

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

April 21, 2010

The Aircraft Noise Abatement Task Force (NATF) for the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport (PIE) met at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport Terminal Building, Conference Room 234, at 3:05 p.m. on this date with the following members present:

Thomas Jewsbury, Deputy Airport Director, Operation & Facilities, PIE  
J.B. Johnson, Del Oro Groves Homeowners Association, City of Clearwater Resident  
H.D. Holland, Feather Sound Resident  
Scott McGuff, City of Oldsmar Resident  
John Padavich, City of Safety Harbor Resident  
Jerry Karp, City of Clearwater Resident  
Barbara Markley, City of Pinellas Park Resident  
Kristina Rischar, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) PIE Air Traffic Control\*  
Steve Dohman, US Coast Guard

Not Present:

Steve Ochsner, Feather Sound Resident  
Noah Lagos, Airport Director\*  
Michael Zas, County Attorney's Office\*  
Joe Cocker, United Parcel Service (UPS)  
Chris Gillette, Chief Pilot, Allegiant Air  
Kevin McKamey, Avantair, Inc. (General Aviation Liaison)  
U.S. Army Reserve  
Laurie Zugay, FAA - Tampa International Airport (TPA) ATC\*  
Russ Argus, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) PIE Air Traffic Control (ATC)\*

\*Advisory Capacity Only (Non-Voting Member)

Also Present:

Lloyd Tillmann, PIE Operations Manager  
Monique Savas, PIE Administrative Secretary  
Michele Routh, Community and Media Relations Director, PIE

## AGENDA

1. Introduction and Opening Comments
  - o Approval of Minutes from January 20, 2010 Meeting
  - o Thirteenth Semi-Annual Task Force Report
  - o Renovation Celebration – Media Preview Day
2. Quarterly Noise & Year End Noise Complaint Summary
3. VOR-B Approach Update
4. Fly Friendly Program
5. Avantair Update
6. General Discussion – Old/New Business
7. Citizen’s Comment
8. 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 Minutes are included in the agenda packet and available on the website together with the Semi-Annual Report. Mr. Jewsbury informed the NATF of the meetings remaining for 2010, July 21<sup>st</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Jewsbury addressed the Terminal Renovation Project and informed the NATF that due to budget cuts, Administration has scaled down the celebration of the project to a “Media Day”. At that point, Mr. Jewsbury asked Michele Routh to elaborate on this event. Ms. Routh stated the Media has been interested in this project all along, and that the Airport would provide the Media with a full tour of the Airport and the opportunity to interview Noah; looking at a mid-June preview date for this event. At that time, Mr. Jewsbury extended an invitation to the NATF an opportunity to view the terminal following the meeting.

Mr. Jewsbury continued, and asked for the Minutes of the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to be approved by the Task Force; in addition, he mentioned that at the request of Mr. Karp, Pinellas County Ordinance No. 03-3 was attached to the Minutes.

Mr. Jewsbury reported the Operations Supervisor position was recently filled by Mike Ailing, in February; however, the responsibilities associated with this position are not exclusive to Noise Affairs, but would enable the Airport Operations Division to monitor our Noise Abatement Program for compliance which can be time consuming.

## QUARTERLY REPORT & YEAR END NOISE COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Referring to a document titled *Quarterly Noise Complaint Summary*, of which a copy has been made a part of the record, Mr. Tillmann indicated that for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2010, there were 23 noise complaints logged for the months of January, February, and March. Approximately a 50% reduction, compared to the same period in 2009 in which the Noise Affairs Office received 43 complaints. This Quarter we had a total of 16 households submitting noise complaints, almost a 50% reduction; there were 29 households in 2009.

Mr. Tillmann reported that the Voluntary Quiet Window Report showed a large reduction this year, stating that we have only had one complaint; last year at this time we had twelve; a significant reduction. Complaints by aircraft type were from local military aircraft, mostly contributed to Coast Guard traffic in the area with seven complaints.

Mr. Tillmann continued his report in regard to the number of complaints by aircraft type. He stated that the Airport Operations Division was able to do a lot more monitoring of the aircraft type due to having an extra supervisor. For this period there were 22 complaint types that could not be determined as a result of a lack of information left by the caller. Airline passenger and "undetermined" complaints are usually the highest categories, as well as military and local.

Mr. Tillmann introduced a new chart that the Noise Office would be adding to the report summary, *Number of Complaints by Time of Day*. Complaints were plotted by hour for the months of January through March 2010. There were 23 complaints; largest time frame when complaints were received was between the 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. hour.

Mr. McGuff inquired about data analysis on the amount of traffic, and asked if the amount of traffic goes down at the same time the noise data goes down; are you really making an impact on noise related issues or are the numbers just going down because there is less traffic at the airport. Mr. Jewsbury responded that we are focusing on the number of aircraft operations overall, not just air carriers, but in particular, general aviation has reduced drastically compared to ten years ago; 230,000 operations, compared to 140,000 last year. Mr. Tillmann stated that he will put together a chart for the next meeting to show the correlation of aircraft operations versus complaints.

## VOR-B APPROACH UPDATE

Mr. Jewsbury recapped the discussion from the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting regarding the VOR-B Approach. He stated that both Allegiant and UPS are continuing to be active on briefing the pilots on a regular basis to comply with the approach. Mr. Jewsbury reported on the necessity for continued dialogue with the airlines to help promote compliance.

Mr. Karp inquired about the instrument procedure in clear weather. Mr. Jewsbury stated that the pilot always has the option to fly the ILS Approach direct to the runway. The Tampa Control Tower does not assign types of approaches.

### **AVANTAIR UPDATE**

Mr. Jewsbury stated that at the last Task Force Meeting, Bill Allbright, Chief Pilot for Avantair, mentioned that Avantair was in the process of getting an agreement signed with Flight Safety, Inc. that will allow them to begin to supplement about half of their flight training using simulators. This Agreement has been signed and is in place. Approximately two-thirds of the flight training based out of PIE actually occurs at other airports in an effort to help reduce the number of training flights here at PIE. Mr. Jewsbury stated that Mr. Allbright advised the Airport that Avantair will be conducting 95% of all flight training by the use of simulators.

Mr. Jewsbury stated that as far as acquiring approval from Avantair's FAA Inspector to fly the VOR-Bravo Approach, he has not heard anything further. Mr. Karp stated that they have observed a lot less flight activity from the Piaggios.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSIONS - OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

The Army Reserve was deployed and will return this summer. Medevac Unit will deploy when they return. Currently, twelve aircraft (H-60 Blackhawks) are housed at the US Army Reserve. Once the Medevac Unit is deployed, it will be for a year.

### **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

No citizens appeared to be heard.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.