there is something that none of the carriers are doing, based on what's learned, that all of the carriers could be doing. That effort could be completed in August or September. HMMH is already talking to the FAA about this. The two departure procedures are currently being used nationwide. If a third one were created, the FAA said they would get rid of one of the existing ones.

The City has also been talking to United, American, Southwest, and Alaska and each of them are willing to look at what we come up with and see if any changes can be made. Southwest offered to convene that meeting and get all of the carriers in the room. Both Mr. Kiff and Chairman Herdman stated their feelings of optimism.

In response to Mr. Cole, Mr. Kiff said he would ask Mr. Gaskins to provide information as to how many planes are turning early in the area from CdM to Dana Point, to see if the number is going down.

In response to Mr. Bergenfeld, Chairman Herdman said the City is hoping to come up with a third departure procedure that will result in higher, quieter takeoffs. Part of that is new engines. The carriers need an incentive to do that. That's another piece the City and County need to work on.

Mr. Cook is hoping the carriers would agree to wait to add thrust until they are already past Balboa Island.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Edwards thanked Mr. Kiff for his service on the Aviation Committee.

Chairman Herdman said the City's PR firm, Dynamic Strategies, will be putting together some focus groups and will help drive the City's plan of action within the community and the final ask. The focus groups may be comprised of people directly affected and people not affected by the airplanes overhead.

(c) Updates from the County regarding any JWA activity

Mr. Gaskins announced that the 2019 capacity letters were mailed today asking the carriers to submit their requests.

6. Items for the Next/Other Upcoming Meeting's Agenda

N/A

7. Set the Next Meeting

The next meeting was tentatively set for October.

8. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.