

**JFK Airport Committee Meeting
Monday, December 7, 2020
Minutes**

Call to order & Welcome:

Chairperson Barbara Brown called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. We met via Zoom Meets hosting portal – hosting site: Brookville, NY. Ms. Brown welcomed the attendees and proceeded with the rollcall.

Quorum was met at 7:15 pm.

I. The Minutes:

A. September 9, 2020:

- Barbara Brown offered the minutes for consideration and approval after noting that the membership did not have sufficient time prior to the meeting for perusal. She asked the Recording Secretary for suggestions for moving forward on the minutes.
- Patrick Evans suggested that the September 2020 minutes be read and considered for approval with necessary corrections.
- Bill Huisman, Facilitator offered a suggestion that subsequently became a motion and was moved by Thomas Curry and seconded by Delores Orr and unanimously passed by the committee as the following:
 - The JFK Committee’s membership would accept the September 9, 2020 minutes as presented by the Recording Secretary.
 - Members have until December 11, 2020; 11:59 p.m. to submit questions and corrections for the minutes to Barbara Brown.
 - Chairperson Brown would share those proposed amendments to the September 2020 minutes with the Recording Secretary for consideration, and with the JFK Airport Committee members for adoption into the official record.

B. Attendance Roster:

- Barbara Brown would share the Zoom attendance roster with the Recording Secretary to aid in the preparation of the minutes.

II. JFKAC Resolution for runway 31L – Update:

Ms. Brown opened the floor for discussion of the resolution’s background, purpose, and wording. Discussion ensued as follows:

- Assemblyman Clyde Vanel pursued questions of the resolution and of flight patterns addressed in the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) JFK’s Part 150 Study.
- JFKAC’s 1st Vice President, Dan Mundy expounded upon how runway 31L flights can traverse over Jamaica Bay and Jacob Riis Federal Park; and avoid all neighborhoods of the Far Rockaway Peninsula.

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- Mr. Alex Prince stated that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) need to respond to the concerns outlined in the resolution drawn up by the JFK Airport Committee. Chairperson Brown asked if Mr. Prince wanted to offer his comments as a Motion.
- Mr. Alex Prince moved a motion that was seconded by Deloris Orr and subsequently passed as follows:
 - The JFKAC would prepare a letter to the FAA requesting official review of position points detailed in the JFKAC's resolution pertaining to flight patterns of runway 31L.
 - The draft letter to the FAA would be presented to the JFKAC membership for approval and adoption.

III. New York State Proposed Legislation: Assembly Bill A10121 and Senate Bill S5855 (Studies and written reports for Air and Noise Pollution vis-à-vis JFK and LGA flight paths)

A. Chairperson Barbara Brown broached the discussion of the two legislative bills, and she focused on elements posed questions to the JFKAC membership for their thoughts.

• **Discussion:**

- Jana Goldenberg, Plane Sense – NY offered a synopsis of the history of the two bills lingering in the Assembly and the Senate:
 - a. Year 2018 Assemblyman Brian Curran / State Senator Tony Avella did sponsor legislation which died in committee.
 - b. Year 2019 State Senator Ed Ra / Assemblyman ?? reintroduced the legislation which passed both chambers of government.
 - c. Year 2019 Governor Andrew Cuomo vetoed the legislation because the bills did not have a budget dollar amount affixed to them.
 - d. Year 2020 Assemblyman Judy Griffin with a co-sponsor got the bill passed through the Assembly; however, the bill got stuck in the Environmental Committee of the NYS Senate.
 - e. If the bill does not get out of the Senate's committee by December 31, 2020, it would have to be reintroduced (begin a new legislative process) in legislative year 2021.
- **Assemblyman Edward Ra** stated that the Governor's veto was a "general rejection" as is common with most bills. "The Executor could have given specific language to fix the bill." Jana Goldenberg insisted that the language of the bill was clear and "straight-forward," and that there was not a need for addressing the bill's language.
- **Barbara Brown** questioned the bill's "end -to-what- means" with concerns of the study's results. Jana proposed that the study's findings could be brought to the governor's attention and he would have tools to press his case with the FAA for corrective action. Gloria Boyce-Charles expressed concerns about the lack of impartiality by the government agencies charged with conducting the Air and

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Noise studies. She asked for independence and accountability vis-à-vis the study's findings.

