

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

October 24, 2007

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 3:02 P.M. on this date with the following members present:

Jim Dickinson, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) PIE Air Traffic Control (ATC)*
Tony Conza, USA 3000 Airlines and Sunwing Airlines
Thomas Jewsbury, Deputy Airport Director, Operations and Facilities
J. B. Johnson, Del Oro Groves Homeowners Association, City of Clearwater resident
Noah Lagos, Airport Director*
John Padavich, City of Safety Harbor resident
Barbara Markley, City of Pinellas Park resident
Michael Zas, County Attorney's Office*

Absent:

William Allbright, Avantair, Inc.
Joe Cocker, United Parcel Service (UPS)
H. D. Holland, Feather Sound resident
Captain Michael Emerson, United States Coast Guard
Scott McGuff, City of Oldsmar resident
Steve Ochsner, Feather Sound resident
Lieutenant Aaron Stepler, U.S. Army Reserve
Russ Weltzien, FAA – PIE National ATC Association*
Douglas Williams, City of Clearwater resident
Laurie Zugay, FAA – TPA Air Traffic Control*

*Advisory capacity only (non-voting members)

Also Present:

Jonathan Collette, PIE – Noise Affairs
Herman Lawrence, TPA – Hillsborough County Aviation Authority
Michelle Routh, PIE – Community Relations
Lloyd Tillmann, PIE – Operations
Keith Vincent, City of Safety Harbor resident
Other interested individuals
Michael P. Schmidt, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Introduction and Opening Comments
 - Introduction
 - Meeting Minutes from June 27, 2007
 - 2008 Meeting Schedule
2. Task Force Member Changes
 - Corporate Aviation Liaison
 - Clearwater Liaison
 - High Point Liaison
3. Monthly Noise Complaint Summaries
 - Quarterly Report (July-September 2007)
 - Community Concerns
4. Noise Abatement Compliance
5. VOR-B Approach Update
6. Airco Golf Course Redevelopment Feasibility Study
7. Fly Friendly Program Update
8. Citizens' Comments
9. Adjournment

INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS

Mr. Jewsbury welcomed those present and, at his request, those in attendance introduced themselves. He related that the previous meeting's minutes are included in the agenda packet; whereupon, he confirmed the 2008 schedule, noting that meetings will be held January 23, April 23, July 23, and October 22 at 3:00 P.M., with additional meetings held as necessary.

TASK FORCE MEMBER CHANGES

Mr. Jewsbury reported that Corporate Liaison Bart Gray had resigned his position as a member of the Task Force because Jet ICU, Inc. had relocated to Hernando County; and that Mr. Williams, who is the secondary Clearwater liaison, continues to have schedule conflicts which prevent him from joining; whereupon, Mr. Jewsbury indicated that a search has begun to fill both positions.

Mr. Collette indicated that an increasing number of noise complaints are being received from the High Point area; that the region is not currently represented by the Task Force; and that there have been discussions regarding adding a representative from the area.

MONTHLY NOISE COMPLAINT SUMMARIES

Mr. Collette presented the noise reports for July, August, and September, copies of which have been filed and made a part of the record. He noted that during the month of November, military operations had occurred which prompted an increase in noise complaints, which included Harrier fighter jets soaring above the county; whereupon, Mr. Jewsbury, with input by Ms. Routh, related that the jets' operations had generated telephone calls to the media; and that citizens expressed their concerns that the Harriers were relocating to PIE, which is not the case.

Responding to queries by Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Collette provided information regarding PIE's Voluntary Quiet Window, specified the hours it is in effect, and clarified how citizen complaints are categorized.

NOISE ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE

Mr. Collette presented the *Air Carrier Approach Use Summary* tables for July, August, and September, which have been filed and made a part of the record. He related that air carrier compliance with the North Bay Visual approach is very high; that an increasing number of aircraft have been utilizing the GPS approach; that the seasonal shift to use Runway 35R has begun; and clarified that no noise abatement procedures presently exist for that runway.

VOR-B APPROACH UPDATE

Mr. Jewsbury, with input by Mr. Collette, provided the members an update relating to the VOR-B Approach timeline; and reported that Jeppesen had presented the submittal package to the FAA for its review and approval.

AIRCO GOLF COURSE REDEVELOPMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Lagos provided an update relating to the Airco Golf Course Redevelopment Feasibility Study, as requested by Mr. Ochsner at the June 27, 2007 Task Force meeting. He indicated that the FAA requires the airport to be self-sustaining; that Airco receives no county funding; and that the golf course is an interim use of the parcel until a more profitable use can be determined; whereby, he described future potential uses for the property pursuant to current and future zoning regulations.

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Collette provided background information regarding the Fly Friendly Program; whereupon, he conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *Office of Noise Affairs, Fly Friendly Program*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, discussed the following matters, and responded to queries by the members:

- Match the Airplane with its Noise
- What Are Some Misconceptions or Stereotypes The Public Might Have About General Aviation?
- Airplane Noise, Why Should I Care?
- AOPA Fly Friendly Program
 - If Practical, Avoid Noise-Sensitive Areas, Residential Areas around PIE – Please Note That All Residential Areas Are Noise Sensitive
 - Consider Using a Reduced Power Setting
 - Familiarize Yourself with Local Noise Abatement Procedures
 - Use PAPI/VASI to Maintain Proper Glideslope
 - Suggestions for Landing
 - Voluntary Quiet Window
 - Safety First!
 - Thank You For Flying Friendly!

OTHER DISCUSSION

Mr. Lagos provided information regarding keeping local residents informed concerning specific airport meetings; indicated that meetings would be interactive and take place in a workshop atmosphere; and that consultants and airport personnel would be available to respond to the concerns of citizens; whereupon, Mr. Lagos, with input by Mr. Jewsbury, referred to an airport study regarding the prospect of building a 3,200-foot general aviation runway parallel to the main runway; indicated that an environmental assessment is presently being performed; that no defined timeline exists; and that a parallel runway would reduce general aviation traffic on the primary runway.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.