



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Santa Monica Airport Ad-Hoc Committee

Thursday, December 17, 2015, 7:00 to 8:30 PM

12139 National Blvd. LA, CA 90064

MINUTES

Co-Chairs:

Valerie Davidson, Valerie.davidson@marvista.org - Martin Rubin, martinrubin@earthlink.net

- I. Call to Order @7:15 PM by Martin Rubin
- II. Introductions and Public Comments (2 minutes)
5 present - Martin Rubin, Val Davidson, Joan Winters, Virginia Ernst, Rachael Koch
- III. Approval of November 19, 2015 minutes passed with no corrections or objections
- IV. Reports
 - a. Report by Co-Chairs Martin Rubin and Val Davidson
 - b. Report from groups other than MVCC.
Martin Rubin, in his capacity as director of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution (CRAAP), mentioned that he and Virginia Ernst met twice with Nelson Hernandez, Senior Advisor for Airport Affairs to the Santa Monica City Manager.
- V. Old Business with possible motions
 - a. Discussion of revising the MVCC SMO web page
MVCC is in the process of revamping their website.
 - b. Update on MVCC Airport Committee survey submissions from newsletter and at MVCC elections, and discussion on processing surveys for statistical calculations.
It was suggested that the MVCC election survey should include question(s) regarding airport issues.
- VI. New Business with possible motions
 - a. Update information regarding SMO
The FAA determination was unfavorable to Santa Monica. Santa Monica City Council voted unanimously to appeal.
 - b. SoCal Metroplex issue discussion continued with a proposed motion.
Motion (below) - passed unanimously.
 - c. Request items for next meeting's agenda:
- VII. Public Comment (2 minutes): None
- VIII. Adjournment 7:55

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Motion passed unanimously - December 17. 2015 agenda item VI.b.

WHEREAS, the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) is an official neighborhood organization of the City of Los Angeles;

WHEREAS, beginning no later than October 2015, residents of Mar Vista have observed and experienced significant overhead changes to arrival patterns of commercial passenger airplanes into Los Angeles International Airport (LAX);

WHEREAS these airplanes fly over Mar Vista every 1-2 minutes, beginning before dawn and continuing through the day into the evening, at altitudes lower than they did prior to October 2015, emitting noise at higher levels than they did prior to October 2015;

WHEREAS, residents of the Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, West Los Angeles, Culver City, and other parts of the City of Los Angeles have reported similar observations regarding changes to approach paths to LAX since at least October 2015;

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is responsible for flight approaches and departures relating to LAX;

WHEREAS, the FAA is in the process of implementing the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen), with the goal of transforming the country's air traffic control system from a ground-based system to a satellite-based system in order to increase efficiency, safety, and predictability to flights throughout the United States;

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2015, the FAA concluded a public comment period relating to its implementation of NextGen technology for LAX and other Southern California airports;

WHEREAS, representatives of the FAA have not explained the reason for the observed changes to flight approaches into LAX over Mar Vista but have denied that they are associated with NextGen implementation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MVCC requests and supports efforts by the Los Angeles City Council to request information from the FAA regarding the reason for the observed changes to flight approaches into LAX over Mar Vista.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MVCC supports flight approaches into LAX over the neighborhoods noted above that would offer a reduction of noise impacts.