

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

June 27, 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:

William Allbright, Avantair, Inc.
Russ Argus for Jim Dickinson, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) – PIE Air Traffic Control (ATC)*
Tony Conza, USA 3000 Airlines and Sunwing Airlines
Bart Gray, Jet ICU, Inc.
H. D. Holland, Feather Sound resident
Thomas Jewsbury, Deputy Airport Director, Operations and Facilities
J. B. Johnson, Del Oro Groves Homeowners Association, City of Clearwater resident
Commander Rich Lorenzen for Captain Michael Emerson, United States Coast Guard
Scott McGuff, City of Oldsmar resident
Steve Ochsner, Feather Sound resident
John Padavich, City of Safety Harbor resident
Barbara Markley, City of Pinellas Park resident
Michael Zas, County Attorney's Office*

Absent:

Joe Cocker, United Parcel Service (UPS)
Noah Lagos, Airport Director*
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
Lloyd Tillmann, PIE - Operations
Other interested individuals
Arlene Smitke, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Introduction and Opening Comments
 - Introduction
 - Meeting Minutes from April 25, 2007
 - Frequency of Meetings
2. New Task Force Members
 - Ms. Barbara Markley - City of Pinellas Park
 - Lt. Aaron Stepler - U.S. Army Reserve
3. Monthly Noise Complaint Summaries
 - April – May 2007
 - June 2007 (month to date)
4. Noise Abatement Compliance
 - Approach Use Summary (April-May 2007)
5. VOR-B Approach Update
 - UPS Sponsorship Letter
6. Fly Friendly Program Update
7. Citizens' Comments
8. Adjournment

INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS

Mr. Jewsbury welcomed those present and related that the minutes of the April 25, 2007 meeting are included in the agenda packet; whereupon, the attendees introduced themselves.

For the benefit of the new members, Mr. Jewsbury gave a brief historical overview of the noise and airspace studies, which were concluded this spring, and the subsequent development of the proposed VOR-B approach; whereupon, he suggested that the Task Force return to a quarterly meeting schedule; and that additional meetings be held on an as-needed basis. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the members that the meetings be held quarterly on the fourth Wednesday of the month, and meetings were scheduled for 3:00 P.M. on October 24, 2007 and January 23, 2008.

Responding to query by Mr. Johnson, Mr. Jewsbury indicated that only he and two members were present at the April 25 meeting; and noting confusion regarding the meeting schedule, Mr. Collette stated that he will send e-mail reminders prior to each meeting.

NEW TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Mr. Jewsbury introduced newly appointed City of Pinellas Park representative Barbara Markley, who related that she is a resident of The Lakes community and a previous aircraft owner. Mr. Jewsbury indicated that Lieutenant Aaron Stepler of the U.S. Army Reserve will replace Major Kathi McDiffett on the Task Force; and that he was unable to attend today's meeting.

MONTHLY NOISE COMPLAINT SUMMARIES

Mr. Collette presented the noise reports for April and May, copies of which have been filed and made a part of the record. He noted that an increase in complaints during April was primarily due to flight training activities by the F104 Starfighters; that the activity has been completed and no further complaints have been received; that UPS arrivals continue to generate complaints; and that complaints regarding night operations by a corporate Saberliner jet have subsided, following a reminder and request for compliance with the voluntary quiet window.

Responding to query by Mr. Ochsner, Mr. Allbright provided information regarding operations of the Avantair Piaggio aircraft, noting that training has been shifted away from PIE; that a simulator has been out of service but will be back in operation in two weeks; and that the pilots are trying to keep the noise down as much as possible. Mr. Jewsbury expressed appreciation to Avantair for its efforts and keeping an open line of communication, which enables the Airport to keep the public apprised of any unusual circumstances which may result in increased noise.

Mr. Collette reviewed the May complaints, which were down from the previous month, and noted that June complaints have been very low, with nearly all being attributable to UPS morning arrivals. In response to query by Mr. Ochsner, Mr. Collette indicated that complaints are recorded in relation to municipal boundaries, as opposed to mailing address; and that, while it is located in the City of Clearwater, the Del Oro Groves community has a separate designation.

