

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

April 25, 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 3:07 P.M. on this date with the following members present:

Tony Conza, USA 3000 Airlines and Sunwing Airlines  
Thomas Jewsbury, Deputy Airport Director, Operations and Facilities  
Scott McGuff, City of Oldsmar resident

Absent:

Joe Cocker, United Parcel Service (UPS)  
Jim Dickinson, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) PIE Air Traffic Control (ATC)\*  
Captain Michael Emerson, United States Coast Guard  
Bart Gray, Jet ICU, Inc.  
H. D. Holland, Feather Sound resident  
J. B. Johnson, Del Oro Groves Homeowners Association, City of Clearwater resident  
Noah Lagos, Airport Director\*  
Major Kathi McDiffett, U.S. Army Reserve  
Kevin McKamey, Avantair, Inc.  
Steve Ochsner, Feather Sound resident  
John Padavich, City of Safety Harbor resident  
Richard Pfeiffer, FAA, TPA National ATC Association\*  
Russ Weltzien, FAA - PIE National ATC Association\*  
Douglas Williams, City of Clearwater resident  
Michael Yuska, FAA - TPA Air Traffic Control\*  
Michael Zas, County Attorney's Office\*

\*Advisory capacity only (non-voting members)

Also Present:

Arlene Smitke, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Introductions and Opening Comments
  - Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2007
  - Presentation to City of Oldsmar on April 17, 2007
2. Task Force Membership
  - City of Pinellas Park
  - City of Clearwater

3. Monthly Noise Complaint Summary
  - First Quarter Complaint Summary
  - F104 Starfighters
  - Noise Abatement Compliance
    - Sky Value/Xtra Airways
    - Tampa Air Traffic Control
4. Noise Study Update
  - March 22 Workshop of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (Board)
  - “Special” VOR-B Resolution – May 1 Board Meeting
5. Citizens' Comments
6. Adjournment

### INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS

Mr. Jewsbury welcomed those present and noted that the minutes of the February 21, 2007 meeting are included in the agenda packet; whereupon, he stated that he had given a presentation at a City of Oldsmar Council meeting wherein he provided an overview of the noise and airspace studies and the implications of the proposed VOR-B approach; that those in attendance, for the most part, felt the procedure was justified; and that no objections were voiced by the audience or the City Council to the Airport moving forward to seek FAA approval. Responding to comments by Mr. McGuff, he expressed a desire to keep the lines of communication open and invited the community representatives to contact him to schedule an update presentation pertaining to Airport-related matters.

### TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Jewsbury related that City of Pinellas Park representative Timothy Robinson had resigned from the NATF following the February meeting, after expressing disappointment with the outcome of the airspace and noise studies with regard to providing relief from noise in his area; and that the Airport will work with the City Manager to identify a new representative; whereupon, he indicated that City of Clearwater representative Douglas Williams has a scheduling conflict with another committee on which he serves; but that he will remain on the task force until a new representative is appointed by the City.

### MONTHLY NOISE COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Referring to the *Quarterly Noise Complaint Summary, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2007*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, Mr. Jewsbury indicated that a total of 83 complaints had been received during the quarter; and that an increase in complaints during the month of March can be attributed to open windows due to the onset of warmer weather and to increased activity by the F104 Starfighters, a private jet company based at the Airport, which participated in the MacDill Airfest and the St. Petersburg Grand Prix, and has increased its pilot training and

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certification operations following acquisition of additional aircraft. He noted that people had been confused by recent newspaper articles regarding increased operations of the Avantair Piaggio aircraft, incorrectly associating them with the F104 activity.

Mr. Jewsbury related that he had met with the F104 Starfighters following the complaints and requested that they notify the Airport prior to periods of increased activity, in order to facilitate public communication; and that they have recently signed a contract with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to conduct studies relative to the possible provision of suborbital rides; that the aircraft will be leaving soon on the summer air show circuit; and that the company may move its base from PIE to NASA in September.

Mr. Jewsbury reported that new carrier SkyValue had not been adhering to the North Bay Visual (NBV) approach procedures; and that discussions with the Chief Pilot have resulted in a significant improvement in compliance; whereupon, referring to Tampa ATC, he indicated that additional training has been provided to specific controllers who had failed to assign the NBV approach as they were instructed to do.

#### NOISE STUDY UPDATE

Mr. Jewsbury referred to the airspace and noise studies conducted by Jeppesen and Wyle Laboratories and related that the consultants had presented an overview of the studies to the Board of County Commissioners on March 22; and that at the request of Chairman Ronnie E. Duncan, a resolution will be presented to the Board for consideration at its May 1 meeting directing the Airport to proceed with the application process for the proposed "Special" VOR-B approach.

He indicated that, if the resolution is approved, the Airport will authorize Jeppesen to proceed with Phase III of the airspace study; whereupon, he provided a brief overview of the process, which could take 12 to 24 months, and related that based on Jeppesen's previous meetings with the FAA, they do not anticipate a problem in obtaining approval of the request.

#### CITIZENS' COMMENTS – None

#### OTHER DISCUSSION

Referring to the lack of attendance at today's meeting, Mr. Jewsbury indicated that he will contact all members prior to the next meeting and stress the importance of communication with the various airport and community liaisons.

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Following discussion regarding the frequency of meetings, Mr. Jewsbury indicated that he hopes to have a quorum at the next meeting; and that he will put the matter on the agenda for open discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:22 P.M.