

AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATEMENT TASK FORCE MEETING
FOR THE ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

January 28, 2009

The Aircraft Noise Abatement Task Force (NATF) for the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport (PIE) met at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport Administration Building, Conference Room 234, at 3:04 P.M. on this date with the following members present:

Thomas Jewsbury, Deputy Airport Director, Operations and Facilities, PIE
Lieutenant Jeff Bolling, U.S. Coast Guard, representing Captain Todd Sokalzuk
Russ Argus, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) PIE Air Traffic Control (ATC)*
H. D. Holland, Feather Sound resident
Jerry Karp, City of Clearwater resident
Barbara Markley, City of Pinellas Park resident
Scott McGuff, City of Oldsmar resident
Steve Ochsner, Feather Sound resident
Michele Routh, Community and Media Relations Director, PIE
Lieutenant Nicholas Steele, U.S. Army Reserve, representing Lieutenant Aaron Stepler
Michael Zas, County Attorney's Office*

Absent:

Noah Lagos, Airport Director*
Joe Cocker, United Parcel Service (UPS)
Tony Conza, USA 3000 Airlines and Sunwing Airlines
J. B. Johnson, Del Oro Groves Homeowners Association, City of Clearwater resident
Kevin McKamey, Avantair, Inc. (General Aviation Liaison)
John Padavich, City of Safety Harbor resident
Captain Todd Sokalzuk, U.S. Coast Guard
Lieutenant Aaron Stepler, U.S. Army Reserve
Michael Thompson, URS, Inc., Consultant*
Laurie Zugay, FAA – Tampa International Airport (TPA) ATC*

*Advisory capacity only (non-voting members)

Also Present:

Lloyd Tillman, PIE Operations Manager
Chief Warrant Officer David Carroll, U.S. Army Reserve
Tony Contarino, Pinellas County Parks Department/Signature Flight Support
Other interested individuals
Michael P. Schmidt, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Introduction and Opening Comments
 - Meeting Minutes from October 22, 2008
 - Noise and Community Affairs Award
2. Quarterly and Year End Noise Complaint Summary
3. VOR-B Approach Update
 - FAA Approval
 - Media Release
 - Airline Coordination
4. Super Bowl XLIII Impacts
 - Overview
 - Noise Affairs Alert and Webpage Announcement
5. Air Service Updated
6. Citizens' Comments
7. Adjournment

INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS

Mr. Jewsbury welcomed those present and, at his request, the attendees introduced themselves; whereupon, he noted that the previous meeting's minutes are included in the agenda packet and available on the website.

Thereupon, Mr. Jewsbury reported that the Florida Airports Council had recognized PIE in connection with a groundbreaking noise study performed by Wyle Laboratories; and that in recognition of the study, the Council had presented its *Noise Abatement Award* to the Airport. Mr. Jewsbury related that he would communicate the good news to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and follow up with a press release.

QUARTERLY AND YEAR END NOISE COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Referring to a document titled *Quarterly Noise Complaint Summary, 4th Quarter 2008*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, Mr. Tillman reported that there had been 29 complaints received during the fourth quarter, down from 107 in the same period of 2007, representing a 73 percent decrease; whereupon, he reported that 11 complaints had been received for the quarter relating to the Voluntary Quiet Window.

Mr. Tillman referred to the *Yearly Complaint Summary for 2008*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and indicated that the total number of complaints had decreased from 311 to 204 during years 2007 and 2008, respectively, representing a 35 percent decrease. He reported that noise complaints had been filed primarily by residents of Clearwater and Feather Sound; that 54 complaints were related to Voluntary Quiet Window operations; and that

most complaints were associated with commercial air carriers; whereupon, Mr. Tillman reviewed complaint statistics relating to:

- 2008 Complaints
- Total Complaints 2003-2008
- Primary Reasons Given For Complaints 2008
 - Late Night or Early Morning Operations
 - Low Flying
 - Excessive Noise
 - Frequency of Flights
 - Not Utilizing Noise Abatement Procedures
 - Other
- Location of Noise Complaints YTD
- Number of Complaints by Aircraft Type

In response to queries by the members, Mr. Tillman detailed the reasons why noise complaints tend to be higher during the winter months, and related that citizens can register complaints via telephone, email, or the PIE website; whereupon, he agreed to provide Mr. Karp with complaint reports pertaining to the City of Clearwater, and Mr. Holland provided input.

