

**AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATEMENT TASK FORCE MEETING
ST. PETE-CLEARWATER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

April 19, 2017

St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE), Aircraft Noise Abatement Task Force (NATF) Committee, a/k/a Task Force, met at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room 234, Airport Terminal Building, with the following members present:

Present

Russ Argus, Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Control PIE
Robert Butler, Allegiant Air (via Polycom)
Louis Claudio, Safety Harbor Resident
Steve Fox and Warren Knaust, Clearwater Aviation (via Polycom)
H.D. Holland, Feather Sound Resident (via Polycom)
Jerry Karp, Clearwater Resident
Barbara Markley, Pinellas Park Resident
John Padavich, Safety Harbor Resident
James Pershing, U.S. Coast Guard (for Matthew Furlong)
Michael Short, Clearwater Resident
Cheryl Soszka, Airport Administration
Mark Sprague, Deputy Director, Operations and Facilities
Deen Walker, Sheltair (via Polycom)
Matt Weaver, Airport Operations Manager
Michael Zas, County Attorney's Office

Absent:

Joseph Lassen, US Army Reserve
Scott McGuff, Oldsmar Resident
Steve Ochsner, Feather Sound Resident
Reed M. Potecha, UPS
Michael Yuska, Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Control

Guests in Attendance:

Dave Eggers, Pinellas County Commissioner
Austin Fay, Airport Operations Supervisor
Collin Linkletter, Seminole
Cindy Metz, Seminole
Tony Valentine, Safety Harbor

AGENDA

1. Introduction and Opening Comments
2. 2017 NATF Meeting Dates
3. Semi-Annual Task Force Report
4. Move Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2017
5. Quarterly Noise Abatement Compliance Report
6. Quarterly Noise Complaint Summary
7. MetroPlex Workshops
8. Citizen's Comments
9. Adjournment

INTRODUCTION AND OPENING COMMENTS

Mr. Sprague welcomed those present to the Noise Abatement Task Force Meeting and everyone introduced themselves. Mr. Sprague reviewed: 1) 2017 Task Force Meeting Dates, 2) Semi-Annual Task Force Report from the October 2016 and January 2017 Meetings, and 3) included the Task Force Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2017.

QUARTERLY NOISE ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE REPORT

Mr. Sprague referred to the Noise Abatement Compliance Report for the months of January through March 2017. The compliance rate is ranging between 70-80%. Some reasons why pilots may be unable to fly a Noise Abatement Procedure are bad weather, fog, high winds, or medical alerts. Mr. Sprague thanked Allegiant and UPS for continuously reminding pilots of the Noise Abatement Procedures and utilizing them when they can be safely flown. Mr. Sprague continues regular dialogue with Chief Pilots regarding failure to comply.

QUARTERLY NOISE COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Mr. Sprague reported on the 1st Quarter 2017 Noise Complaint Summary. There were 427 complaints received during the 1st Quarter from 28 different households. The top three cities submitting complaints were Safety Harbor, Clearwater, and Pinellas Park. The top three reasons for these complaints were aircraft not flying the Noise Abatement Procedures, excessive noise, and late night or early morning flight activity.

Mr. Sprague reiterated Allegiant's commitment to upgrade their fleet at PIE to an all Airbus A320 series family, which are a much quieter aircraft than the MD-80. Allegiant's latest fleet transition is as follows: 4 A320's currently based at PIE; 6 based A320's by the end of May; 8 based A320's by the end of July; 10 based A320's by the end of August; and 11 based A320's in October. Mr. Sprague stressed that this does not mean that MD-80's will not be able to fly in and out of PIE, rather the MD-80's will not be based at PIE.

METROPLEX WORKSHOPS

Mr. Sprague discussed that he received an email from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) inquiring on whom the Airport would like to have an invitation extended to for the MetroPlex Workshops. Mr. Sprague indicated that he provided the email addresses for PIE Airport Officials, the Noise Abatement Task Force, and Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners. The FAA has already invited State Senators and the Governor. Mr. Sprague stressed the importance of the Task Force's attendance at these workshops. Mr. Sprague reiterated that the goal of MetroPlex is optimizing airspace in a geographic area covering several airports serving major metropolitan areas. MetroPlex will not impact PIE's current Noise Abatement Procedures.

NATF MEMBERS AND CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Lou Claudio, Safety Harbor Task Force Member, inquired about compliance on departures. Mr. Sprague explained that departures are assigned by the Air Traffic Control Tower and are not voluntary.

John Padavich, Safety Harbor Task Force Member, requested clarification on when the PIE Air Traffic Control Tower is open. The PIE Tower is staffed from 6:00 am - 11:00 pm.

Commissioner Eggers stated that he is aware the Airbus A320's are much quieter, but questioned if these aircraft will be able to follow the current Noise Abatement Procedures. Mr. Sprague advised they currently fly the same procedures.

Cindy Metz, west Seminole resident, requested clarification on arrivals coming from the north. Mr. Sprague explained that if aircraft are flying over western Seminole, they are still at a fairly high altitude and under the control of the Tampa Approach Control. The Tampa Approach Control may be vectoring aircraft that way due to air traffic in the vicinity.

Tony Valentine, Safety Harbor resident, stated he is experiencing excessive noise at his home over the past three months. Mr. Valentine inquired if there was an increase in flight activity due to Spring Break. Mr. Sprague advised there was definitely an increase in flights due to Spring Break. There will be a decrease in flights during the month of May, but then again an increase again in the summer.

An inquiry was made regarding additional Allegiant destinations in 2017. Mr. Sprague stated there is only one new Allegiant destination currently scheduled in 2017, which is Louisville, Kentucky beginning in May.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.