



**APPROVED MINUTES
AIRPORT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2021
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE**

(BlueJeans; <https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/apwvkwxw>)

1. Call to Order

Chair Wilder called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Roll Call

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

Present: Chair Andrew Wilder
Vice-Chair Chris Waller
Commissioner Brian Malarky
Commissioner Geoff Neri (*Arrived at 4:58*)
Commissioner Joe Schmitz

Absent:
None

Also Present: Susan Cline, Public Works Director
Stelios Makrides, Airport Director
Ivan Campbell, Deputy City Attorney
Diana Hernandez, Airport Operations Administrator
Jennifer Simmons, Recording Secretary

Instructions for Public Comment – Chair Wilder explained how to make public comments in the teleconferenced version of the meeting.

2. Special Agenda Items/Announcements - none

3. Consent Calendar

(All items will be considered and approved in one motion unless removed by a Commissioner for discussion)

Motion by Commissioner Malarky, seconded by Vice-Chair Waller to approve all the items on the consent calendar, was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Malarky and Schmitz, Vice-Chair Waller, Chair Wilder

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Neri

a) **Approval of Minutes for the November 23, 2020 Special Meeting** approved by thumbs up vote (see above)

b) Non-Aviation Commercial Operations Permits

- i. Artists Matter Inc.
- ii. Fortune Cookie Productions
- iii. Foundation for Life Energy
- iv. Sanity Labs

Approved by unanimous “thumbs-up” vote (see above).

4. Airport Management Report

a) **Monthly Operations Report** – Information relating to aircraft operations, curfew departures, noise violations, and aircraft noise complaints received for the months of October and November 2020.

Airport Operations Administrator, Diana Hernandez presented the monthly operations reports for the months of October and November 2020 which can be found on the Airport’s web site. Details are also available in the agenda packet.

Chair Wilder asked why in November N976DR LLC noise violation, why wasn’t their violation (\$2,000) a \$5,000 since they had a \$2,000 in September? After review of the files by staff it was determined that this aircraft was successful in its appeal; therefore, its third violation became its second and the \$2,000 fine was appropriate.

Commissioner Schmitz requested the noise violations be comprehensively available as they were prior to 2020; moving forward this request will be included.

Chair Wilder requested the listing of successful appeals in the noise reports.

Public Comment: Ben Wang

b) Airport Leases

This item is presented to the Airport Commission for information purposes only. List of leases for Airport properties currently under consideration by the City.

c) Airport Property Management Staff Introduction

As part of the City’s restructuring process, a new Property Management team was built in collaboration with the Economic Development Division (EDD).

Kriss Casanova and Jennifer Taylor briefly introduced themselves, explained their roles and responsibilities as they pertain to the Airport Properties and the City of Santa Monica and its mission.

Public Comment: Alan Levenson

Public Comment: Ben Wang

d) Next Airport Commission Meeting

The next Airport Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2021 via teleconference; agenda submittal deadline is February 16, 2021. Discussion to change the time of the meeting to 4 p.m. during the COVID Emergency.

5. Old Business

a) Installation of Obstruction Lights in the Neighborhood – Information and discussion regarding FAA obstruction lights being installed on utility poles near the Airport. (continuing discussion from the September 23, 2020 meeting).

Chair Wilder stated that Councilmembers Brock and Parra have put this item (13c) on their agenda for the City Council Meeting slated for Tuesday, January 12th.

Airport Director, Stelios Makrides thanked the members of the community, especially Ben Wang for all their support.

Commissioner Malarky presented his analysis of where the lights are, their penetrations, and analysis. Commissioner Malarky brought this information forth as initial findings as a basic understanding of what is there, what the purpose of the lights are, and whether they can be mitigated in another way.

At the January 11, 2021 Meeting Motion by Chair Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Schmitz to draft this recommendation for Council

AYES: Chair Wilder, Vice-Chair Waller, Commissioners Schmitz, Malarky, and Neri

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

At the Jan 11, 2021 meeting, the Airport Commission again discussed the red obstruction lights. We reiterate our recommendation to Council for the City to get the lights turned off as soon as possible. In addition to a letter to Southern California Edison, we recommend Council direct Staff to provide the FAA any data needed for accurate re-calculations, as well as a letter stating the runway will not be lengthened beyond 3,500'. We also recommend the Council and Staff explore all options to mitigate risk to a minimum in order to facilitate removing the lights.

Public Comment: Ben Wang

Public Comment: Alan Levenson

b) Report by the Committee on Safety at SMO

Report by the ad hoc safety committee (which was formed at the October 26, 2020 meeting).

No additional work has been attained by Commissioners Malarky or Schmitz at this time.

6. **Public Comment** - none

7. **New Business** –

a) **Parks Master Plan**

Discussion regarding the Parks Master Plan, which was scheduled to be made public on March 23, 2020 and presented to the Airport Commission at the April 7, 2020 meeting.

Chair Wilder inquired about the master plan and Public Works Director, Susan Cline joined in the meeting to explain the events that have transpired with the document.

Due to restructuring/downsizing the City of Santa Monica no longer has a Parks Planner, and this document is still in its draft form. All the park planning functions now fall under the purview of Jing Yeo within the Community Development Department (CDD); David Martin is the Department Head. Although, unfortunate but CDD does not have the capacity currently to move the planning document (Parks Master Plan) forward.

Airport Director, Stelios Makrides reached out to CDD to have this on the agenda for discussion; however, CDD does not have the staff to visit the item. CDD feels the document needs to be revisited post Covid, and the document needs to be updated once they do have the resources. They do not have any status in terms of timing, but they do know the Commission is eager to revisit this for multiple reasons, one being that the airport campus is framed in the document.

Public Comment: Ben Wang

Public Comment: Alan Levenson

8. **Commissioner Items** - none

9. **Commissioner's Report** – none

10. **Adjournment** - the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm

Attest:

Peerawat Prasatcharoen

Peerawat Prasatcharoen, Secretary

Approved:

Andrew Wilder, Chair