

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

January 23, 2008

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:

Tony Conza, USA 3000 Airlines and Sunwing Airlines  
H. D. Holland, Feather Sound resident (via telephone conference call)  
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  
Scott McGuff, City of Oldsmar resident  
Commander Rich Lorenzen, U.S. Coast Guard (designee for Captain Todd Sokalzuk)  
Michael Zas, County Attorney's Office\*

Absent:

Joe Cocker, United Parcel Service (UPS)  
Jim Dickinson, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) PIE Air Traffic Control (ATC)\*  
Kevin McKamey, Avantair, Inc. (General Aviation Liaison)  
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 – Tampa International Airport (TPA) Air Traffic Control\*

\* Advisory capacity only (non-voting members)

\*\* Resignation pending appointment of replacement representative

Also Present:

Jonathan Collette, PIE – Noise Affairs  
Herman Lawrence, TPA – Hillsborough County Aviation Authority  
Other interested individuals  
Michael P. Schmidt, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Introduction and Opening Comments
  - Minutes from October 24, 2007 meeting
2. 2007 Year End Noise Complaint Summary
3. Noise Abatement Compliance
4. VOR-B Approach Update
5. Fly Friendly Program Update
  - General Aviation presentation was held in Clearwater on January 15<sup>th</sup>.
6. Environmental Assessment – GA Parallel Runway
7. Citizens' Comments
8. Adjournment

INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS

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

Mr. Collette clarified changes to the Task Force Membership List; and stated that the 9<sup>th</sup> *Semi-Annual Task Force Report*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, will be available on the airport website.

2007 YEAR-END NOISE COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Mr. Collette referred to the *2007 Year-End Noise Complaint Summary*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and indicated that the total number of complaints had increased from 235 to 311 during years 2006 and 2007, respectively, primarily due to the operation of F-104 Starfighter jets, followed by corporate jets, airline passenger aircraft, cargo carriers, and military aircraft.

Mr. Collette, with input by Mr. Jewsbury, explained that the Starfighters will eventually relocate, but he did not know specific details; whereupon, he indicated that noise complaints had been filed primarily by residents of Clearwater, Feather Sound, High Point, Pinellas Park and Safety Harbor; and that 86 complaints were related to voluntary quiet window operations, which comprised 27 percent of the total; and discussion ensued.

### NOISE ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE

Mr. Collette provided information relating to an automated system which will compile noise complaint statistics; indicated that a similar system is being designed for approaches; and that once completed, a quarterly report utilizing the collected data shall be provided to the members.

Mr. Collette presented the *Air Carrier Approach Use Summary* tables for October, November, and December, which have been filed and made a part of the record. He related that when weather conditions are favorable, air carriers consistently use the North Bay Visual approach; that USA 3000 is performing an exceptional job complying with GPS procedures; and that the Office of Noise Affairs is appreciative of the airlines' observance of the airport's voluntary noise abatement procedures.

### VOR-B APPROACH UPDATE

Mr. Jewsbury provided an update regarding the VOR-B approach; and indicated that UPS would be sponsoring the airport regarding its efforts to implement the new approach; and that almost certainly the procedure will receive FAA approval.

During discussion and in response to queries by Mr. Lawrence and Commander Lorenzen, Mr. Collette indicated that the VOR-B approach would be a voluntary procedure; and that it uses VOR fixes to provide additional safety when flying in the dark.

### FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Collette reported that positive discussion had taken place regarding noise abatement issues and procedures at the January 15, 2008 Noise Affairs Informational Meeting in Clearwater.

### ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT – GA PARALLEL RUNWAY

Mr. Jewsbury referred to a wall map and provided an update regarding the airport master plan; and with input by Mr. Lagos, indicated that lack of funding combined with current airport operations do not justify proceeding with an environmental assessment relating to the construction of a 3,200-foot general aviation runway parallel to the main runway; and that if increased airport capacity should occur in the future, the issue will be revisited; and discussion ensued.

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CITIZENS' COMMENTS

In response to queries by Mr. Padavich regarding airport operations issues, Mr. Lagos indicated that *Myrtle Beach Direct Air & Tours* has initiated service to the following cities: Gulfport/Biloxi, Mississippi; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Niagara/Buffalo, New York; Newark, New Jersey; and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; whereupon, he provided information relating to the company's charter and commercial flights and its penetration into the Canadian market and discussed economic uncertainty and the possible resultant effects on the airport.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.