

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE AIRPORT COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Airport Commission convened in a regular session on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Annex Meeting Room, Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Donnellan, Glass, Hsiao, Jacobsen, O'Brien, Orpe, and Chairperson Boyce.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian and Environmental Quality Office Bradshaw.

3. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Glass led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF AGENDA POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Jacobsen, seconded by Commissioner Hsiao, moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2016

MOTION: Commissioner Jacobsen moved to approve the Airport Commission meeting minutes of January 14, 2016 as presented. Commissioner Donnellan seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

6A. The Commission welcomed new Airport Commissioner Anne O'Brien.

6B. Jim Gates, Via Pasqual, Torrance Airport Association, reported that on February 3 the Los Angeles County Land Use Commission ruled unanimously that the plan for the Lexus expansion was inconsistent with the Los Angeles County Airport Land Use Plan. He noted that the item would eventually go to City Council for approval or denial.

6C. Mr. Gates reported that on February 2 City Council approved the Collings Foundation Aircraft display on April 22-26. He stated that there are no sidewalks in front of the General Aviation Center and between the General Aviation Center and the Western Museum of Flight entrance, making it difficult for pedestrians to reach the event entrance. He distributed his plan for the addition of sidewalks and asked the Commission to support his suggestion.

7. **ACTION ITEMS** – None.

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

8A. **AERONAUTICAL OPERATIONAL INFORMATION UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Chairperson Boyce noted that the following reports for January 2016 were included in agenda materials: Hangar and Tiedown Rental Status, Ongoing Projects, February Meeting Room Calendar, Hangar Waiting List, Events Requiring Emergency Response for December 2015, and Airfield Operations Status for December 2015.

Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian reported that on February 2 City Council awarded a contract for hazardous materials abatement and disposal of items from the hangar fires. He stated that work is expected to begin on February 22 and that notices have been sent to all affected hangar tenants.

Responding to Mr. Gates' inquiry, he stated that the remediation would not affect Airport operations and that there would be a temporary fence installed around the area that is being worked on.

In response to Commissioner Jacobsen's inquiry about the windstorm, Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian stated that some gutters were blown off but there was no major damage.

8B. **NOISE ABATEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT**

Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian presented the Noise Abatement Quarterly Report for October, November, and December 2015.

Mr. Gates distributed and entered into record his February 9 report regarding incomplete noise abatement data.

8C. **ANNUAL CURFEW EXEMPTION FOR N319MB**

Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian presented the request for an annual curfew exemption for an aircraft owned and operated by Garcia, Artigliere & Medby Law Firm. He stated that the firm requested the exemption to meet business needs requiring their presence for Court appearances in Northern California. He noted that staff has denied the request because there is not a vital economic function that cannot be reasonably performed without an exemption. He stated that the owner has until February 22 to file an appeal and that the appeal would come back to the Commission on March 10 as an action item.

Wayne Hershman, Chief Pilot, on behalf of the aircraft owner, elaborated on the reasons for the exemption request and stated that the owner willing to accept an exemption on a limited and trial basis of five exemption departures per month.

Commissioner Hsiao received clarification that there is currently one aircraft exemption at the Airport.

Environmental Quality Officer Bradshaw stated that exemptions are renewed annually and are brought before the Commission for approval or denial.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

Commissioner O'Brien informed the Commission that both aircraft and the three bodies have been recovered from the mid-air collision over the harbor on February 5.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:32 p.m., Commissioner Donnellan moved to adjourn this meeting to March 20, 2016 in honor of the individuals who lost their lives in the mid-air collision. Commissioner Hsiao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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Approved as submitted March 10, 2016 s/ Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk
