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**SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE/SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 11, 2007
SHERATON SAN DIEGO HOTEL AND MARINA, HARBOR ISLAND**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gail K. Naughton, Dean of the College of Business Administration at San Diego State University, called the meeting of the Special Advisory Committee to the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority to order at 1:05 p.m. The meeting was held on Thursday, October 11, 2007, at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina, West Tower, Fairbanks Room, 1590 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego, CA 92101.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present:

Frank Adams	Fed Ex Representative
Rick Alexander	East County EDC
Brad Barnum	Alternate for Jim Ryan, AGC
Dan Burkhart	National Business Aviation Association
John Chalker	Founder, ASAP21
Diane Coombs	Executive Director, Citizens Coordinate for Century 3
Oris Dunham	Airport Industry Consultant
Doug Eatros	Fed Ex Representative
Capt. Robert Fahey	Alternate for Capt. Steve Wirsching
Gary Gallegos	Executive Director, SANDAG
Brian Gray	San Diego Taxpayers Association
Terry Hansen	Alternate for Col. Dave Meyers
Curtis Holmes	Transport Workers Union
Peter B. Houghton	Southwest Airlines
Lucy Killea	Former State Senator
Gary Knight	North County EDC
Pat Landrum	Alternate for Pedro Orso-Delgado
Kirk Lanz	South County EDC
Richard Miller	San Diego Chapter Sierra Club
Gail K. Naughton	Dean, SDSU College of Business Administration
VADM Raymond Peet	Member of Board of Overseers, UCSD
Ellen Roundtree	Alternate for Julianne Nygaard
Leon Williams	Former Chairman, MTS

Regional Airport Authority Representatives Present:

Ted Anasis, Manager of Airport Planning
Thella Bowens, President/CEO
Peggy L. Cooper, Strategic Planning Coordinator
Dan Frazee, Director of Airport Noise Mitigation

Regional Airport Authority Board Members Present:

James Panknin
Robert J. Watkins

Welcome Remarks from Authority Board Member Mr. Robert Watkins:

Robert explained Senate Bill 10 has recently been signed, and the Authority Board is now focused on the future of San Diego International Airport. Currently, the Authority is developing a two-phase Airport Master Plan to make Lindbergh Field the most accessible and appropriate airport in the region. Robert explained the work and input of the Advisory Committee members is very important to the Authority Board, and he thanked the members for their time and effort.

Approval of Minutes

The July 12, 2007 Airport Advisory Committee meeting minutes were approved without any revisions.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ted Anasis, Manager of Airport Planning at SDCRAA, presented an overview of the Airport Master Plan. He explained the passenger growth at SDIA is expected to be 2 to 3 percent annually, and annual operations are also expected to increase each year. SDIA is the largest U.S. market without nonstop service to Europe, and there is demand for more international air service to SDIA. The Airport Master Plan objectives include: improving service, safety, security for airport users, utilizing property and facilities efficiently, enhancing ground access to the transit system, enhancing the regional economy by service demand for air service, and obtaining stakeholder and community input. Ted explained the Airport Master Plan includes an implementation plan and a land use plan. The implementation plan includes a 10 gate expansion at Terminal 2, overnight parking for aircraft, an aircraft apron and taxi lanes, a second level roadway and a parking structure. The land use plan includes identifying future land uses of the airport property and adding a transit center in the north area.

2. Ms. Heidi Gantwerk, Vice President, and Mr. Steve Rosell, President, both from Viewpoint Learning, facilitated a special leadership dialogue with the Advisory Committee. Heidi explained this dialogue is part of a broader effort to engage San Diego leaders and the public in designing and implementing a long-term plan that will allow SDIA to evolve and serve the changing needs of this fast-growing San Diego region. The committee members were divided into groups to discuss and identify approaches to San Diego's future air travel and related transportation infrastructure plans that both business leaders and the public could support. The discussion allowed committee members to engage in a dialogue regarding the range of benefits and challenges involved in creating a long-term air transportation solution for San Diego. It also helped identify real solutions that leaders can support and that the committee members want to see explored with the public. The discussion topics included: number

of gates and flights, access to and from the airport, connections to public and freeway transit, best ways to utilize the land available at Lindbergh Field, cargo and freight shipments, and downtown and surrounding commercial/residential development. These solutions will be tested in a series of day-long Choice Dialogue sessions with San Diegans from around the region. These dialogues will allow San Diego County residents to weigh the pros and cons of a range of choices, will provide deeper insight than polls or focus groups to find out how the public will resolve difficult tradeoffs, and identify what solutions the public would support and the conditions for that support.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Jarvis Ross said he was part of a group that is working to relocate San Diego International Airport. He feels the location of West Miramar that was on the ballot last year was the wrong location for the new airport. He compared the attempted improvements to Lindbergh Field to trying to put new tires on a broken model T car. He stated that adding new gates at SDIA is acceptable, but it is important to remember that SDIA was built on liquefiable land. He feels the East Elliott area of the Miramar Marine Corps Air Station should be the new airport location. The military facilities at Miramar need to be relocated out of residential areas. He feels it would take 10 years to build a new airport. However, he stated that transportation already exists at the East Elliott location, and the area could be redeveloped to include airport support facilities. The East Elliott airport location will also not impact residents in the community.
- Lance Murphy said he agreed with the Advisory Committee's comments towards the end of the meeting. He stated the regional solution concept has been proven to not work at other airports, and it will not work in San Diego because it does not have a good supporting structure. The framework of a regional solution should be questioned. With Proposition A, the voters in San Diego said "no" to the Miramar location for a new airport. He feels the alternative airport locations that were identified through the site selection process were discounted for various reasons need to be reconsidered now. He feels there was not enough voter education and nobody was aware of the real airport issues. He also feels the Authority needs to think through the cons as much as the pros for all potential sites. He said it is important to not waste efforts, and to focus on a long term solution for San Diego.
- Cynthia Conger said she heard the discussion among the committee members about involving the community with airport decisions. She stated the alternatives for new airport locations need to consider the benefits to be gained and the losses to be avoided. For example, a transportation system from here to Los Angeles area provides little benefit to San Diego County residents. She stated we need to look at the problems in San Diego first and find the best location for a new airport and transportation to benefit the entire county. She explained the Federal Government pays for all transportation to and from an international airport, with two

full size 12,500 foot long runways. However SDIA is not a truly international airport because it only has one runway. She stated there are obstacles at all potential San Diego airport sites, except the East Elliott location. It is important to also consider the airlines in these discussions. The airlines do not want to split their operations, and they pay for the terminals. Also airport bond funds are the quickest and best paid off bonds. These bonds can be very profitable, and people will invest when they see something that works. She explained we need to search further and not consider Lindbergh Field as the only solution.

- Diane Woodside said this committee is operating on the assumption that the vote “no” on Proposition A means we have to keep Lindbergh Field. She feels that is a false assumption. Keeping Lindbergh Field is similar to trying to find ways to remodel and expand a one bedroom home on a tiny lot to meet the needs of an expanding family. It simply will not work. We need an international airport that serves the entire county, not only the business people who live downtown. She cannot understand why the Authority did not promote the East Elliott location and put it on last year’s ballot. The Miramar Marine Corps Air Station location produced a strong not in-my-back-yard (NIMBY) effect from the community and opposition from the military. We need to consider the East Elliott site, and we need to get it before it is developed.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

- There were no committee member comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 1 p.m. at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina, Catalina Room, San Diego, CA 92101.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE THIS 17TH DAY OF JANUARY 2008.

DAN FRAZEE
DIRECTOR, AIRPORT NOISE MITIGATION