

MINUTES OF THE AIRPORT NOISE ABATEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2005, AT 7:00 PM
BRANNON CENTER, 105 S. RIVERSIDE, NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLORIDA

Robert Perry called the meeting to order with the following answering present to roll call:

Robert Perry, Chairman
Greg Arnette
Wendy Michels
John Baker
Steven Zeh
Fred Gunter
Andre Raevsky
Patricia Doyle

Members Absent:
Tyler Mayo
Theo Mundell
Norm Decker

OVERVIEW OF COUNCIL'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Mr. Perry gave a brief history of the airport, and a background of airport obligations and compliance requirements. He cited several paragraphs from Order 5190.6A. He suggested that FAR Part 150, Airport Noise Compatibility Program, could be a possible solution.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Fred Gunter was elected, unanimously, as the new Chairman. John Baker was elected, unanimously, as Vice-Chairman.

DISCUSSION OF NOISE CONCERNS CHAIRED BY THE NEW CHAIRMAN

Public Participation and Comments:

Albert Leibowitz: 2227 Turnbull Bay Rd., New Smyrna Beach

Concerned with traffic patterns, especially right-hand turns.

Recommended Solution: It is permissible for the Tower to recommend both right or left hand patterns for safety reasons.

Andrew Donald: 2662 Arlington, New Smyrna Beach

Concern: He'd like to see traffic to go farther North from Islesoboro. He suggested pilots reduce power, to control noise.

Regina Leibowitz: 2227 Turnbull Bay Rd., New Smyrna Beach

Concerns: Feels the Tower is not doing their job. Wants “touch and goes” stopped. She has contacted the EPA due to ecology danger

Randall Hitchcock: 2250 Captain Butler Trail, Tara Trails

Concerns: How much authority does the Tower have over aircraft? Has a video of planes flying too low over his house. Will take the video to the FAA, but would rather have a local solution.

Answer: Chuck Criswell, Tower Manager, stated that pattern is controlled at 800 ft, but that ultimately, the pilot is in command of his aircraft. Runways are chosen that most align with the wind, and that right-hand turns on 24 are recommended because of the lack of visual, by the Tower, of aircraft.

Rhonda Walker stated that the public can contact her office for pilot violations; however, the Tower cannot be called directly since the personell working cannot safely man the phones line as well as function as the controller on duty.

Cindy Rhatigan: Tara Trails

Concern: Noise and pollution. No one cares because she lives in the county.

Answer: Fred Gunter stated that it was unfair to think the Committee doesn't care, and was personally concerned about citizens in the county not having a vote. Rhonda Walker agreed, and felt that Tara Trails should voice their concerns in to the neighborhood representative residing closet to your sub-division, and come to the meetings.

Bob Leibowitz: 2227 Turnbull Bay Rd., New Smyrna Beach

Comment: He's blind, and the planes do bother him.

Cliff Umscheid: PO Box 207, Oak Hill, FL

Comment: Tower is doing an outstanding job, with safety being number 1 priority. Offered his services to the Tower, as a volunteer.

Roxy Kaischner: PO Box 1043, New Smyrna Beach

Question: Tyler Mayo has moved officially. Can there be alternates?

Answer: An alternate representative from the FBO must be voted in by the Airport Advisory Board.

Gary Norville: Tara Trails

Question to Andre Raevsky: Since the Tower became operational, have you seen a difference?

Mr. Raevsky answered, Yes.

Patricia Doyle: 105 Crawford Rd., New Smyrna Beach

Comment: She feels she is a fair person to serve on the Committee. Her impression of the job is to represent the community, and to try to have meetings set up at night, when it is most convenient for everybody to attend.

Matt Badalamenti: 2275 Captain Butler Trail, Tara Trails

Questioned the possibility of instituting a FAR Part 150, for noise study.

Answer: Fred Gunter felt that was an option. Grant monies would have to be investigated. He showed an aerial map of the airport from the year 2002, with all landings and take-offs in a 24-hour period. Asked everyone to list their concerns, and possible solutions, in writing, for the next meeting.

Brian Peterson: Epic Aviation

Comments: Learn what's going on at the airport. The Tower is doing extremely well; however, there is just so much the Tower can do. The rest is up to the pilot. The Tower should be your best friend.

Wendy Michels: 831 25th Ave., New Smyrna Beach

Comment: She is a resident, as well as, an Embry Riddle student. She plans on speaking to both the Chief Flight Instructor and Chief of Operations, to see what can be done to alleviate concerns.

Cliff Umscheid: PO Box 207, Oak Hill, FL

Comment: "The danger is expecting too much"

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 15, 2005, at 7:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Fred Gunter made a motion to adjourn, with Greg Arnette seconding it. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.