

JFK AIRPORT COMMITTEE/NYC AVIATION ROUNDTABLE

MINUTES

June 28, 2017

*Green Acres Mall Community Room
Valley Stream, NY*

In Attendance:

Voting Members:

1. Michael Anderson, representing Town of North Hempstead
2. Barbara E. Brown, representing Assembly Member Titus
3. Michael Baudry, Celine Diaze, representing Assembly Member Vanel
4. Jackie Campbell, representing Councilman Richards
5. Justin J. Connor, representing Congressman Suozzi
6. Thomas Curry, representing Congresswoman Rice
7. Ann DeMichael, representing Nassau County Executive
8. Kevin Denning, representing Town of Hempstead
9. Veronica Ebhuoma, representing Assembly Member Ra
10. Kayla Epstein, representing Assembly Member Solages
11. Patrick Evans, representing Congressman Meeks
12. Earnest Flowers, representing Senator Comrie
13. Aidan Hughes, representing Senaor Kaminsky
14. Peter Granikas, representing Community Board 10
15. Richard Hellenbrecht, representing Community Board 13
16. James Heyliger, representing Local Airport-Related MWBE
17. Bill Huisman, representing Aviation Development Council
18. Michelle Keller, representing Community Board 12
19. Andy Laine, representing Assembly Member Hyndman
20. Angelina Martinez-Rubio, representing Queens Borough President Katz
21. Rob Mitchell, representing Jet Blue Airlines
22. Jennifer Narang, representing Queens Borough President Katz
23. Candace Prince-Modeste, representing Councilman Miller
24. J. Orff, representing Senator Addabbo
25. Dolores Orr, representing Community Board 14
26. Jahi Rose, representing Councilman Wills
27. Joseph Valone, representing Senator Hannon
28. Amanda, representing Assembly Member Amato

Non Voting Members

1. Steven Jones, FAA
2. David Hopkins, NYCEDC,
3. Nick Dmytrician, PANYNJ

Guests

1. Beverley A. Brown, Brookville, SRCAA Inc.
2. Felipe Ruiz, Brookville, SRCAA Inc.

3. Rosemary Haigh, Elmont East End Civic
4. Indira Persaud, Elmont East End Civic
5. Jana Goldenberg, East Hills, Plane Sense
6. Elaine Mille, Plane Sense
7. Johnny Kelly, LGAAirport Committee
8. Dawn Semple, Brookville, CUNY
9. Jason Vitale, Baldwin Civic Association
10. Andrew Jetter, Valley Stream
11. John Fazino, Howard Beach, CB10
12. James Hayse, Intern, Assembly Member Solage
13. Monica Benton, Rosedale
14. Sally Davidson, Rosedale
15. Crystal Brown, Brookville, SRCAA, Inc.
16. Larry Hoppenhauer, Malverne, TVASNAC
17. John Anderson, Brookville, SRCAA, Inc.
18. Valencia Butler, Brookville, SRCAA, Inc.
19. Clara Glasgow, Rosedale
20. Michele Roman, Rosedale
21. C. Hirmaull, Valley Stream
22. Gloria Boyce-Charles, Brookville, EQA, SRCAA, Inc.
23. Mathew Sexton, Floral Park

Chairwoman Barbara Brown commenced the meeting at 7:03 P.M. by thanking members and guests for their attendance.

A quorum was met with twenty-nine voting members, three non-voting members present.

At 7:11P.M., A request for a motion to waive May 2017's minutes was Approved.

Chairwoman Brown began the presentation with an overview of takeaways:

- List of Prioritized Issues
- Standing Committees Selection
- Slate of Officers

Chairwoman Brown acknowledged that nine members responded to the Takeaway Survey.

Therefore, Survey Handouts were distributed to all members to poll the members to choose the top five issues on which the JFKAC would work as well as to choose the top three Standing Committees.

Prioritization/Selection of Issues

Upon completion of the surveys, Chairwoman Brown asked members and guests to show their preferences regarding issue prioritization by the raising of hands.

Top Five Issue Priorities results are as follows:

- 1--Increase in JFK Airport Capacity--Members- 2
- 2--Flight Paths/Flight Patterns--Members- 16; Guests - All
- 3--Frequency of Flights--Members – 11;

- 4--Increase in Air Cargo--Members 4; Guests-0
- 5--Implementation of NextGen--Members – 7; Guests - 8
- 6--Re-Categorization--Member - 1; Guests 1
- 7. Runway Use--Members – 5,
- 8--JFK Master Plan--Members – 7; Guest – 1
- 9--Off Airport Issues--Members – 5; Guests – 5 votes
- 10. Use of Drones--Members -2; Guest – 2 vote
- 11--Assessment/Monitoring Noise--Members – 5; Guests – 14 votes
- 12--Airport Operations and Air Quality/Health- Members – 3; Guests – 4
- 13--Airport Operations/Property Ownership--Members – 3; Guests – 3
- 14--Fines for Excessive Noise--Members – 0; Guests – 0
- 15--Employment of Local stakeholders--Members – 4; Guests – 2
- 16-Health Issues for airport workers-Members – 2; Guest – 1
- 17--Advocacy for Legislation--Member – 1; Guests- 5
- 18--Environmental and health impacts--Members – 10; Guests – All
- 19--Use of Catex avoiding stakeholder involvement--Members – 2; Guests – most

The issues preferred by the highest number of members were #2, #3, #11 and # 18. Categories #3 and #11 were not on original list of those preferences submitted in prior to the meeting.

Chairwoman Brown made a request for a motion on the floor to vote on the five items to work on. Tom Curry made motion and Tom G. seconded the motion.

Chairwoman Brown asked members to vote to choose Issue 5 or Issue 8. There was an unanimous vote to accept the motion. Motion Approved. No Opposition.

Member Richard Hellenbrecht made a motion to accept Issue #5. Angelina Rubio-Martinez seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

The top five issues on which the JFK Airport Committee will work are:

- #2--Flight Paths/Patterns including low flying planes and their impact on stakeholders and the increase in night flights;
- #3--Frequency of Flights--Impact? Wake turbulence? Safety? Impact on communities under flight paths;
- #5--Implementation of NextGen technologies at JFK and Possible impacts;
- #11--Effectiveness of the assessment/monitoring of airport/aircraft-related noise pollution, its impacts and appropriate mitigation; and
- #18--Environmental and health impacts of airport operations, e.g., effects of noise and air pollution, effects of tree removal, etc.
- #5--Implementation of NextGen at JFK

Standing Committee Selection--In the interest of time, Chairwoman Brown requested that members and guests pass their choices forward. The results would be tallied and presented later.

Election of Officers

Chair – Barbara Brown voted unanimously - -Hellenbrecht motioned to accept – Tom Granigas seconded motion

1st Chair – Tom Curry voted unanimously –Hellenbrecht motioned to accept –

2nd Chair – Michele Keller voted unanimously-- nominated by Patrick Evans from the floor– Hellenbrecht motioned to accept and Tom Curry seconded motion

Recording Secondary – Tanagra Bledman- voted unanimously – Member Bill Huisman motioned to accept and Rose seconded motion

Corresponding Secretary- Patrick Evans--voted unanimously-- John Rose motioned to accept and second by Peter G.

There being no further nominations, Richard Hellenbrecht made motion to close nominations; second by Bill Huisman. In view of the fact that there was only one person running for each office, the secretary cast one vote.

NEXTGEN Implementation at JFK Airport

Chairwoman Brown mentioned that she researched online to ascertain implementation of NextGen at JFK Airport. Such as the following categories:

- Airport Circuit
- Airport Surface Detection Equipment – Model X
- Large Scale Redesign of Airspace with PBN
- Adapts for Time Based Flow Management: External Surface
- External Surface Data Release
- Automated Terminal Proximity Alert (ATPA)
- Wake Re-Categorization

She presented videos on NEXTGEN, asking the membership to view and jot down questions that the videos raised in their minds. She announced that there would be a Public Meeting on July 26th, co-hosted by EQA and the JFKAC Leadership Team, venue to be decided. The questions generated would be forwarded to the FAA to be addressed at that meeting. Steven Jones of the FAA would also be recording the questions.