- **Bill Huisman** offered a recommendation that the JFKAC table this discussion until after the JFKAC having sent a letter to the NYS Speaker of the Assembly and his counterpart in the NYS Senate discussing the merits of the bills and their need for passage.
- **Barbara Brown** asked for recommendations of the JFKAC's members for "perfecting" the proposed bill; and to prepare the bill for legislative year 2021 reintroduction.
- **Deloris Orr** offered her recommendation that the JFKAC's executive committee draft a letter to the leaders of the NYS Senate and Assembly in advance of the year 2021 legislative session concerning the JFK Airport Committee's need to have the bill adopted into law. Ms. Orr properly moved her recommendation into a motion of which Bill Huisman seconded – Motion passed.

IV. FAA Community Noise Initiative, Ms. Veda Simmons and Lisa Burrows presenting:

- **Ms. Simmons** – The FAA is presently reviewing all the "approach" procedures for the nation's airports. The scope is 15 miles and greater distance from runway.
 - **Question:** Why just approach procedures? **Answer:** Veda's response was the review was a massive undertaking; and thus, approaches are under review now and departures will be reviewed next.
 - **Question:** Why only 15 miles and greater, can't the FAA increase the glide slope? **Answer:** Andrew Brooks, FAA explained that arrivals and departures become increasingly more difficult as the aircraft get within the 15 miles radius of the landing strip. He cautioned that a 1-2° shift on a straight-line ascent or descent to alleviate noise for one community would be problematic. Mr. Brooks advised that studies could be performed to address the noise concerns and that the JFKAC would need to present a Roundtable response to the FAA.
- **Mr. Dan Mundy** offered a motion that was properly seconded by Mr. Thomas Curry and passed unanimously as follows:
 - JFKAC is to request that the FAA create flight pattern models that lessen the noise impacts upon homes and other residences, thereby decreasing the noise bombardment of neighborhoods and homes.

V. JFKAC Sub-Committee Breakout Session 15 minutes:

- A. Barbara Brown advised that the JFKAC sub-committees should meet for fifteen minutes, and their topics of discussion should be focused upon "Building the Aviation Industry Back Better – for All Stakeholders. Ms. Brown also asked that each sub-committee chair share back with the full JFKAC membership their recommendations that can be

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requested of the FAA and PANYNJ; thus, for seizing opportunities to improve the lives of those within ten miles of the airport and of which the aircraft paths have an adverse impact on their lives.

B. JFKAC Sub-committee Reports:

- **Airport Operations – Gloria Boyce-Charles, Chair**
 - Safety for all stakeholders, especially those on the ground.
 - Passenger safety measures with emphasis on COVID-19 procedures.
- **Masterplan – Robert Bolder, Member**
 - Mr. Bolder inquired of Mr. Hersh Parekh information pertaining to JFK's masterplan. The sub-committee was directed to JFK's redevelopment for masterplan answers (last plan 2017.)
 - Big push to electronic energy which has been put on hold due impart to impact of COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Mr. Bolder also inquired of offshore wind energy opportunities. He wanted to know if offshore wind energy was being considered in any aspect of the JFK Redevelopment framework.

VI. Adjournment:

- Chairperson Brown called the meeting to be adjourned; Patrick Evans moved the motion with a 1st, and Bill Huisman 2nd.
- The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Brown at approximately 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patrick Evans, Secretary

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In Attendance (26)

Voting Members

Justin Connor, representing Cong. Suozzi
Dan Mundy, representing Cong. Meeks
Patrick Evans, representing Cong. Meeks
Tom Curry, representing Cong. Rice
Freida Menos, representing Cong. Jeffries
Gloria Boyce-Charles, representing QBP Katz
Neil Giannelli, representing Senator Addabbo
Leo Meyers representing Senator Kaminsky
Muneeb Zia, representing Senator Thomas
Donovan/Holland, representing Senator Sanders
Barbara Brown, representing Assem. Titus
Stephan Ghaguidi, representing Assem. Hyndman
James Motamed, representing Assem. Solanges

Clyde Vanel, representing Assem. Vanel
Alex Prince, representing Assem. Griffin
Edward Ra, representing Assem. Ed RA
Jamal Wilkerson, representing Council Adams
Mike Anderson, representing Town North
Hempstead Bosworth
James Vladi, representing Town of Hempstead
Michelle Keller, representing Comm. Board 12
Rich Helenbreth, representing Comm. Board 13
Delores Off, representing Comm. Board 14
Kate McMillan, rep. Jet Blue
Chamber of Commerce
Dawn Roberts-Semple, Citizen Member
Larry Hoppenhauer, Citizen Member

Non-Voting Members

Bill Huisman, Airport Development Council

PANY&NJ

Hersh Parekh

FAA

Veda Simmons

Andrew Brooks

Other Noted Guests

Jana Goldenberg – Plane Sense
Mora Avengton
Scott Grimm-Lyon – Gateway JFK
Allan Swisher, Boro President Office
Rachel Antoin – Assem. Vanel