

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

January 17, 2018

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**

Louis Claudio, Safety Harbor Resident  
Austin Fay, Airport Operations Supervisor  
H.D. Holland, Feather Sound Resident  
Tom Jewsbury, Airport Director  
Jerry Karp, Clearwater Resident  
Barbara Markley, Pinellas Park Resident  
Scott McGuff, Oldsmar Resident  
Steve Ochsner, Feather Sound Resident  
John Padavich, Safety Harbor Resident  
Tucker Rodeffer for Matthew Furlong, U.S. Coast Guard  
Michael Short, Clearwater Resident  
Cheryl Soszka, Airport Administration  
Mark Sprague, Deputy Director, Operations and Facilities  
Deen Walker, Sheltair  
Jeff Yost, Allegiant Air (via Polycom)  
Michael Zas, County Attorney's Office

**Absent:**

Russ Argus, Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Control PIE  
Robert Butler, Allegiant Air  
Steve Fox, Clearwater Aviation  
Joseph Lassen, US Army Reserve  
Michael Yuska, Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Control

**Guests in Attendance:**

Adam Bouchard, Hillsborough County Aviation Authority  
Brad Dye, Allegiant Air  
Dave Eggers, Pinellas County Commissioner  
Steven Santamaria, Airport Operations Supervisor

## **AGENDA**

1. Introduction & Opening Comments  
→ U.S. Coast Guard Presentation
2. 2018 Task Force Meeting Dates
3. Move Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2017
4. Quarterly Noise Compliance Report & Complaint Summary
5. Flights within Voluntary Quiet Window
6. Action Items
7. Citizen's Comments
8. Adjournment

## **INTRODUCTION AND OPENING COMMENTS**

Mr. Sprague welcomed those present to the NATF Meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

Lt. Tucker Rodeffer, U.S. Coast Guard, gave a brief presentation on Air Station Clearwater and its operations, including its mission to the U.S. Government. A question and answer session proceeded the presentation which included Noise Abatement Procedures (NAP) and flying community friendly.

## **MEETING DATES, SEMI ANNUAL REPORT, AND MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Sprague announced the *NATF 2018 Meeting Dates* and approved the *Task Force Meeting Minutes* of October 4, 2017.

## **QUARTERLY NOISE ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE REPORT AND COMPLAINT SUMMARY**

Mr. Sprague referred to the *Noise Abatement Compliance Report* for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2017. The overall compliance rate reflected a high compliance rate during the day, with a lower night time (sunset to sunrise) compliance rate.

Mr. Sprague advised that he has been in contact with Jeff Yost, Allegiant's Air Traffic Control Coordinator and re-emphasized that the pilots must request the NAP's from Tampa Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) in order for Tampa to assign the Approach. However, Mr. Yost stated he would like for the NAP's to be assigned as opposed to the pilots having to request them to increase compliance. In order for NAP's to be assigned, a Letter of Agreement between the airline and TRACON would legally be required; however, Mr. Yost is struggling to arrange a meeting or agreement with Tampa TRACON. Mr. Jewsbury stated he would organize a meeting with TRACON, PIE, and Allegiant to discuss the requirements of obtaining this Letter of Agreement. If an

agreement cannot be reached at this level, PIE will request the reason in writing, and take it to the regional level.

Mr. Sprague reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2017 *Noise Complaint Summary*. There were 142 complaints received during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter from 14 different households; and a total of 1,155 complaints received in 2017 from 98 different households. The top three cities submitting complaints for both the Quarter and the year, were Safety Harbor, Clearwater, and Oldsmar. The top three reasons for complaints were aircraft not flying the NAP's, late night and early morning operations, and excessive noise.

### **FLIGHTS WITHIN VOLUNTARY QUIET WINDOW**

The number of flights during the Voluntary Quiet Window ranged between 1-5% for October through December 2017. In 2017, 296 out of 7,403 flights (4%) flew outside the Voluntary Quiet Window. The main reasons for delays are: mechanical, weather, air traffic control delays, ground stops, and relocation of aircraft.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Sprague reviewed a summary of the 2017 complaints by city, the reason for the complaint, and what action was taken by the Airport to correct the issue when possible. Ground noise has been a non-issue since the MD-80's were retired and replaced with the Airbus fleet based at PIE. There has not been a complaint regarding ground noise since June 2017.

Mr. Sprague reviewed two complaints that were received during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter and the actions the Airport took to assist in resolving them.

Mr. Sprague provided an update on the status of the VOR-DME B Approach converting from a "Special" to a "Public" Procedure; the current timeframe is September 2018. Once converted, any aircraft will be able to fly the Procedure, including corporate aircraft. In addition, Mr. Sprague advised that as of December 2017, Allegiant has been approved to fly the RNAV Visual Approach; therefore no longer being reliant only on the VOR-DME B Approach.

Mr. Sprague provided an update on the NavAid Software for tracking flight activity mentioned in the October meeting. The software is currently being fine-tuned internally and should be available to the public on the PIE website soon.

Mr. Sprague advised the Fly Friendly Outreach Program is a continuous process reaching out to the Allegiant pilots reviewing NAP's, obtaining feedback from pilots, and providing PIE promotional items.

Mr. Sprague reviewed a list of destinations that were added and discontinued in 2017.

## **NATF MEMBERS AND CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

Steve Ochsner, Task Force Member, asked for an update on the Master Plan. Mr. Sprague advised that updates can be found on the Master Plan Website at <http://piemasterplan.com/>. Mr. Sprague advised we will notify the Task Force of when the next Public Meeting will be held.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.