

Date: Monday, June 11, 2007 - 6:00 p.m.
Location: Broward County Administrative Offices
100 Aviation Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315
Auditorium

Committee Members in Attendance

Dr. Abe Fischler, Chairperson
Ernie Siegrist, RMT#1
Gary Luedtke, RMT #2
Rae Sandler, RMT #5
John Kessler, RMT #6
Debbie Reich for Dave Reich, RMT #7

Ted Baldwin, HMMH
Irwin Oster, City of Hollywood
George Counts, RMT# 8 (Alternate)
Rudy Herman RMT #10

Others Present

Winston Cannicle, BCAD
Ron Boyd, MEA Group
Deborah Van Valkenburgh, Chula Vista HOA
Tania Shagonry
Mike Gizzo
Lisa Waters, MEA Group
Alceste Venturini
Mike Maller
Timeka Carter, MEA Group

Eric Bernhardt, Jacobs Consultancy
Lisa Waters, MEA Group
Peter Sobota
Jacques Besumun
Jennifer Ron
Fred Elson
Sheryl A. Dickey, DCS
Belkis Ferro, DCS

1. Welcome

Dr. Abe Fischler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes from March 12, 2007 were approved with no corrections. Mr. Gary Luedtke motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Ernie Siegrist. All were in favor.

3. Noise Office Update by BCAD Staff

Mr. Winston Cannicle presented the monthly operations report; he stated that in the month of March, at site #1, there were some issues with the data not being credible due to a malfunction with the equipment. That issue has been resolved.

Mr. Luedtke suggested that it would be beneficial to highlight those malfunctions in the monthly report so it can be obvious that something is wrong. Mr. Siegrist stated that it would also help to give the individual site representative advance notice of anomalies like this. Mr. Cannicle agreed to provide that information in the future if the problem occurs again. He also explained that Site #1 was not fully functional and that it had been sent out for repairs; in the mean time, the spare equipment was placed at that location. At Site #5, there was construction near that location which affected its functionality.

Mr. Cannicle informed the Committee that the main runway closure dates had been revised to accommodate EMAS repairs; closure dates will be from June 18th to June 26th. Mr. Cannicle also advised that runway 13/31 was active on June 8th due to severe weather that caused damage to the runway lighting system for the main runway.

Mr. George Counts asked why the EMAS cannot be repaired during normal operations since the EMAS is at the end of the runway. Mr. Cannicle explained that it would not be safe for workers to work on the EMAS if the runway is active.

Mr. Luedtke expressed that some residents think that the south runway is being constructed right now due to construction activity on the Southside of the Airport. Winston explained that the construction activity going on right now was not related to the airport expansion.

Mr. Cannicle reported site analysis for noise sites #4 and #5 located in Dania Beach, and that HMMH has conducted preliminary tests. HMMH anticipates conducting the on-site evaluation sometime in July, 2007 and will notify the representatives for each location as soon as the dates are confirmed.

Mr. Michael Maller asked if they were going to update all of the monitors in the system specifically, those located at John U. Lloyd Park with wireless systems. Mr. Cannicle stated that a solar powered system with a wireless capability will be installed at the State Park. The cost of the equipment including installation will be around \$35,000

4. Part 150 Study Update

Mr. Eric Bernhardt, Jacobs Consultancy, stated that they have been working on some potential solutions regarding helicopter operations at FLL and introduced Ms. Lisa Waters from MEA Group to present these potential solutions to the Committee.

Ms. Waters gave a presentation on the steps taken thus far in establishing arrival/departure and hovering procedures. MEA Group has generated operational and non-operational potential helicopter abatement options to ensure that the operators are familiar with those procedures, which will be incorporated into a safety plan. Ms. Waters also stated that they will make sure to incorporate the community's feedback before going to the FAA with any recommendation.

Ms. Waters also stated that getting the message out to helicopter pilots is a non-operational issue and highlighted the outcome of a working session with BCAD, FAA and helicopter users. Recommendations for changes to the informal runway use program included all operations for arrival and departures procedures, hovering and avoiding over-flying residential areas.

Mr. Ron Boyd, from MEA Group, explained that they are also looking to establish written agreements between helicopter operators and Air Traffic so that everyone will know how they are supposed to operate. Mr. Luedtke asked if helicopter operators agree to this, would the airport still be under an informal runway use operating procedure. Mr. Boyd stated that it will be informal for the operators that sign the agreement, and that it is a written agreement between the air traffic control tower and the operators at the airport; once the letter of agreement is signed, they'll know exactly what they're suppose to do.

Mrs. Debbie Reich representing Mr. Dave Reich asked MEA Group to work closely with Broward County Commissioners to keep them informed and to find out where they stand with the implementation of these measures. Dr. Fischler stated that the Part 150 Study will go to the Commission for approval.

Citizen Comments and questions

Mr. Luedtke asked about the status of the Part 150 Study. Mr. Bernhardt stated that little has changed thus far and that they are anticipating making a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners next Tuesday on June 19, 2007, and encouraged the ANAC Committee to attend on that day if they are indeed scheduled to be on the Agenda.

Mr. Luedtke asked Ms. Waters about the next steps involved regarding the helicopter issue, Ms. Waters responded that the next step include incorporating the Committee's feedback and making a presentation to the FAA.

Mr. Luedtke stated that he was very pleased to see Mr. Boyd, but wanted to know why the current Air Traffic Control Tower Manager was not present at the meeting. Mr. Rudy Herman related a message he had received from the Tower Manager saying that he cannot attend these meetings until the runway use litigation is resolved between the County and the FAA.

Dr. Fischler took the opportunity to remind the Committee that he has been the ANAC Chair since 1992 and that a proposal to build the south runway dates back to 1992, and that more than five millions dollars have been spent in studies since then. Now we are back with the same recommendation that was given in 1992.

Dr. Fischler stated that he no longer feels neutral and as a result, he should not continue to Chair the ANAC Committee. Dr. Fischler proposed that he will Chair the next meeting in September, giving the Airport staff enough time to select a new Chair. He stated that he served voluntarily for a good number of years so it is time to find someone else so he can be an advocate for what he has learned while being the Chair of ANAC. Dr. Fischler believed that he served his purpose as Chair and thanked the Committee Members and the residents present for the opportunity that he was given.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next Airport Noise Abatement Committee meeting will be held on **September 10, 2007, 6 p.m.**

Minutes completed by Belkis Ferro

Reviewed by: Winston Cannicle on 7/13/07