

**ORMOND BEACH  
AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**April 13, 2009**

**6:30 p.m.**

**City Hall Training Room  
22 South Beach Street  
Ormond Beach, Florida**

**I. Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. Bob Behnke, Bruce Manne, Keith Riger, and Larry Volenec were present. Mr. Stout was absent. Staff members present were Joyce Shanahan City Manager, Joe Mannarino Economic Development Director, Steven Lichliter Airport Manager and Terri Hamsher Recording Secretary.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Behnke motioned and Mr. Riger seconded the approval of the January 12, 2009, minutes.

**III. Meet/Greet Joyce Shanahan, City Manager**

Ms. Shanahan thanked the board for their service to the community and acknowledged the citizens in attendance. She stated that she is trying to meet with all the advisory boards and introduce herself to them. She stated that she is grateful for the active citizen involvement the community and on the various boards and committees. She was happy to answer any questions regarding the issues being discussed tonight or about herself.

**IV. Updates**

Mr. Lichliter stated that there were three projects underway, and he received information from FDOT that there would be cuts in programs, mostly for FY 2011 and 2012, for airport improvement projects. He stated that things may improve in 2011 and 2012. There was no indication that ongoing projects were impacted by the cuts.

Mr. Lichliter referred to the expenditure report and explained the status of the Taxiway J rehabilitation project. He then provided an update on the Taxiway Golf and Taxiway Alpha projects.

Mr. Lichliter distributed a document from Hoyle Tanner as regards the heliport project and explained the information in the document. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Lichliter stated that the first time he met with the board there was not much discussion on noise abatement as that time of year was quieter, but with the beginning of the academic calendar there were more concerns with noise and an effort was made to create a more comprehensive noise abatement plan. Mr. Lichliter explained the details of the prior noise abatement procedure and compared it with the new

procedures. He also provided an updated on his efforts in contacting flight schools as regards noise concerns at the airport.

Mr. Lichliter stated that he had researched other airports across the nation that were similar to Ormond Beach's airport and compiled a report which would be released in the future.

#### **V. Member Comments**

Mr. Riger asked Mr. Lichliter if he was employed part time or full time with the City. Mr. Lichliter stated that he was a part time employee. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Riger asked if there was some sort of log that was kept that would show if there were fewer complaints. Mr. Lichliter replied that all complaints received were logged.

Mr. Behnke stated that at the January meeting there was a discussion regarding the rotating beacon replacement and asked for the status of that effort. Mr. Lichliter provided an update on this project.

Mr. Volenec stated that it seemed when he was landing on runway 26 the trees were very close to the runway threshold.

Mr. Mannarino stated that they would have to be cut back after review.

Mr. Lichliter stated that the FAA recently flew all the approaches, they did not indicate that there was something that needed to be addressed, but the trees would be cut back.

#### **VI. Audience Comments**

Mr. Ty Wilson, 7 Circle Oaks, expressed his concern regarding the number of take offs and landings, and asked about growth at the airport.

Vince Kinsler, 16 Jolynn Drive, expressed his concerns on the number of flights at the airport, the noise and safety factor with the increased flights and student pilots.

Tim Biggs, 7 Waterfront, stated he was concerned as regards safety of the student pilots flying and planes flying over his home.

Linda Wilson, 7 Circle Oaks Trail, stated that she would like a noise and safety committee of concerned citizens. She asked which of the board members were pilots.

Mr. Riger and Mr. Behnke stated they were not pilots. Dr. Manne and Mr. Volenec stated they were pilots. Mr. Volenec stated that Mr. Stout was a pilot.

Chris Weichert, 164 Bearfoot Trail, concurred with what everyone before him had said and added that there was a problem with helicopters flying over Bear Creek.

John Morris, 9 Tomoka View Drive, invited everyone to his house any afternoon between 4 and 6 p.m. to observe the noise of the aircraft flying overhead.

Jean Morris, 9 Tomoka View Drive, expressed her concern regarding the magnitude of the noise in the past year and wished to be on the noise committee.

Pat Ellis, 13 Tomoka View Drive, stated that she concurred with everything she had heard in this room and that the schools were unsafe.

Philip Ellis, 13 Tomoka View Drive, asked about policing the pilots and citations.

Jim Phillips, 20 Tomoka View Drive, stated that the number of flights and noise was considerably more in the last year or two and a plane went down almost in his backyard.

Wim Castricum, 10 Waterfront Court, expressed his opinion on stricter rules and that the rules should be enforced, and planes from other airports that landed in Ormond.

Sal Franko, 10 Ocean Pines Drive, stated that he had the same complaints as everyone else.

Gail DeLagi, 7 Waterfront Court, agreed that noise and safety was a concern.

Larry Liedkey, 5 Waterfront Court, his main concern was safety and expressed his wish to cut back the number of planes flying from Embry Riddle.

A number of citizens asked if they were being unreasonable as regards their aircraft noise complaints.

Mr. Volenec stated that when he is at the airport on the weekends, it was not that busy. He was not there during the week when the residents were seeing the day to day operations. He lived at the end of runway 8 toward the elementary school and unless there were a lot of planes in the pattern they did not tend to fly over his house.

Mr. Behnke stated that he lived in Bear Creek and did not hear the traffic that residents in the more distant areas did. He has heard helicopters; they did not fly over Bear Creek, but flew the perimeter. He stated that if the planes missed their approach he would hear them. He could appreciate the noise that the citizens in the audience heard. He asked that once the planes were above a certain height, were they under Daytona? Mr. Lichliter replied that they were.

Mr. Riger stated that he did not live near the airport and was not directly affected. He had been to houses and businesses and heard the noise. He added that the FAA would not solve the problem and would not cite a pilot unless it was well documented or if they saw it themselves. He stated that the air traffic control tower could also help in this area, discussed how flight training was down and that Florida is popular for flight training because of the ideal climate. He added that representatives from the flight

schools should be on the noise committee, it should have pilots and residents from different areas to discuss the problems and work out a solution.

Ann Tutera, 121 Shady Branch Trail, expressed her dissatisfaction with the number of student and business pilots flying.

Terry Perkins 108 Heritage Circle shared his knowledge of the history of the airport and noise abatement.

David Nichols, 36 Pebble Beach, voiced his opinion regarding noise abatement, and enforcement, complaints on the planes flying, safety and touch and go's.

Trish Sundblad, 8 Ocean Pines Dr., expressed her concerns regarding the noise, helicopters flying over her home and the safety factor of aircraft flying too close.

Kim Nichols, 36 Pebble Beach, expressed her concerns that residents' interests were not taken into consideration when flight schools were built in the area, rules on the flight patterns, educating student pilots because of the high turnover and the expression "runway heading."

Ray Blastic, 212 Riverbluff Drive, expressed his concerns on the airport funds, how the airport generated money and the leases.

A discussion ensued regarding the airport budget.

Leslie Stevens, 3 Torrey Pines Court, shared her concerns on regards safety of the planes flying over her neighborhood and discussed a commercial airport in New Hampshire that offered reinforced windows to residents.

Rob Stevens, 3 Torrey Pines Court, discussed the increase in the plane noise.

Bob Scherer, 125 Shady Branch Trail, stated that what he heard was the problem was the flight schools. He asked about a follow up meeting on Mr. Lichliter's progress with talking to the flight schools.

#### **VII. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.

#### **VIII. Meeting Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Terri Hamsher, Recording Secretary

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Larry Volenec, Chairman