

**NCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday January 11, 2022, 4:00pm**

**Voting Members** – ENC Members: Jim Esterle\* (Co-Chair), Victoria Miller\* (Co-Chair), Andrew Zucker,\* **Stakeholders:** Robert Bramen, Jacquie Lange, John Vernagus, Barry Heins, Penny Alpert, Doug Kriegel

Alternate Committee Members:

1. **Call to Order. Start recording. Roll call. Determination of quorum: Meeting called to order at 4:02pm. All committee members in attendance, except Doug Kriegel**
2. **Approval of November 16, 2021 Airport Committee Minutes: MSP**
3. **Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies: N/A**
4. **New and Old Business (Motion, Discussion, and Vote may be taken on all items):**

**A. Report on VNY CAC meeting of January 4, 2022: Noise complaints and departures are all continuing to go up at concerning rates. There was a warning that Super Bowl weekend (it will be held on Sunday 2/13/22) will see a large increase in flights, and that the nighttime curfew will be waived/suspended for the entire weekend—expect the bulk of noise to occur Sunday evening through Monday. There was discussion regarding the Airport Noise & Capacity Act of 1990, which only focuses on safety and commerce, air noise and air pollution are NOT a priority. A presentation was made by from Environmental Science Associates from UC Davis. The FAA are basically doing what they are charged with—it is up to Congress and the Quiet Skies Caucus to protect citizens. There are still 2 open seats from the Mayor’s office—a glaring oversight that has been continually brought to the attention of the Mayor’s office. One again, there was no discussion of the outdated VNY Master Plan, nor was it on the agenda set by the CAC Chair. It is important to note that the VNY CAC was original created and chartered by the LA City Council, and they should be the ones who oversee this issue. The CAC Bylaws also need to be addressed.**

**B. Lead in aviation fuel at VNY: Need for air quality study: There was much discussion about the issue especially related to similar situation in Santa Clara County in Northern CA, and also due to the airport being close to schools. VNY is #7 in a recent study with regard to aircraft using leaded aviation fuel. We want to support these communities adjacent to the airport. Leaded aviation fuel (Jet Fuel A & B) really only applies to piston/prop**

planes not charter jets. The BOAC supports a shift from leaded fuel. Concern that this would push out more small plane operators and make more room for jet plane operators.

**C. Exhaust from idling jets at VNY: See above Item 4B**

**D. Congressman Brad Sherman's involvement in noise, growth and health issues at VNY: This is the time to get Rep Sherman's office to ramp up the issues at VNY, as he seems particularly focused on BUR.**

**E. Introduce Councilmember Nithya Raman to VNY issues: Working on this currently. In the meantime it is suggested that we all introduce ourselves to the new Field Deputy for Encino: Kevin Sanchez-Morales**

**5. Public Comment-Limit of Two (2) MINUTES per speaker. Time may be adjusted at the Chair's discretion. Diane Rosen asked if there are other Neighborhood Councils with Airport Committees weighing in.**

- **6. Board Member Comment on Non Agenda Items: BOAC: Discussion of December 2021 meeting and exactly when the FAA EIS will begin at VNY—some interpreted it as not beginning until 2024, while others thought that was when it would be concluded. There is no transparency or timeline given to the general public. Discussion of Amazon Warehouse located at VNY nearing completion—drone program. Discussion of Whiteman Airport not closing anytime soon even though the LA City Council voted to do so—including CD 4 Councilmember Raman (run by LAWA). Reach out to Henry Stern' office in the 27th District for support as it is impacting his constituents.**

**7. Next Airport Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2022 @ 4pm.**

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**8. Meeting Adjourned at 5:28pm**