

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

August 20, 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 3:07 P.M. on this date with the following members present:

Lieutenant Jeff Bowling, U.S. Coast Guard
Thomas Jewsbury, Deputy Airport Director, Operations and Facilities, PIE
Noah Lagos, Airport Director*
Barbara Markley, City of Pinellas Park resident
John Padavich, City of Safety Harbor resident
Michele Routh, Community and Media Relations Director, PIE

Absent:

Joe Cocker, United Parcel Service (UPS)
Tony Conza, USA 3000 Airlines and Sunwing Airlines
Jim Dickinson, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) PIE Air Traffic Control (ATC)*
H. D. Holland, Feather Sound resident
J. B. Johnson, Del Oro Groves Homeowners Association, City of Clearwater resident
Scott McGuff, City of Oldsmar resident
Kevin McKamey, Avantair, Inc. (General Aviation Liaison)
Steve Ochsner, Feather Sound resident
Captain Todd Sokalzuk, U.S. Coast Guard
Lieutenant Aaron Stepler, U.S. Army Reserve
Michael Thompson, URS, Inc., Consultant*
Douglas Williams, City of Clearwater resident**
Michael Zas, County Attorney's Office*
Laurie Zugay, FAA – Tampa International Airport (TPA) Air Traffic Control*

* Advisory capacity only (non-voting members)

** Resignation pending appointment of replacement representative

Also Present:

Lloyd Tillman, PIE Operations Manager

Other interested individuals

Tammy L. Burgess, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Introduction and Opening Comments
 - Minutes from April 23, 2008 meeting
 - 10th Semi-Annual Report
2. Airline Operational Impacts/Noise Abatement Supervisor
3. Monthly and Quarterly Noise Complaint Summary
4. Noise Abatement Compliance
5. VOR-B Approach Update
6. Airco Marketing and Development Feasibility Study
7. Upcoming Meeting Dates
8. Citizens' Comments
9. Adjournment

INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS

Mr. Jewsbury welcomed those present and, at his request, the attendees introduced themselves. He related that the April meeting's minutes are included in the agenda packet; and that the meeting minutes and reports, including the *10th Semi-Annual Report*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, are available on the website.

AIRLINE OPERATIONAL IMPACTS/NOISE ABATEMENT SUPERVISOR

Mr. Jewsbury indicated that due to budget adjustments, various vacancies at the airport have been frozen, including the Noise Abatement Supervisor position; that Airport Operations staff will continue to respond within 24 hours of receiving a noise complaint; and that each complaint will be logged and investigated. Mr. Lagos noted that the Noise Abatement Supervisor position was funded in the fiscal year 2009 budget; and indicated that should there be a need to fill the position, the situation would be evaluated; and in response to query by Mr. Padavich, Mr. Jewsbury indicated that the task force participants will continue to receive the quarterly reports and other documents included in the agenda packet.

MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY NOISE COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Referring to a document titled *Quarterly Noise Complaint Summary, 2nd Quarter 2008*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, Mr. Jewsbury indicated that 146 complaints have been received year to date through the second quarter of 2008, compared to 143 complaints from the second quarter of 2007; that 37 complaints were received from Feather South and 30 from Safety Harbor; that most of the complaints related to excessive noise, the time of day – late night or early morning, and low flying aircraft; and that the majority of the type of complaints were due to commercial airline traffic and the “other” category, which means the aircraft could not be identified. He indicated that 17 complaints had been received in July 2008; that the 2008 year to date numbers are in line with the 2007 numbers; and responding to query by Mr. Padavich, indicated that the Meadow Lawn community would be subject to Tampa’s air traffic as well; whereupon, Mr. Tillman provided input regarding concerns expressed by a Safety Harbor resident during a recent meeting; and indicated that no issues or complaints have been voiced since the meeting.

NOISE ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE

Mr. Jewsbury related that a UPS flight from Miami, Florida, which lands at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, has been observed turning early over Safety Harbor to line up with the North Bay Visual Approach; that the issue has been addressed with UPS and Air Traffic Control; that it is most likely attributable to the actions of TPA approach control; and that over the past several months, the aircraft has been approaching from the south due to the winds from the north; whereupon, in response to query by Mr. Padavich, he related that Tampa Airport Operations has been made aware of the issue; and that staff is continuing to track the aircraft to monitor compliance.

VOR-B APPROACH UPDATE

Mr. Jewsbury provided an update regarding the VOR-B approach; and indicated that there is a publication date of October 23, 2008; that all airlines have verbally committed to request this special approach once it is released; that staff will work to get information to the airlines to ensure compliance with the procedures; and that the VOR-B approach may have a significant impact on the level of complaints, especially in Safety Harbor and Clearwater; whereupon, he

provided a brief description of the VOR-B approach, noting that is it a visual approach that can be used at night.

AIRCO MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Jewsbury related that an update on the feasibility study was requested at the last meeting; whereupon, Mr. Lagos provided a summary of the history regarding airport land, grant dollars from the FAA and the obligations of the FAA mandates for grant dollars. He discussed the Airco golf course, the original master plan, and the feasibility study, indicating that the feasibility study is coming to conclusion; that the consultant will make a presentation regarding the feasibility study to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on October 28, 2008; that the FAA is very interested in the feasibility study as the Airco parcel has produced negative revenues for the airport since it took over operation; and that he will meet with the FAA to discuss the contents of the feasibility study and honoring the obligations mandated by the FAA when federal money is involved, prior to the presentation to the BCC.

Mr. Lagos related that the biggest challenge in developing the Airco parcel is traffic concurrency, noting that Ulmerton Road is currently designated as a failing roadway; and indicated that there is nothing in the study committing to any immediate action; and that there is no timetable and no feedback regarding the reaction of the citizens and the BCC. He indicated that the feasibility study will be put on the website; that the preference is to provide the study to the BCC to review and become familiar with its contents prior to making the study available to the citizens to allow the BCC to be prepared for questions that may be raised by citizens.

Responding to query by Mr. Padavich, Mr. Lagos, with input by Mr. Jewsbury, identified the location of the Airco parcel on an aerial photograph, and indicated that the Neighborhood Care Network will be developing the parcel of property under their ownership; that the FAA has been made aware that if green space should start being developed, consideration should be given to allow the area that is owned by the County, designated as airport property, to remain untouched and act as a buffer with the existing dense growth; that the Airco parcel is almost vacant and from a noise perspective, it does not block noise; that from a technical perspective, concrete buildings on the Airco parcel would provide a better buffer zone than what currently exists as open space; and that the FAA should give serious consideration to development of the Airco parcel.

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UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Mr. Jewsbury indicated that the meeting dates for 2009 will follow the pattern of every third Wednesday each quarter; and that the dates are currently scheduled for January 21, April 15, July 15, and October 21, 2009, and will be posted on the website; and no objections were noted.

OTHER DISCUSSION - None

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 P.M.