During further discussion, Lieutenant Steele related that the Army Reserve has designated *no fly* and *altitude restricted* areas near the airport in an effort to reduce noise impacts to the surrounding communities and provided information relating to an increase in airport traffic; whereupon, Mr. Tillman agreed to inform Lieutenant Steele about any Army Reserve aircraft that enter the affected airspace, and Mr. Jewsbury provided input.

Chief Warrant Officer Carroll offered to host the next Noise Abatement Task Force meeting to take place on April 22, 2009 at 3:00 P.M. and agreed to contact Mr. Jewsbury regarding availability of the conference room at the Army Reserve Facility.

VOR-B APPROACH UPDATE

Mr. Jewsbury provided an update regarding the VOR-B approach, relating that the FAA has given its approval; and that the chief pilots have reaffirmed their commitment to fly the new approach; whereupon, he provided detailed information regarding the approach, noting that it is a Special approach; that it is sponsored by United Parcel Service; that the air carriers should begin flying it within the next two months; and that the VOR-B will replace the North Bay Visual approach, and Messrs. Argus and Holland provided input.

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Thereupon, Mr. Jewsbury reported that after the BCC has been informed of the FAA's approval of the new procedure, an announcement to the media will follow and coincide with the press release regarding the *Noise Abatement Award*.

SUPER BOWL XLIII IMPACTS

Mr. Jewsbury related that the Super Bowl will be held in Tampa on February 1, 2009; and that the St. Petersburg-Clearwater Airport anticipates the need to accommodate approximately 400 aircraft; that the noise impact to nearby residents will be significant; that he has spoken with control tower personnel regarding the possibility of fanning out the departures to minimize the impact to any particular area of the community; and that information will be provided to the community on the Airport's website. He related that the majority of the planes will be arriving on Friday and departing on Monday; that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will impose a Temporary Flight Restriction on general aviation operations within a ten-mile radius of the stadium for four hours prior to and following the game; and that a large number of corporate aircraft are likely to use the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport, located 10.5 miles from the stadium, to avoid a timely TSA screening process at Tampa International Airport.

AIR SERVICE UPDATE

Mr. Jewsbury provided information regarding airport operations issues, and stated that Allegiant Air has expanded service by four cities; and that although USA 3000 had intended to cease all operations at PIE, the airline continues to offer flights to Chicago, Illinois, six days a week. He related that charter service was initiated to Gulfport/Biloxi, Mississippi, on January 17, 2009; that the service is limited; that the tour operator leases aircraft from Allegiant; and that operations will take place outside the Voluntary Quiet Window.

Mr. Jewsbury provided information relating to how the downturn in the economy has affected small airports throughout the nation; and reported that while most have experienced large reductions in air traffic, PIE is fortunate to have only realized a one percent reduction in traffic during 2008.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

In response to a request by Lieutenant Steele, Mr. Jewsbury agreed to provide information via email relating to a traffic study regarding Fairchild Drive.

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In response to queries by Mr. Ochsner, Mr. Jewsbury referred to an aerial photograph, pointed out the location of the Airco Golf Course, and presented information relating to the Neighborly Services Project; whereupon, he described a variety of uses being considered for the Airco property, pointed out areas where development will take place, and described the portion which will remain untouched, acting as a buffer to the neighboring community, and Mr. Holland provided input.

UPCOMING MEETING DATE

Mr. Jewsbury reminded the members that the April 22, 2009 meeting will most likely take place at the Army Reserve Facility; and that he will provide an email reminder and include driving directions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 P.M.