

**Minutes**  
**Venice Neighborhood Council**  
**Santa Monica Airport Ad-Hoc Committee**  
**Wednesday, May 19, 2010 9:00 A.M.**  
**Rose Café, 220 Rose Ave., Venice**

**Chair: Laura Silagi**  
**Attending: Stephanie Body; Ingrid Mueller**

**I. Call to Order** Meeting called at 9:25 A.M. by Laura Silagi

**II. Introductions and Public Comments** None

**III. Old Business**

**A. Report on Santa Monica Airport Commission meeting on noise**

The published April 26 Annual Noise Report Workshop agenda and report documents are an excellent source of statistics. The new complaints from the Santa Monica residents sound exactly like those the Los Angeles residents have been expressing for years. Our committee discussed individual results when complaining to SMO staff. The responses are mixed and generally residents are giving up complaining because there are no results. Some items of note are: Unlike most airports, SMO measures and focuses on Single Event Noise Levels rather than Combined Noise Levels; Mar Vista Airport Committee co-chair Bill Koontz was acknowledged as correct when he described the effects of low pitched noise on homes in his district. The structures actually reverberate. The committee discussed the psycho-environmental effects of noise which Ingrid reported that Europe includes as worthy of paid health care. The SM Airport Commission is renewing its investigation of legal action pursuant to reviewing the documents governing SMO: the 1945 deed and the 1984 agreement with the FAA. Ingrid suggested a Los Angeles resident be considered as a member of the SMA Commission.

**B. Discussion of Survey** Laura has sent a report of our committee meetings to the VNC board. So far there are 200 surveys returned. Future distribution and funding was discussed. Venice Sky will send their petition list to contact. Laura has a volunteer expert to help apply survey data to a map for a visual presentation of the information.

**IV. New Business**

**A. Discussion of the new flights over Santa Monica and how the VNC or individuals might respond to the Santa Monica fight to have that FAA Test reversed.** The noisy and organized SM residents' complaints and action resulted in a Waxman letter to FAA head Babbitt. Environmental attorney and Sunset Park resident John Murdoch spoke and brought up the possibility of a nuisance lawsuit. VNC basically functions as an advisory group, so we should possibly send a letter to the LA City Council and should try to liaison with people in government who could have some effect. Bill Rosendahl's legal associate could be a start. Amanda will review the legal documents involved. We have to get the press involved. There is too cozy a relationship between government agencies' regulators and the businesses they cover. The situation

here with the FAA is no different. Actions: Laura and Amanda will approach Rosendahl's office. Laura and Stephanie will reach out to Santa Monica neighborhood association leaders to discuss current state of affairs and working together.

**B. Report on Film Ideas** Animation of sound waves and effects.

**IV. Next Meeting** Wednesday, June 16, 9:00am, Rose Café.

**V. Adjournment** 11:10 A.M.