

**AIRPORT / COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE
REGULAR MEETING OVERVIEW**

Meeting No. 237

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Marland Townsend, City of Foster City representative and Roundtable Chairperson, called the Regular Meeting of the Airport/Community Roundtable to order, at approximately 7:02 p.m. in the Assembly Room, at the Millbrae Community Center in Millbrae, California. Dave Carbone, Roundtable Coordinator, called the roll. A quorum (at least 12 Regular Members) was present, as follows:

Regular Members Present

Jack Barry, City and County of San Francisco Mayor's Office Representative
Mike McCarron, City and County of San Francisco Airport Commission
Mark Church, County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors Representative and Roundtable Vice-Chairperson
Richard Newman, Chairperson C/CAG Airport Land Use Committee (ALUC)
William Conwell, Town of Atherton
Coralin Feierbach, City of Belmont
Clara Johnson, City of Brisbane
Terry Nagel, City of Burlingame
Judith Christensen, City of Daly City
Marland Townsend, City of Foster City and Roundtable Chairperson
Christine Krolik, Town of Hillsborough
Lee Duboc, City of Menlo Park
Steve Toben, Town of Portola Valley
Christo Pallas, City of San Bruno
Matt Grocott, City of San Carlos
John Lee, City of San Mateo
Ray Green, City of South San Francisco

Regular Members Absent

City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City of Half Moon Bay
City of Millbrae
City of Pacifica
City of Redwood City
Town of Woodside

Advisory Members Present

Sean Cullinane, SFO Air Traffic Control Tower
Russ Wilsher, United Airlines
Patty Daniel, Air Traffic Support Manager, NORCAL TRACON

Roundtable Staff/Consultants

David F. Carbone, Senior Planner, County of San Mateo/Roundtable Coordinator
Heather R. Hoshii, Roundtable Assistant Coordinator
Walter Gillfillan, Roundtable Project Manager, Consultant

San Francisco International Airport Staff

Bert Ganoung, Noise Abatement Manager
Sjohnna Knack, Noise Abatement Systems Manager

Others Present

See Attached Attendance List

2. Election of Roundtable Officers for Calendar Year 2005

a. Election of Roundtable Chairperson

ACTION: Chairperson Townsend opened the nominations for Roundtable Chairperson. William Conwell **NOMINATED** Marland Townsend for Chairperson. Christo Pallas **SECONDED** the nomination. There were no other nominations. The **MOTION** to elect Marland Townsend as Roundtable Chairperson **CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY.**

b. Election of Roundtable Vice-Chairperson

ACTION: Chairperson Townsend opened the nominations for Roundtable Vice-Chairperson. John Lee **NOMINATED** Mark Church for Vice-Chairperson. Rich Newman **SECONDED** the nomination. There were no other nominations. The **MOTION** to elect Mark Church as Roundtable Vice-Chairperson **CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Public Comment of Items not on the Agenda

NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Consent Agenda Items

- a. Review of Airport Director's Report for November 2004
- b. Review of Airport Director's Report for December 2004
- c. Approval of Roundtable Meeting Overview for December 2004
- d. Review of Correspondence/Information Items for February 2005

Consent Agenda Items 4a and 4b were removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

ACTION: Richard Newman **MOVED** to approve the Consent Agenda items 4.c and 4.d. The motion was **SECONDED** by Clara Johnson and **CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY.**

Comments / Concerns / Questions:

- RMS #7 is located on a piece of property in which the property owner is requesting more compensation or rent from the Airport in exchange for the monitor to remain on his property
- The noise monitor located in the City of Brisbane (#7) has not been calibrated recently due to the fact that the monitor had been deemed abandoned approximately two years ago (2003)
- Noise monitor #7 has been reliable in the past, it is still reporting quality data and it is being included in the reports generated by the Noise Office
- The equipment located in Brisbane is old and with the upgrade of the entire noise monitoring system, a new location for RMS #7 may be considered

ACTION: Clara Johnson **MOVED** to approve Consent Agenda items 4a and 4b. The motion was **SECONDED** by Mark Church and **CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY.**

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Monthly Airport Director's Comments – Mike McCarron, Director, Bureau of Community Affairs

Comments / Concerns / Questions

- All three bond rating agencies have changed SFO's financial outlook from negative to stable, specifically citing the Airports ability to control costs and lower Airport and Airline operating costs

- The Noise Office is in the process of updating the Noise Monitoring System, but staff has experienced a few setbacks including, problems with the poles the microphones are mounted on, an unproductive contractor, and difficulties obtaining permits from various cities.
- Cathay Pacific Airlines is continuing to work with the Noise staff in an attempt to improve their Fly Quiet scores
- SOIA/PRM went into operation at the of October and SFO anticipates seeing the most benefit from SOIA/PRM during the Spring and Summer months
- United has reported an increase of approximately 6% in their on-time performance when using SOIA/PRM

6. Presentation of the 2004 Jon C. Long Fly Quiet Program Awards

- a. Most Improved Airline Award – Air France
- b. Best Overall Airline “Quietest Flyer” Award – Horizon Air
- c. Chairperson’s Award – United Airlines

