

JET NOISE COMMISSION
Monday, May 23, 2022
5:30 PM - Regular Meeting
Minutes

Office of the City Manager



City of Huntington Beach
2000 Main Street, Lower Level,
Room B7

JEFF MORIN, Chair
DAVE PORTER, Vice Chair
KEITH BOHR, Commissioner
PHIL BURTIS, Commissioner
CHRIS KUNZE, Commissioner
MARIO TABERNIG, Commissioner
MICHAEL BOURGEAULT, Commissioner
BARBARA DELGLEIZE, Council Member
BOLTON, RHONDA, Council Member

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to order at 5:32

ROLL CALL

Present: Morin, Bohr, Burtis, Kunze Bourgeault

Absent: Porter, Kunze, Tabernig

Staff: Hopkins

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from March 28, 2022 as amended.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Review of Air Traffic Reports

Commissioner Burtis provided an update on the 2022 ANE Conference topics, TSA passenger Count, Air traffic count by hour, Santa Ana, LAX and Long Beach Airport flight pattern observations, and Long Beach Airport Hawaiian Airlines flight arrival elevations. The Commissions discussed that the conference included presentations including the keynote speaker presenting information on the new technology of electric planes and air taxis. The discussion continued on how cities will need to deal with the use of air taxis and where and how they will provide service. The conference also discussed what is Meaningful Community Engagement including noise abatement, noise metrics and impacts. The approach to these problems included discussion on research, legislation and implementation.

Commissioner Burtis shared data collected and comparison charts. The data shared indicates that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) 2022 passenger count has leveled off at 90% of the 2019 numbers. A chart was shared that provides the total number of planes that fly over Huntington Beach on a sample day. The flights were broken down by hour and either arrivals or departures from LAX, Santa Ana, and Long Beach Airports. The committee discussed the quantity of flights and the time of day that they are over the City. Commissioner Kunze noted that every year the airport is to complete a noise test and suggested that the staff

request information on the testing, including when the testing is scheduled. Two sets of charts showing a scatter graph of the flights and elevations for each year over 2020, 2021 and 2022 for Santa Ana and LAX Airport was provided to illustrate any potential changes to the uniformity of the approaching flights for discussion. A scatter graph for the Long Beach Airport was provided for 2022 for both Hawaiian Airline and flights approaching from the North. The final charts provided for the commission discussion were Hawaiian Airline approaches for both Jan, Apr and May (through May 21). The data shows that Hawaiian arrivals came in about 50% of the time above 2,500 feet which is up from 28% from January through April. Southwest Airlines held roughly steady at nearly 50% approaching flights at elevations above 2,500 feet.

Commissioner Kunze suggested that the emissions and fuel savings by utilizing the continuous decent approach should be analyzed. This information could be shared with the airlines and airport as cost and emissions budgets incentives.

2. Updates:

a. Discussions with Representative Steel Office

Staff has been working with Representative Steel's office on the collaboration of a letter written to the FAA. Steel's staff is finalizing the letter and City staff will follow up on and provide any support needed.

b. Airlines and Long Beach Airport Update

City staff has requested the use of the noise monitoring equipment from Long Beach Airport. The Airport is re-evaluating the City of Huntington Beach use of the equipment and if there would be any requirements to do so. City staff is following up with the opportunity to meet and discuss with them. City staff with the help of Long Beach Airport staff, is reaching out to Southwest Airlines to identify a chief pilot to help support ongoing discussions on the Committees noise efforts.

c. FAA Ombudsman Update

Through the outreach to Hawaiian Airlines Government Affairs Officer with the Committee's concern of the inbound flight elevations, the FAA Ombudsman has started a discussion with staff on options available that would help reduce the noise concerns. The FAA and Hawaiian Airlines suggested four approaches to the concern for continued discussions. The commission discussed that these approaches are all options available and not a decision between the options. The discussion includes the following items that are not in priority order. Preparing a new approach procedure that would require airline support as well as the FAA

approval process. The second opportunity is equipment upgrades for HAL airplanes that will allow the pilots more ability to provide an inbound approach at higher elevations. This implementation, if approved by HAL, is estimated to be completed by end of year in 2023. The third opportunity is to evaluate an alternate existing flight procedure that may reduce the flight approach over the city into Long Beach Airport. The fourth opportunity is evaluating the ability for the approaching pilots to request approval to approach at higher elevations.

d. Noise Study Update

City staff continues to follow up with Long Beach Airport on the use of the noise monitoring equipment and is also pursuing other options for equipment.

3. Next Steps to Address the Jet Noise Concerns

Staff will continue to follow up on the items in the updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Commission adjourned the meeting at 6:40

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the JET NOISE COMMISSION is JUNE 27, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. in Conference Room B-7.

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