

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

April 19, 2023

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:

H.D. Holland, Feather Sound Resident (via teleconference)
Erin Johnson, Airport Operations Manager
Jerry Karp, Clearwater Resident
Barbara Markley, Pinellas Park Resident
Lt. Williams, U.S. Coast Guard *for CDR Jeanine Menze*
Steve Ochsner, Feather Sound Resident (via teleconference)
John Padavich, Safety Harbor Resident
Sean Schrader, City of Clearwater at Large Resident (via teleconference)
Cheryl Soszka, Airport Administration
Mark Sprague, Deputy Director, Operations and Facilities
Deen Walker, Sheltair
Jeff Yost, Allegiant Air (via teleconference)
Michael Zas, County Attorney's Office (via teleconference)

Absent:

Jason Driskill, U.S. Army
Chris Heden, Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Control TPA
Tom Jewsbury, Airport Director
Andrew Knapp, Oldsmar Resident and City Council Member
Hank Samuel, Palm Harbor Resident

Guests in Attendance:

Commissioner Brian Scott, Pinellas County
Bobbie Shay Lee, Pinellas County
Tony Stillo, Pinellas County
Donald Casey, Del Oro Groves
Louis Claudio, Safety Harbor
Bruce Dally, Pinellas Park
Cathy and Mark Minter, Oldsmar
Reece Nanfито, Del Oro Groves

AGENDA

1. Introduction & Opening Comments
2. Move Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2023
3. Move Semi-Annual Report into Record
4. Quarterly Noise Compliance Report & Complaint Summary
5. Flights within Voluntary Quiet Window
6. Action Items
 - Runway 18/36 repair complete
 - U.S. Naval Air Station Jacksonville letter
 - Sun Country and Air Traffic Control confusion on RNAV
 - Added more airlines to Noise Complaint form for charters
7. Citizen's Comments
8. Adjournment

INTRODUCTION, MEETING DATES, AND MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Sprague welcomed those present to the NATF Meeting. Mr. Sprague moved the *Meeting Minutes* of January 25, 2023, and the *Semi-Annual Report* into the record.

QUARTERLY NOISE ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE REPORT AND COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Mr. Sprague referred to the *Noise Abatement Compliance Report* for the 1st Quarter 2023. In January, 255 aircraft arrived on Runway 18; of those able to use a Noise Abatement Procedure (NAP), 251 aircraft did, while 4 did not. In February, 350 aircraft arrived on Runway 18; of those able to use a NAP, 329 aircraft did, while 21 did not. In March, 451 aircraft arrived on Runway 18; of those able to use a NAP, 429 aircraft did, while 22 did not. Average overall compliance for the 1st Quarter was 96%.

There were 815 complaints received during the 1st Quarter, with 661 complaints from one household in Safety Harbor and 73 complaints from another household in Safety Harbor, representing 90% of the complaints this quarter. The top three cities submitting complaints were Safety Harbor, Oldsmar, and Pinellas Park; with the top three reasons for complaints being excessive noise, low flying, and flying over home.

FLIGHTS WITHIN VOLUNTARY QUIET WINDOW

The number of flights during the Voluntary Quiet Window (VQW) for the 1st Quarter ranged between 11 - 14%. Some reasons for flights during the VQW this quarter were: scheduled flights, winter weather in northern destinations, and fog and weather locally.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Runway 18/36 Repair

Runway 18/36 repair has been completed.

U.S. Naval Air Station Jacksonville letter

Based on observation of the Poseidon P8 (Boeing 737) performing low altitude traffic pattern approaches, Mr. Sprague sent a letter to the U.S. Naval Air Station in Jacksonville reminding them not to fly low altitude traffic patterns over residential areas. The Airport nor FAA can govern military aircraft except to remind them of noise sensitive areas.

Sun Country and Air Traffic Control confusion on RNAV assignment

Due to a misunderstanding at Tampa Terminal Radar Approach Control Facilities (TRACON), Sun Country pilots were not being assigned the RNAV NAP by the Tampa TRACON. The Chief Pilot from Sun Country contacted Mr. Sprague questioning why the RNAV was not being assigned, even when the pilot was asking for it. Mr. Sprague met with Air Traffic Controllers and the matter was resolved.

Added additional airlines to noise complaint form for charter flights

Additional airlines have been added to the noise complaint form for baseball charter flights/airlines. You can now select: Air Canada, Delta, and United. These are for charter flights only.

NATF MEMBERS AND CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Lt. Williams, U.S. Coast Guard, stated they are preparing the Air Station for the arrival of the C-27J aircraft to start arriving in June or July 2023.

Bruce Dally, resident of Pinellas Park, spoke on aircraft noise and the impact of the noise on the equestrian community and farm animals in Pinellas Park. He states the C-130 traffic over Pinellas Park is frequent and very low flying. He would like to request that the U.S. Coast Guard suspend use of Runway 4 as the final approach is right above five farms.

Reece Nanfito, resident of Del Oro Groves, expressed his concern about noise and its' impact on health and sleep. A routine measure of decibels is not coming from the Airport. It is an exception, not the norm, to not measure decibels. He stated there is no financial assistance for homeowners to "soundproof" their homes. Some homes have windows from the 1950's. The Airport is not putting any money toward noise mitigation, and he believes this would be a good use of PFC fees. He further stated the flight procedure shown on the website is not correct and should be redrawn.

Cathy Minter, resident of Oldsmar, stated they are victims of noise abatement. She stated their biggest concern is that Allegiant has flights scheduled during the VQW. In addition, the departures that are being redirected are going straight over their home.

Cathy stated she appreciates all the work Mr. Sprague has done to reduce noise. Cathy stated she doesn't know what impact the decibel measurement would make.

Lou Claudio, resident of Safety Harbor citizen, inquired if additional options could be added on the noise complaint form under the "activity disturbed," specifically sleep.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.