

Minutes
Venice Neighborhood Council
Santa Monica Airport Ad-Hoc Committee
Wednesday, June 16, 2010 9:00 A.M.
Rose Café, 220 Rose Ave., Venice

Chair: Laura Silagi
Attending: Stephanie Body; Joan Miner; Ingrid Mueller;
Mindy Taylor-Ross; Lino Wiehen

I. Call to Order Meeting called at 9:10 A.M. by Laura Silagi

II. Introductions and Public Comments New member Lino Wiehen introduced himself and group reviewed for him the mission of our committee. Ingrid reported on a NASA TV documentary that described the future of air transportation including new, very small planes carrying 2-3 people to the general aviation airports. In 10 years this system would work like we use cars.

III. Old Business

A. Report on Santa Monica Airport Commission Meeting Discussed May 24 meeting in which Santa Monica residents, in response to the FAA flight path test, expressed the same concerns we have had for years. The airport staff gave a thorough report and was very responsive to the residents. The commission voted to hire investigators and attorneys.

B. Discussion of Survey Lino expressed a concern that the survey felt like a response to Santa Monica rather than a Venice initiative. A discussion followed highlighting the function of the survey as a means to develop a data base of emails for future action; map where different effects are felt; and have numbers to point to. Mindy commented that large numbers are important. 2000 has more weight than 200. We should work to have the surveys out by the end of the summer. Will ask for volunteers from the VNC to distribute surveys. Joan will help get emails off the Survey Monkey for a list. Bill the VNC for the \$20 / month Survey Monkey membership?

IV. New Business

A. Discussion of how to engage VNC and public in SMO situation including lobbying Federal and State elected politicians. Lieu's request to review the impact of SMO operations is going through The California Assembly. Laura will compose a letter from the VNC urging federal agencies to study and act. She will take it through the board process.

B. Discussion of legal and other points to fight the SM Airport either in a private or city sponsored lawsuit. Laura and Amanda met with Rosendahl's Norm Culken who explained the principle: whenever there is a change you can sue, but there is no change to refer to in our situation. Amanda is looking into

legal avenues: independent suit, groups of people, specific nuisance. Joan and Lino encouraged using the excellent, already existing YoVenice Blog as a good way of communicating.

- C. Report on Film Ideas and Uses** Kathy Levitt away but is talking about a video showing various aircraft interrupted conversation. Mindy suggested interviewing parents while they were picking up kids from school with an over fly. Idea was a result of discussion focusing on area schools and studies regarding effects of noise on children. Joan suggested that the Venice High Community Issues meetings (“school based management”), with many parents already participating, presents a good opportunity to organize and communicate. She will investigate.

D. Other

- 1.) Terms and questions regarding useful information were brought up:
 - a.) Three airport types: Commercial; General Aviation; Reliever (defined as non-commercial)
 - b.) Who are the actual users? How many people are served? Private individuals? Corporations? Population benefiting vs Ground population? What is the entire population below affected? Who has this info?
- 2.) Laura reported on an opportunity to have an article and photo in “The Beachhead”. It was agreed Laura will write it with our input. It will summarize the SMO issues, list active groups, and mention our online survey.

IV. Next Meeting Wednesday, July 21, 9:00am, Rose Café.

V. Adjournment 10:30 A.M.