

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

July 21, 2021

St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE), Aircraft Noise Abatement Task Force (NATF) Committee, a/k/a Task Force, met at 3:00 p.m. virtually via the GoToMeeting platform, with the following members present:

Present:

Erin Johnson, Airport Operations Manager
Jerry Karp, Clearwater Resident
Andrew Knapp, Oldsmar Resident and City Council Member
Barbara Markley, Pinellas Park Resident
CDR Jeanine Menze, U.S. Coast Guard
John Padavich, Safety Harbor Resident
Hank Samuel, Palm Harbor Resident
Steven Santamaria, Airport Operations Supervisor
Sean Schrader, City of Clearwater at Large Resident
Cheryl Soszka, Airport Administration
Mark Sprague, Deputy Director, Operations and Facilities
Deen Walker, Sheltair
Jeff Yost, Allegiant Air
Michael Zas, County Attorney's Office

Absent:

Russ Argus, Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Control PIE
H.D. Holland, Feather Sound Resident
Tom Jewsbury, Airport Director
Joseph Lassen, US Army Reserve
Ernie Nevin, Allegiant Chief Pilot
Steve Ochsner, Feather Sound Resident
Michael Yuska, Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Control

Guests in Attendance:

Don Casey, Del Oro Groves
Lou Claudio, Safety Harbor
Pat Gerard, Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
Dallas Rose, Oldsmar

AGENDA

1. Introduction and Opening Comments
2. Semi-Annual Report
3. Move Minutes of April 21, 2021
4. Quarterly Noise Compliance Report & Complaint Summary
5. Flights within Voluntary Quiet Window
6. Action/Discussion Items
 - ➔ Military Flights
 - ➔ Metroplex Updates and NATF Awareness
 - ➔ U.S. Coast Guard Helicopter Flights
 - ➔ Air Carriers on Noise Abatement Procedure
7. Citizen's Comments
8. Adjournment

INTRODUCTION, MEETING DATES, AND MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Sprague welcomed those present to the NATF Meeting. Mr. Sprague reviewed the *Semi-Annual Report* and moved the *Meeting Minutes* of April 21, 2021 into the record.

QUARTERLY NOISE ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE REPORT AND COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Mr. Sprague referred to the *Noise Abatement Compliance Report* for the 2nd Quarter 2021. In April, 285 aircraft arrived on Runway 18; of those able to use a Noise Abatement Procedure (NAP), 169 aircraft did, while 11 did not. In May, 200 aircraft arrived on Runway 18; of those able to use a NAP, 192 aircraft did, while 13 did not. In June, 553 aircraft arrived on Runway 18; of those able to use a NAP, 419 aircraft did, while 30 did not. Mr. Sprague stated that daytime compliance is approximately 90%; however, reiterated that PIE needs to continue to work with the air carriers to educate pilots to request to fly the voluntary RNAV Procedure as it is not automatically provided.

There were 1,278 complaints received during the 2nd Quarter, with 676 complaints coming from one household in Safety Harbor and 223 complaints coming from one household in Oldsmar. The top three cities submitting complaints were Oldsmar, Safety Harbor, and Clearwater. The top three reasons for complaints were excessive noise, low flying aircraft, and did not use a NAP.

FLIGHTS WITHIN VOLUNTARY QUIET WINDOW

The number of flights during the Voluntary Quiet Window (VQW) for the 2nd Quarter ranged between 12-20%. Some of the reasons for flights during the VQW were weather (both local and destination) causing ramp closures and ground stops from the Jacksonville Air Traffic Control Center, both of which can result in significant delays.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Military Flights

Mr. Sprague asked the NATF if they have seen large military aircraft flying lately. The NATF did not indicate they have seen these aircraft in the area recently.

Metroplex Updates and NATF Awareness

The new Metroplex departures have had some automation challenges to departing aircraft, but aircraft still fly a NAP by using the St. Pete 9 departure. Mr. Sprague has been working with the FAA regional administrator for updates.

U.S. Coast Guard Helicopter Flights

Mr. Sprague stated that he met with the new U.S. Coast Guard Commander and requested that when training, the helicopters fly over McMullen Booth Road as opposed to over Safety Harbor neighborhoods. Mr. Sprague also reiterated training missions do not fly after 11:00 p.m. If the Coast Guard is flying after 11:00 p.m., they are flying on a mission.

Air Carriers on Noise Abatement Procedure

Mr. Sprague will be talking with Swoop, Sun County, and Delta (baseball charters) to discuss these air carriers completing the required FAA paperwork and training to fly the RNAV Procedure into PIE.

NATF MEMBERS AND CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Karp, Clearwater NATF representative, inquired about the federal mask mandate for the Airport. Mr. Sprague advised that the mandate is currently set to expire on September 13, 2021. This date can be lifted or extended as determined by the Department of Homeland Security. *UPDATE:* The federal mask mandate has been extended through January 18, 2022.

Mr. Lou Claudio, resident of Safety Harbor, expressed an issue with late night flights and being woken up in the middle of the night. Mr. Claudio expressed disrupted sleep can have significant health impacts. Mr. Claudio also complemented Allegiant on a significant increase of using the RNAV Procedure.

Mr. Don Casey, resident of Del Oro Groves, expressed a concern with late arrivals disrupting the sleep of high schoolers who wake up early to take final exams.

Mr. Dallas Rose, resident of Oldsmar, concurs with Mr. Lou Claudio regarding late night flights. Mr. Rose stated there has been a large increase in late night flights, and it doesn't seem to be getting any better with additional destinations being added. Mr. Sprague reiterated that the new flights added will be daytime arrivals/departures and not during the VQW.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.