NOISE ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE

Mr. Collette related that air carrier compliance with the North Bay Visual approach is very high; that the number of overnight straight-in instrument landing system (ILS) approaches has increased with the onset of the rainy season; and that the proposed VOR-B approach would provide an alternative and hopefully reduce the night ILS arrivals.

Mr. Jewsbury noted that *Air Carrier Approach Use Summary* tables and charts for April and May are included in the agenda package; and in response to query by Mr. Padavich, Mr. Collette reported that the report is distributed monthly to the chief pilots and to Tampa ATC, who follow up with their crews and provide feedback; and commended Allegiant and USA 3000 for their improved compliance.

During discussion, Mr. Conza related that Allegiant Air will be trimming their schedule by ten flights per week from mid-August to mid-October.

VOR-B APPROACH UPDATE

Mr. Jewsbury reported that Jeppesen is preparing the procedure packet for submittal to the FAA to initiate the review and approval process; that there has been a delay in obtaining an updated

sponsorship letter from UPS; that the submittal will take place immediately following receipt of the letter; that the process will take from 12 to 24 months; and that the RNAV approach approval took approximately one year.

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Collette related that, with the noise and airspace studies completed, efforts will be focused on the Fly Friendly program initiated several years ago by then Supervisor of Noise Affairs Jason Schwartz. He indicated that the program will target air carrier, helicopter, corporate, and general aviation pilots; that informational meetings will be held with various pilot groups; and that custom-designed pamphlets, PowerPoint presentations, and materials provided by aviation industry groups will be utilized to provide education pertaining to noise abatement issues and procedures; whereupon, he reported that a meeting with the chief pilot of a helicopter flight school has resulted in a drastic reduction in helicopter-related complaints.

Mr. Collette stated that the brochures and PowerPoint presentations have been designed and are currently undergoing final review; and that the information may also be included on the Noise Affairs website; whereupon, Mr. Jewsbury indicated that materials will be available at the next Task Force meeting.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Mr. Johnson reported that he had attended the Board of County Commissioners work session presentation regarding the noise and airspace studies and inquired as to action taken by the Board. In response, Mr. Jewsbury related that the Board had adopted a resolution authorizing Jeppesen to proceed with Phase III of the airspace study, which is the submittal of the proposed VOR-B approach to the FAA; whereupon, he expressed his disappointment that the presentation by Jeppesen had been extremely technical in nature despite the efforts by Airport staff to ensure the material would be understandable.

Mr. Padavich requested an update regarding the status of air carriers; and Mr. Jewsbury related that the primary service providers at this time are Allegiant Air and USA 3000; that the Canadian carriers are seasonal and discontinued their service in April and May; that Allegiant will be temporarily reducing its frequency in August; that he anticipates the Canadian carriers will resume service in the fall at last year's service level; and that no new carriers have been identified. Mr. Conza provided information regarding the service schedules of USA 3000 and Sunwing Airlines, which provides service to Toronto.

Responding to query by Commander Lorenzen pertaining to Coast Guard operations, Mr. Collette indicated that most complaints have been related to late-night rescue flights; and that when the nature of the flight is communicated, most complainants are cooperative.

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During discussion and in response to query by Mr. Conza, Commander Lorenzen agreed to investigate the possibility of having the C-130 aircraft taxi with two engines, but noted that pilot training operations require the use of all four engines.

Mr. Collette related that Allegiant Air has been very cooperative in avoiding nighttime engine run-ups and in providing information when they have become necessary,

Mr. Conza reported that inbound USA 3000 aircraft have had bird strikes on each of the last two nights; and Mr. Jewsbury acknowledged the problem, noting that a mitigation/disbursement program is in place.

At the request of Mr. Ochsner, Mr. Jewsbury agreed to provide an update on the Airco Golf Course property at the next Task Force meeting.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 P.M.