Comments / Concerns / Questions

- Vast improvements in Air France’s fleet quality afforded them an improvement of more than 2.25 points
- The fleet quality changes made by Air France included substitution of A-340 and B-777 on over half the routes previously flown with B-747 aircraft
- The three main regional jet operators(Horizon Air, Skywest and American Eagle) all finished within 0.5 points of each other
- Horizon Air won the Best Overall Airline Award with at total score of 9.60
- Cathay Pacific, Gemini Air and United Airlines were all nominated for the Chairman’s Award
- United Airlines’ dedication to the SOIA/PRM project is what won them the Chairman’s Award for 2003-2004
- This is the third year in a row that United has won the Chairman’s Award

7. Discussion of Woodside Oceanic Arrivals – OSI Crossing Altitude

- a. Review/discussion of a November 24, 2004 Letter From the Hon. Stephen Toben, Council Member, Town of Portola Valley, to Various Council Members in Four Southern San Mateo County Cities (Atherton, Menlo Park, Redwood City and Woodside), re: Noise Abatement Procedures for Oceanic Arrivals in the Vicinity of Skyline Blvd. / Highway 35
- b. Presentation by Patty Daniel, Air Traffic Support Manager, Northern California TRACON, RE: Air Traffic Procedures for Oceanic Arrivals in the Vicinity of Skyline Blvd. / Highway 35

Copies of Patty Daniel’s presentation are available from the Roundtable Office.

Comments / Concerns / Questions

- The mission of the FAA in regards to air traffic control is the safe and efficient movement of air traffic
- Noise abatement is the third concern of controllers, only after the safe and efficient movement of air traffic
- Not every air traffic controller or every pilot does their job in the same way
- A recent change that removes the nighttime restriction on arrivals coming in over Woodside from the ocean will hopefully improve the aircraft noise in the area
- At times, to the public it might look like there are no visual conflicts between aircraft over Woodside, but the reason it looks like that is because the controllers are doing their jobs
- When the sky isn’t too busy it is easy to get aircraft across Woodside at 8,000 feet

- It is particularly difficult to get Oakland traffic across Woodside at 8,000 feet because Oakland traffic has to get under SFO traffic with 1,000 foot separation
- NORCAL TRACON recently completed a briefing of all controllers specifically on noise abatement procedures
- A huge improvement has been made in that traffic use to cross Woodside regularly at altitudes around 6,000 feet
- On average 100% of aircraft crossing over Woodside are at 7,400 feet
- The 8,000 foot crossing at Woodside is not a “hard floor”, and it only becomes a consideration when “traffic is permitting”

8. Consideration/Approval of a Comment Letter on FAA Proposed Rule Making 5050.4b – Revisions to the FAA Environmental Handbook

Comments / Concerns / Questions

NONE

ACTION: Richard Newman **MOVED** to direct staff to draft a letter regarding the Roundtable’s comment on the FAA proposed rule making 5050.4b as outlined in the memo presented by staff. The motion was **SECONDED** by Ray Green and **CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY**.

9. 2004-2005 Roundtable Work Program Items

- a. Roundtable Fly Quiet Video Funding
- b. Air Quality and Noise Impacts During Environmental Review
- c. Fly Quiet Arrivals

Due to time constraints Agenda Items 9a, 9b and 9c were continued to the next Roundtable Meeting.

10. Consideration of Co-Hosting the National Organization to Insure a Sound-Controlled Environment (N.O.I.S.E.) Annual Summer Conference in 2006 in Connection with the Roundtable’s 25th Anniversary

Comments / Concerns / Questions

- There will be no or very little cost to the Roundtable or the Airport
- Event funding will come from sponsors and conference attendees

ACTION: Bill Conwell **MOVED** to support the co-sponsoring of the 2006 N.O.I.S.E conference. The motion was **SECONDED** by Richard Newman and **CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY**

11. Consideration of Rescheduling or Canceling the March 2005 Roundtable Meeting

Comments / Concerns / Questions

- The Roaring 20th Aviation & Noise & Air Quality Symposium is scheduled for Feb 27 – March 2 in Palm Springs, CA
- Roundtable staff and consultants will be attending the Symposium and will be unavailable for the scheduled March 2, 2005 meeting

ACTION: Bill Conwell **MOVED** to cancel the March 2005 Roundtable Meeting. The motion was **SECONDED** by Richard Newman and **CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY**

12. Consideration of Moving the Roundtable Meeting Location to the Dave Chetcuti Room at Millbrae City Hall

Comments / Concerns / Questions

- The Millbrae Community Center has been gracious over the years in allowing the Roundtable to use their facilities free of charge
- In an attempt to generate additional revenue, the Millbrae Community Center would like to open up their meeting facilities to other groups
- The Roundtable may continue to hold their meetings free of charge in the Dave Chetcuti Room at Millbrae City Hall

ACTION: Mark Church **MOVED** to move the Roundtable meeting location to the Dave Chetcuti Room at Millbrae City Hall. The motion was **SECONDED** by Richard Newman and **CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY**

13. Member Communications/Announcements

Comments / Concerns / Questions

- The MOU / By-Law Subcommittee is making progress and anticipates bringing a revised draft to the Roundtable for comments in the near future

14. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m.

