

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

January 23, 2019

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

Keith Blair, U.S. Coast Guard
Robert Butler, Allegiant Air
H.D. Holland, Feather Sound Resident
Tom Jewsbury, Airport Director
Jerry Karp, Clearwater Resident
Barbara Markley, Pinellas Park Resident
Scott McGuff, Oldsmar Resident
John Padavich, Safety Harbor Resident
Steven Santamaria, Airport Operations Supervisor
Cheryl Soszka, Airport Administration
Mark Sprague, Deputy Director, Operations and Facilities
Jeff Yost, Allegiant Air
Michael Zas, County Attorney's Office

Absent:

Russ Argus, Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Control PIE
Joseph Lassen, US Army Reserve
Steve Ochsner, Feather Sound Resident
Michael Short, Clearwater Resident
Deen Walker, Sheltair
Michael Yuska, Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Control

Guests in Attendance:

Louis Claudio, Safety Harbor
Mark Minter, Oldsmar
Ashley Overend, Pinellas County Executive Aide
Kathleen Peters, Pinellas County Commissioner

AGENDA

1. Introduction & Opening Comments
2. 2019 Task Force Meeting Dates and Task Force Members
3. Move Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2018
4. Quarterly Noise Compliance Report & Complaint Summary
5. Flights within Voluntary Quiet Window
6. Action/Discussion Items
7. Citizen's Comments
8. Adjournment

INTRODUCTION, MEETING DATES, AND MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Sprague welcomed those present to the NATF Meeting and everyone introduced themselves. Mr. Sprague reviewed the *2019 NATF Meeting Dates* and *NATF Members*. In addition, Mr. Sprague moved the *Meeting Minutes* of October 17, 2018 into the record.

QUARTERLY NOISE ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE REPORT AND COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Mr. Sprague referred to the *Noise Abatement Compliance Report* for the 4th Quarter 2018. In October, 131 aircraft arrived on Runway 18; 71 aircraft used a Noise Abatement Procedure (NAP), while 10 did not. In November, 241 aircraft arrived on Runway 18; 211 used a NAP, while 17 did not. In December, 331 aircraft arrived on Runway 18; 167 used a NAP, while 12 did not.

There were 565 complaints received during the 4th Quarter from 20 different households, with 281 of the complaints coming from one household in Safety Harbor and 270 of the complaints coming from one household in Oldsmar. In 2018, there were a total of 1,990 complaints received from 61 different households, with 1,436 coming from one household in Safety Harbor. The top three cities submitting complaints, for both the quarter and the year, were Safety Harbor, Oldsmar, and Clearwater. The top three reasons for complaints for the quarter were excessive noise, late night or early morning flights, and frequency of flights. There were zero complaints received in 2018 regarding ground noise for aircraft engine run-ups.

FLIGHTS WITHIN VOLUNTARY QUIET WINDOW

The number of flights during the Voluntary Quiet Window (VQW) ranged between 2-3% for October through December 2018. In 2018, 502 out of 7,537 flights (7%) flew outside the VQW. The main reasons for flights during the VQW were flight delays, weather, mechanical, and Air Traffic Control (ATC) mandated ground stops.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Sprague discussed a recent complaint from a citizen in Del Prado in the Belleair Bluffs area regarding loud, low flying Allegiant aircraft. Mr. Yost, Allegiant Air, discussed that there are no structures on the west side of PIE and discussed how the Tampa Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) sends PIE flights to the west and TPA flights to the east. There are no discernable concerns of repetitive flights over homes to the west. Mr. Yost reported that aircraft in that particular area would be at an altitude of least 2,600 feet.

Mr. Sprague provided an update on the status of the VOR/DME-B Special Procedure converting to a Public Procedure. The Procedure was approved and publication should be sometime in February 2019 per the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); however, the government shutdown may impact this publication date.

Mr. Sprague advised that the Metroplex study, which looks to improve the efficiency of high altitude air space, has resumed. In the spring, there will be a public meeting that Mr. Sprague would like the NATF Members to attend. Mr. Sprague is uncertain of what changes will occur to the flight paths at high altitudes, but assured the Task Force that PIE's NAP's will be not impacted. Mr. Yost reiterated that the Metroplex goal is to make air traffic over Florida more efficient. Mr. Yost stated he was told that smaller market airports would not have any major changes, only high volume traffic airports would be impacted. More to follow as the information becomes available.

NATF MEMBERS AND CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

There was discussion regarding development of the Airco golf course property. Mr. Jewsbury stated that an Environment Assessment must be completed prior to development. Once the Environmental Assessment is complete, there will be a Public Workshop. Mr. Jewsbury reiterated that the buffer area, east of Evergreen Avenue, would remain in place regardless of the development of the property.

Scott McGuff, NATF Oldsmar representative, announced his resignation from the Task Force. Mr. McGuff stated he enjoyed his time on the Task Force and Mr. Sprague thanked him for serving.

Lou Claudio, Safety Harbor resident, stated he appreciated seeing a significant improvement in the air carrier compliance numbers.

Mark Minter, Oldsmar resident, stated that aircraft are still coming in over Oldsmar. The aircraft are coming in over the water, but very close to the Oldsmar shoreline. Mr. Minter inquired if the angle of the NAP could be changed to fly directly in the middle of the Bay, bypassing PPLNT all together. Mr. Sprague and Mr. Holland advised this is an FAA approved NAP and it will not change.

John Padavich, NATF Safety Harbor representative, inquired about the status of the Master Plan. Mr. Sprague advised once completed, the Public Meeting for the final Master Plan will be when it is presented to the Board of County Commissioners.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.