

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

October 19, 2011

The St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport (PIE), Aircraft Noise Abatement Task Force (NATF, Task Force) Committee, met at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Airport Terminal Building, Room 234, on this date with the following members present:

Present:

J.B. Johnson, Del Oro Groves Homeowners Association, City of Clearwater Resident
Jerry Karp, City of Clearwater Resident
John Padavich, City of Safety Harbor Resident
H.D. Holland, Feather Sound Resident (via Polycom)
Steve Ochsner, Feather Sound Resident
Barbara Markley, City of Pinellas Park Resident
Stephen Schaffer, Chief Pilot, United Parcel Service
William Allbright, Avantair
Carmine Testa Station Manager, Allegiant Air
Kurt Kupersmith, U.S. Coast Guard
Thomas Jewsbury, PIE Deputy Director, Operation & Facilities
Lloyd Tillmann, PIE Operations Manager*
Monique Savas, PIE Administrative Secretary*
Michael Zas, County Attorney's Office*

Not Present:

Noah Lagos, PIE Director*
Scott McGuff, City of Oldsmar Resident
Kevin McKamey, Avantair, Inc.
Deen Walker, Sheltair
David M. Carroll, U.S. Army Reserve
Edward Sandlin, U.S. Coast Guard
Russ Argus, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) PIE Air Traffic Control (ATC)*
Laurie Zugay, FAA - Tampa International Airport (TPA) ATC*

*Non-Voting Capacity

AGENDA

1. Introduction & Opening Comments
2. Meeting Dates for Year 2012
3. Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2011
4. 15th Semi-Annual Report
5. Quarterly Noise Complaint Summary
6. Noise Abatement Compliance
7. General Discussions - Old/New Business
8. Citizen's Comments
9. Avantair Tour
10. Adjournment - Last Meeting of the Year

INTRODUCTION AND OPENING COMMENTS

Mr. Jewsbury welcomed those present at the Noise Abatement Task Force meeting and at Mr. Jewsbury's request, the attendees introduced themselves. Mr. Jewsbury noted that the Minutes of July 27, 2011 are included in the agenda packet and available on the website. Mr. Jewsbury asked for the Minutes to be moved into the record abstaining no objections. Mr. Jewsbury also reported that the Fifteenth Semi-Annual Report had been submitted to the Board of County Commissioners by the County Administrator. This Report incorporates a summary of the past three quarterly meetings.

TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Mr. Jewsbury reported the following changes to the NATF Members Committee:

- Representative for Allegiant, Chief Pilot Joe Howard, has accepted another position. Once there is a replacement, that individual will be the liaison representing Allegiant for the NATF. Our local Station Manager, Carmine Testa, will represent Allegiant until they have filled this position.
- Frontier Airlines is no longer represented on the Task Force as a result of their decision to discontinue service.

MONTHLY & QUARTERLY NOISE COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Mr. Tillmann provided a summary of the Quarterly Noise Complaints received during the 3rd Quarter of 2011. During the months of July through September, there were 14 noise complaints, as opposed to 9 complaints in 2010. This was due to increased military helicopter training. Year-to-date, there has been 51 complaints, compared to 57 in 2010.

The Airport received recent concerns from a resident regarding helicopter activity over the community of Del Oro Groves. The helicopter activity was associated with a metro traffic helicopter and not any military helicopters based at PIE.

Mr. Tillmann reported on *Complaints by City/Subdivision*, and stated that 26 complaints were received from the City of Clearwater compared to 20 during the same Quarter in 2010. In comparison, 9 complaints were received from Safety Harbor, compared to 11 complaints during the Third Quarter of 2010. Mr. Tillmann continued to review the remaining charts with the Task Force reporting that the number of complaints for 2011 remains below the quarterly average.

Mr. Karp expressed concerns about commercial aircraft not flying the VOR-B Approach between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., and instead flying a straight-in approach directly over Del Oro Groves.

NOISE ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE

Mr. Jewsbury provided statistics on the *Noise Abatement Compliance* Report and explained in detail each of the reports for July, August, and September.

Mr. Jewsbury inquired about UPS' outreach efforts to encourage pilots to comply with noise abatement procedures. As a follow up to the last NATF meeting, Captain Schaffer looked into the possibility of implementing an internal "tracking" sheet to log why pilots chose a certain arrival procedure. The suggestion was not well received by UPS labor groups who were opposed to tracking pilot decisions in choosing a specific approach procedure. Captain Schaffer expanded upon the concerns from UPS labor groups and difficulty in obtaining pilot feedback.

Captain Schaffer suggested the possibility of the Airport implementing a NOTAM to restrict pilots to certain approaches between sunset and sunrise. Mr. Jewsbury stated that he would explore this possibility, though it may not be feasible until the VOR-B Approach is converted to a "Public Procedure" that can be utilized by all air carriers.

Mr. Holland inquired on whether a Letter of Agreement could be established between TPA and PIE Air Traffic Control that prohibit visual approaches and require all turbo jet aircraft to fly an instrument approach (i.e. RNAV-GPS, VOR-B) between sundown and sunup. Mr. Jewsbury stated that he would address this possibility with PIE Air Traffic Control, but again advised the Task Force that the VOR-B needs to be a "Public Procedure" before this could be implemented for all air carriers.

Mr. Jewsbury informed the NATF that the FAA is temporarily decommissioning the VOR navigational aid for refurbishment; therefore, the VOR-B Approach will be unavailable during this period. The work was initially scheduled during the month of October, but has been delayed until January 9 - February 12, 2012.

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS - OLD/NEW BUSINESS

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Karp, Bill Allbright stated that Avantair was still trying to pursue authorization from the FAA to use of the VOR-B. Captain Schaffer interjected and stated that it took UPS two years to obtain FAA before they could begin flying the VOR-B.

Mr. Allbright informed the NATF that flight activity associated with scheduled maintenance has declined from 80% to 30% since April 2011, now that Avantair has opened new maintenance locations at other airports. He continues to emphasize the need to use Noise Abatement Procedures with his pilots. Mr. Allbright also reported that there was no specific information to pass along regarding Avantair installing new propellers on the Piaggios that help to minimize aircraft noise.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

No citizens appeared to be heard.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2012.