

**Minutes**  
**Venice Neighborhood Council**  
**Santa Monica Airport Ad-Hoc Committee**  
**Friday, February 12, 2010 9:00 A.M.**  
**Rose Café, 220 Rose Ave., Venice**

**Chair: Laura Silagi**

**Attending: Stephanie Body; Josh Crosby; Joan Miner; Ingrid Mueller; Amanda Seward; Mindy Taylor Ross, Laura Silagi**

**I. Call to Order** This first meeting of the committee called at 9:00 A.M.

**II. Introductions and Public Comments**

A general discussion of the purpose of the meeting / committee began as Josh expressed his thought that this meeting was to be a collection of community leaders working to organize action regarding the negative effects of Santa Monica Airport on its surroundings.

It was stated that the VNC Santa Monica Airport Ad-Hoc Committee is being established so that the VNC would have a specific committee devoted to airport issues and also would therefore be able to participate in an eventual meeting of the larger community wide leaders regarding goals and actions. Those leaders would range from and include Councilman Bill Rosendahl; Marty Rubin from CRAAP; MVCC Airport Committee Chairmen; to neighborhood associations such as Friends of Sunset Park in Santa Monica and the Westdale Neighborhood Association (which put on the recent well-attended panel presenting UCLA's Professor Susanne Paulson with her report on aircraft emissions.)

Laura described her attending a recent Mar Vista Community Council Airport Committee meeting. That committee is interested in uniting in larger community action but also is operating with the understanding that the different neighborhoods surrounding the airport have different issues. Mar Vista is focusing on jet emissions and fumes.

A discussion followed regarding our committee members' various single issues. Like Josh and his Venice Skye group, most of our members were fed up with noise from the flight schools doing flight patterns over areas ranging from Penmar Park to the "Venice Walk Streets." Noise pollution is one of our main issues. Particulate matter is becoming another.

**III. Discussion of Topics for Actions and Possible Motions**

**A. Survey of Neighborhoods** The committee has funding for and has developed a simple survey designed to learn the nature and extent of airport related problems throughout the Venice area. It will be delivered to the community in the VNC

Newsletter, and perhaps on line, in some way not yet finalized. Josh, Amanda, Mindy & Joan will help with different aspects of survey distribution.

**B. Hiring Aviation Expert for Advice** After discussion, voted to hire consultant Jon Rodgers to establish the notion of “Reasonable” as an action tool as it relates to the language of Santa Monica Airport agreements and aircraft noise. The committee would also use his input on the survey. Amanda, an attorney, is especially interested in investigating action via “legal” issues.

**C. Pollution Caused by Jets** General discussion of members’ experience and understanding of noise, fume, and particulate matter.

**D. Working With Other Neighborhood Councils** After discussion, it was decided that we would each come back to the next meeting having a list of long and short term goals re the future of the airport and future action by our committee and by the community. All agreed we would work toward a larger community action as described in the first paragraph above.

**E. Santa Monica Airport Commission Meetings** In discussion it was considered that the meetings can be frustrating as far as action is concerned, but that attendance can be valuable. The upcoming February 22 meeting will be a special Annual Environmental Workshop. Laura and Stephanie will attend.

**F. Fact Gathering Regarding Flight Schools and the FAA** Josh has flown with and had informative dialogue with a flight school teaching pilot. Laura and Stephanie will do the same before the next meeting.

**IV. Next Meeting** March 17, 9:00 A.M. Rose Café

**V. Public Comments** It was agreed we had our individual tasks in hand. Stephanie will write the minutes.

**VI. Adjournment** 11:00 A.M.