The contents of the videos addressed modernization of our airspace, i.e., save time, reduce emissions and flight procedures. In addition, the video explained the Synchronized Flight Path, Precise Flight Path, Satellite Based Solutions, GPS – enabled technologies and Safe Flight Efficiently. Furthermore, conditions such as Traffic, Wind, Weather, Delay reduced by 41%, Continuous Descent Approaches, Reduced Carbon Emissions, Reduction of Fuel Emissions – 1.6 million and Create cleaner and efficient Performance were explained.

The proposal of less time talking on the radio, ADSB, Required Navigation Performance, Shared Network Weather Information, cut down on time, noise, fuel and holding pattern are some of the improvements for airports in the future.

Chairwoman Brown acknowledged that the videos shown did not address the impact on the community. She asked members and guests for their questions after viewing videos.

Tom Curry made an inquiry on how do they measure above level above ground? Did they consider sea level? How much funding, if any was provided to research the impact Next Gen will have?

One of the members expressed that his town, Old Howard Beach have planes flying over their community every 30 seconds apart. He noted that DNL's are over 70. Question posed is: What are they going to do to alleviate problem?

Ms. DiMichael added that the planes are flying lower and lower. Her neighbors lament that fuel drops on their outdoor furniture.

Matthew from Floral Park asked how many more flights will his community have to endure. He reported that from June 18 2017 to June 21, 2017 planes were flying frequently over his neighborhood. When will get more equitable relief? He also asked if FOIA request was submitted.

Candace wants to know where Next Gen gets its source documentation.

Jason Vitale states that he observed that planes seem to be deliberately flying low at 2,000- 5,000 feet. He further stated that the planes are not flying over the water.

Crystal Brown raised concern about Next Gen and the issue of cyberspace security.

John Fazino from CB #10 questioned why do planes land at tip of runway 13/31 causing them to be as low as 100 feet over their homes.

Felipe Ruiz requested that Port Authority allow an independent study. He noted that the statistics fail to prove significant changes. He questioned the performance, space and navigation and where do noise complaints go. Is there a blueprint?

John Kelly(LaGuardia Airport Committee) stated that the members were remiss in not selecting Category 17, Public Advocacy.

Gloria needs clarification on Next Gen regarding flight patterns. She also would like to know why do the planes fly so low over our homes. Flight patterns during inclement weather should be addressed.

Patrick Evans would like to see fair share equity in flight patterns so that no one community absorbs all the adverse conditions.

Jim Heyliger would like to know what economic benefits from airport get dispersed to community?

Larry, guest, asked that committee should consider the privatization of air traffic controllers and establish a website for public to obtain progress of JFK Roundtable.

There were a few more comments and statements raised relating to weight re-categorization, gates available for planes to move in and study to be implemented on risk and turbulence.

Chairwoman discussed Governor Cuomo's Vision Plan and JFK Vision Plan, noting that issues of stakeholders on the ground are not included.

PANYNJ representative, Nick Dmytrician, explained that Vision Plan is not a Master Plan. There is a disconnect between both plans. Currently, the governor has his program and the powers to be are trying to translate it into a Master Plan. He is working on establishing an outline and putting information in formal communication. This process should be completed within two to three months.

Justin Conner put a motion on the floor to nominate guest, Jenna to committee as a Citizen member. Patrick Evans called for a point of order. The nomination request was ruled out of order. Both Chairwoman Brown and Patrick explained to members that request would have to be tabled. It was not on the agenda and there was no longer a quorum to vote on nomination. Chairwoman further explained that a democratic process dictates that the intent to receive nominations should be announced, affording other interested or recommended individuals the opportunity to be nominated for the seats. There are two Citizen Member seats. Chairperson Brown also explained that the seats were intended to give those who may not be connected to any entity, but who can make valuable contributions to the Airport Committee because of their expertise, the opportunity to serve.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Keller, 2nd Vice Chair
(Acting as recording secretary due to absence of recording secretary.)
JFKAC of NYCAR