

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

October 18, 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:**

Jason Driskill, U.S. Army  
H.D. Holland, Feather Sound Resident (via teleconference)  
Jerry Karp, Clearwater Resident  
Barbara Markley, Pinellas Park Resident  
Steve Ochsner, Feather Sound Resident  
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  
Cody Ward, County Attorney's Office (via teleconference)  
Jeff Yost, Allegiant Air  
Michael Zas, County Attorney's Office (via teleconference)

**Absent:**

CDR Michael Feltovic, U.S. Coast Guard  
Chris Heden, Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Control TPA  
Tom Jewsbury, Airport Director  
Erin Johnson, Airport Operations Manager  
Andrew Knapp, Oldsmar Resident and City Council Member  
Hank Samuel, Palm Harbor Resident  
Anibal Velazquez, Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Control PIE  
Deen Walker, Sheltair

**Guests in Attendance:**

Steven Santamaria, Airport Operations  
Donald Casey, Del Oro Groves  
Reece Nanfito, Del Oro Groves

## AGENDA

1. Introduction & Opening Comments
2. 2024 NATF Meeting Dates
3. Semi-Annual Report – April and July 2023
4. Move Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2023
5. Quarterly Noise Compliance Report & Complaint Summary
6. Flights within Voluntary Quiet Window
7. Action Items
  - Charts & Graphs
8. Citizen’s Comments
9. Adjournment

## INTRODUCTION, MEETING DATES, AND MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Sprague welcomed those present to the NATF Meeting and reviewed the 2024 NATF Meeting Dates. Mr. Sprague moved the *Semi-Annual Report -April & July 2023* and the *Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2023* into the record.

## QUARTERLY NOISE ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE REPORT AND COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Mr. Sprague referred to the *Noise Abatement Compliance Report* for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023. In July, 427 aircraft arrived on Runway 18; of those able to use a Noise Abatement Procedure (NAP), 252 aircraft did, while 8 did not. In August, 254 aircraft arrived on Runway 18; of those able to use a NAP, 175 aircraft did, while 5 did not. In September, 90 aircraft arrived on Runway 18; of those able to use a NAP, 64 aircraft did, while 5 did not. Average overall compliance for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter was 95%.

There were 561 complaints received during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, with 525 complaints from one household in Safety Harbor, representing 94% of the complaints this quarter. The top three cities submitting complaints were Safety Harbor, Oldsmar, and “Other”; 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter ranged between 3 - 18%, averaging at 11% for the quarter. Some reasons for flights during the VQW this quarter were: scheduled flights, local weather, thunderstorms across the country, Hurricane Idalia, and Air Traffic Control ground stops.

## **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Charts & Graphs**

Mr. Sprague reviewed the current charts and graphs provided to the Noise Abatement Task Force at each meeting. Discussion ensued regarding which charts and graphs were most helpful in conveying the data. We will revisit this topic at the next meeting in January.

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

Don Casey, resident of Del Oro Groves, stated he noticed in September there were only a few flights coming straight-in. There was one day that four aircraft arrived within 20 minutes; three followed the NAP, and one did not.

Reece Nanfito, resident of Del Oro Groves, expressed concern about the VQW report and the number of flights that are actually scheduled during the VQW. Mr. Nanfito inquired as to the number of flights scheduled between 11:01 p.m. and 11:48 p.m. arriving on-time versus arriving late and that it seems to be acceptable.

H.D. Holland, Feather Sound Task Force Member, reminded everyone that the Quiet Window is voluntary. Aircraft can fly into PIE whenever they would like, 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. H.D. stated the Task Force has made incredible progress since its' inception in 2002.

Jason Driskill, U.S. Army Reserve, explained we are located in a very congested area, with a high volume of air traffic. Unfortunately, but realistically, there are only so many things that can be done to reduce noise in an area like this.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.