

KWIA Ad-Hoc Committee on Noise March 3rd, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Deborah Lagos at 2:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Committee Members in Attendance:

Peter Horton
Nat Harris
Harvey Wolney
Nick Pontocorvo
Norma Faraldo

Staff and Guests in Attendance:

Deborah Lagos, DML & Associates, Noise Program Coordinator
Steve Vecchi, THC, NIP Program Manager
Heather Faubert, THC, NIP Program Manager
Erick D'Leon, Deputy Director of Airports
Bud Griner, EYW ATCT Manager
Roberta DePiero, Homeowner

A quorum was present. Deborah Lagos chaired the meeting.

Introductions

Unfortunately, Commissioner Cates was unable to attend the meeting, but his bio was included in the Agenda Package. Erick D'Leon, Assistant Director of Airports, introduced himself to the Committee.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes for the March 5th and October 1st, 2019 Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

The March 5th minutes were inadvertently left out of the Agenda Package, so they could not be approved. Deborah apologized for the mix up. They will be included for the next meeting. The October 1st minutes were included in draft form, so they were not approved. They will also be included for the next meeting.

The Meeting Minutes for June 4th were included in the Agenda Package. Peter Horton made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Nat Harris. The minutes for June 4th, 2019 were unanimously approved.

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Discussion of NIP Implementation

Steve Vecchi provided a Power Point Presentation including the following items:

1. Project Summary: KWBTs Building B - Floors 3-6
2. KWBTs Building C Construction Update
3. KWBTs Building A Asbestos Test Results
4. KWBTs Building A Implementation Plan
5. Building A - Phase 1 Project Bid Strategy

A copy of the presentation was included in the Agenda Package.

Discussion of Comments from Eric Bredemeyer regarding MTH

Deborah indicated that Mr. Bredemeyer mailed copies of this letter to all Ad-Hoc Committee members. The letter is regarding the Environmental Assessment at MTH.

Erick D'Leon provided a copy of the BOCC Agenda Item for approval to establish Ad-Hoc Committees on noise for the Key West and Marathon Airports, dated May 16, 1995. Item Background: "A committee for each airport should be established to serve the following two functions: 1) To act as a steering committee to explore the feasibility of closing the airports between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 am, 2) Explore any noise abatement procedures or devices which could be implemented to lessen the impacts of noisy aircraft operations." Staff Recommendations: "The makeup of these committees should consist of 5 members each. One (1) member from the airline industry, one (1) member representing general aviation, two (2) members from the community adjacent to the airport and the final member should be a County Commissioner who would serve as the Chairman of the committee. The BOCC member chosen for each committee should represent the District where the Airport is located. Division and airport personnel should serve as non-voting staff to each committee."

Based on this information, the Committee disagreed with Mr. Bredemeyer's supposition that this Ad-Hoc Committee was empowered to act on behalf of Marathon Airport.

There was no further discussion.

Other Reports

Noise Hotline and Contact Log

Deborah reviewed the calls received on the hotline. Six (6) of the calls were regarding aircraft flying over or too close to La Brisa. In addition, there were

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three (3) calls complaining about loud aircraft, one from the corner of Flagler and 8th St., one from Staples Ave., and one from Key West Golf Club. Deborah received two (2) calls regarding eligibility and timing for the NIP.

In addition to calls on the hotline (or to Deborah directly), three (3) emails were received. One was from a homeowner (not the original homeowner) who lived in a house that was insulated in Phase 1 of the NIP, asking if he was eligible to receive a new front door. The other two were from homeowners asking about eligibility for the NIP.

Airport Noise Report

The following articles were discussed:

1. Volume 31, Number 30, "Key West Gets Additional Noise Grant,"
2. Volume 31, Number 32, "NASA Takes Delivery of First All-Electric Experimental X-57 Aircraft,"
3. Volume 31, Number 33, "TRB Issues Guide on Managing, Engaging Stakeholders on UAS in Airport Vicinity,"
4. Volume 31, Number 40, "Bill Would Allow GA Airports to Restrict Noise Without Going Through FAA Part 161 Process,"
5. Volume 31, Number 41, "Noise Grants Totaling \$70.5 Million Awarded to 17 Airports in Fiscal 2019,"
6. Volume 32, Number 5, "Bill Would Decrease FAA's Threshold of Significant Noise Impact to 60 DNL."

Any Other Discussion

The Committee asked Deborah to provide a definition of "Ad-Hoc." She will include that in the next meeting Agenda Package.

Peter Horton reminded Deborah to please number the pages in the Agenda Package.

Nat Harris asked if the 20% departures to the west had changed. No one was aware of any change, but the ATCT has records. Nat then asked if there were any plans for decibel recorders. Deborah answered that there were no plans.

Bud Griner, ATCT Manager, mentioned that there were early turns northbound to avoid Navy aircraft from NAS KW. Aircraft turn over Cow Key before entering NAS airspace. Sometimes they turn south to avoid Navy aircraft.

Peter Horton motioned for adjournment, seconded by Nat Harris. The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 PM.