

**Jet Noise Commission  
Monday, February 25, 2019  
5:30 PM - Regular Meeting  
MINUTES**

**City of Huntington Beach  
7111 Talbert Avenue  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648  
Central Library, Maddy Room**



ANTONIA GRAHAM  
Assistant to the City Manager

PHIL BURTIS, Chair  
JEFF MORIN, Vice Chair  
MICHAEL BOURGEAULT, Secretary  
DAVID PORTER, Commissioner  
MARIO TABERNIG, Commissioner  
KEITH BOHR, Commissioner  
CHRIS KUNZE, Commissioner

---

**CALL TO ORDER**

5:32 PM

**ROLL CALL**

Keith Bohr – Present  
Phil Burtis – Present  
Chris Kunze – Present  
Jeff Morin – Present  
David Porter – Present  
Mario Tabernig – Present  
Michael Bourgeault – Present

Staff in attendance:

Antonia Graham  
Sandie Frakes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Sheila Gee - Garfield/Main. Concerns about jet noise and lower flight paths. Not happy with altitude disturbances in five coastal communities. Jet Blue and Fed Ex - focus on revoking changes. Get JWA to reroute. Would like city to negotiate. Focus commission on FAA changes.
2. Mary Ransbury - Pecan between 9th & 10th. Appalled; city sold us out. All airports - can track every 90 seconds; chronic/constant noise. More people need to be proactive. Thinking about selling.
3. Matt Palese - Edwards/Quarterhorse. Captain for an airline. There are ways these pilots can land without being so low. Need to keep the planes higher. JWA - not as low but definitely closer. Have the inbound to Long Beach higher. Noise has quadrupled in four years. Pilots are turning in right over town. Arrival route into O.C. is closer to neighborhood. Used to be a loop departure. Need to be higher going into Long Beach.
4. Debra Falese - Edwards Hill. Studied NextGen all over the U.S. and they've all been sued. No EIR study done.

5. Marti Baker - Beach/Yorktown/Garfield. Highway over her home - 1600-2800 ft. Jet Blue needs to fix its planes. You can file a tort against the FAA. Airlines/FAA have cleverly changed how they go over specific houses over & over & over. 2,800 feet is usual. Feels like FAA is the government. Close neighbors don't even notice it. Looking at an attorney to file a claim.

6. Melissa Miller - SeaGate @ Garfield/Goldenwest. Airplane after airplane. Purchased a house and now hates where she lives because of the noise and pollution. Has two year old daughter. Would really like some action.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

1. Council Member Brenden welcomed public and talked about the goals of the Jet Noise Commission. Explained how commissions work. How liaisons work. How the Jet Noise Commission works. How they have been working for the past years, what they have been researching as far as litigation, data, information, etc. All of the research so far has pointed to litigation not working. Quiet skies caucus - advocate with your elected officials.

2. Council Member Delgleize - Huntington Beach is not alone. Have had some success because of our collaborative nature. A review of some of the experiences that have come to play in the past couple of years. Encouraging collaboration to gather more information to be able to create more solutions.

3. Introduction of Commissioners:

a. Chris Kunze - Atlanta & Beach since 1981. Was the former Long Beach Airport Director. Worked at Long Beach Airport from 1981-2007. Covered litigation between airport and airlines which shaped current ordinances.

b. Jeff Morin - Retired from AT&T. Lives at Slater/Edwards. Local & state connections. 1600 Ft. coming in over the coast. Wants to find a solution.

c. Phil Burtis - Goldenwest & Slater. Aerospace engineer (in Vandenberg). Designs software that simulates natural disasters. Doesn't believe FAA did environmental assessment correctly. Collects and tracks data.

d. Keith Bohr - Yorktown & Bushard. Works in Huntington Beach. Former Council Member. Networking background. Help with legislative/communication aspect.

e. Mario Tabernig - Bolsa Chica/Edinger. Mechanical engineer; Air Force pilot; flights are now concentrated at Bolsa Chica/Edinger. Was complaining on social media and facing pushback, so came to City Hall and ended up on this commission.

f. Michael Bourgeault. Palm/Seapoint. Retired IT executive. Walks a lot, 10-20 miles. Need to provide awareness of this problem. Need to engage other communities. A lot of time to devote to this issue.

g. David Porter - Garfield/Seapoint. Attorney (Maritime). Started looking at legal aspects and became disappointed to find out that we are collateral damage to the FAA. FAA says there is no material impact because it doesn't reach 65 DNL but it's similar to Chinese water torture.

### **1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

This agenda item was approved.

Election of the following:

Chair – Phil Burtis. Nominated by David Porter; seconded by Mario Tabernig. Vote unanimous.

Vice Chair – Jeff Morin. Nominated by Keith Bohr; seconded by David Porter. Vote unanimous.

Secretary – Michael Bourgeault. Nominated by Keith Bohr; seconded by David Porter. Vote unanimous.

### **2. Division of Work**

2a. Reporting: Data and Statistics - Research & Development

Chair Phil Burtis and Commissioner Mario Tabernig

2b. Monitoring of and Reporting on Pending Jet Noise-Related Legislation and Litigation

Commissioner David Porter; Legislation - Staff

Monitoring of and Reporting on Pending Jet Noise-Related Legislation and Litigation. Important for new precedent being set or laws being challenged.

2c. Engagement with Other Groups

Commissioners: Keith Bohr and Chris Kunze

LAX - Citizens Groups; Long Beach Airport Advisory Commission and relevant citizen groups. Keith Bohr; Chris Kunze - Long Beach Airport

2d. Collaborative Efforts

Commissioners Keith Bohr, Jeff Morin, and Chris Kunze

2e. Communications Update

Secretary Michael Bourgeault

Social media, collateral material, information for community.

### **3. Field Trips**

Tracon, Airports and other Boards and Commissions. Commissioner Bohr would like field trips to be publicly noticed so that all commissioners can attend.

#### **4. Updates from Subject Matter Experts**

Council Member Brenden would like experts (attorneys, air noise specialists, special lobbyists/communication activities) to come to future meetings.

#### **5. Other Cities Activities Related to Jet Noise**

Council Member Brenden would like a one-time report detailing history of national efforts and what other cities have attempted to be given at a future meeting.

#### **Additional Action Items:**

1. Question asked about Brown Act Training. Antonia Graham will bring Mike Vigliotta, City Attorney's Office, to train at next meeting.
2. Antonia Graham asked to explain how to add items to agenda. Explained that items need to be to her no later than the Thursday prior to meeting for review and to be posted in time.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

7:06 PM

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Jet Noise Commission is Monday, March 25, 2019, at Central Library in the Maddy Room, Huntington Beach, California.**

**INTERNET ACCESS TO THE Jet Noise Commission AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT MATERIAL IS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO the Jet Noise Commission MEETINGS AT:**  
**<https://huntingtonbeach.legistar.com/>**

#### **MEETING ASSISTANCE NOTICE:**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, services are available to members of our community who require special assistance to participate in public meetings. If you require special assistance, 48-hour prior notification will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements for an assisted listening device (ALD) for the hearing impaired, American Sign Language interpreters, a reader during the meeting and/or large print agendas. Please contact City Administration at 714-536-5202 for more information, or request assistance from the staff or Sergeant-at-Arms at the meeting.