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### SIGN-IN SHEET ATTACHED

### WELCOME:

The Noise Abatement Advisory Board (NAAB) meeting was held at the Miami-Dade Aviation Department's Aircraft Noise and Environmental Planning Office, located at 5600 NW 36th Street, Suite 533 and called to order at 6:10 p.m. A total of six (8) members were present, thus a quorum was obtained.

### INTRODUCTION & REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

**Mr. Rollason:** Welcomes and calls meeting to order.

Mr. Hegepus: Welcomes everyone to the first meeting of 2020, as requested by everyone. We have a quorum all members are present and thanks everyone for coming. Review of meeting minutes for May 29, 2019. There is a change in the last meeting minutes to the start time from 2012 to 1812 brought up by Mr. Naumann. It was a typo.

MR. ARCE: MOTIONS to approve meeting minutes with correction.

MR. HOWARD: seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **REVIEW OF ILLEGAL RUN-UPS:**

Mr. Hegedus: no illegal run ups to report since last NAAB meeting. He also pointed out that Idle run permits for 2020 have been issued and approved for the airlines and maintenance companies at MIA.

### **REVIEW OF NOISE COMPLAINTS & FREQUENT CALLERS:**

Mr. Hegepus: Review of noise complaints by the BOARD for last year, frequent callers, and noise complaints from 2000-2019. Last month that we had considerable noise complaints was in July were 99% of the complaints were from one caller.

### **DISCUSSIONS ON NOISE COMPLAINTS:**

MR. ROLLASON: wanted to know if there is a way of telling if a noise complaint is real or not?

Mr. Hegebus: Everyone perceives noise differently, so I can not say that one person's complaint is legitimate or not. The example we have with the Bay Point resident, is that he would write down every aircraft that flew over his home and then e-mail them. However, he would e-mail them 40 days later with 1000 complaints. We did enter all the complaints and tracked them, and they were flying over his house. He is being affected by everything we are trying to fix. Bay Point is not the only community

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being affected, even residents in Miami Beach and residents of La Gorse are being affected by this. It's a domino effect, that every year gets worst.

**Mr. Helmstetter:** stated that the complaints dropped because of the discussion that we communicate with the residents of Bay Point, that we understand what is going on with the planes and call and inundate them with noise complaints.

Mr. Hegedus: stated he had spoken to that particular resident.

**Mr. Helmstetter:** pointed out that he communicated internally to the homeowner association meeting about what is going on and how it is worse than ever. That it's futile to report them if nothing is going to change.

**Mr. Hegedus:** thanked Mr. Helmstetter for addressing the homeowner's association and the residents. He also assured him that we will still continue to take noise complaints and track them. In the case of some of those complaints, we were not able to send them to the FAA, The point is that we are not going to waste the FAAs time, when we know that a 090 heading was assigned and a crosswind or magnetic declination was what caused the complaint.

**Mr. Helmstetter:** How often do you get a response from the FAA that states the pilot did not follow protocol or that the tower did not follow proper protocol?

**Mr. Hegedus:** Very seldom. The majority of the time the correspondence is that they were following what the tower told them. The FAA not only sees the track, they listen to the recordings while viewing the track. Something we don't have the ability to do. Unless something abnormal shoes up that the FAA says, yes, I need to talk to the pilot, the majority of the time, the pilot was following the heading it was given.

**Mr. HILDEBIDLE:** informed the board that the FAA does random audits to see about compliance. What we look for is not just the 090 heading but all the headings.

**Mr. Hegebus:** All residents deserve to have our attention to their complaints. It may take a week or two, but we will talk to them. They may not like what we tell them, but we are making sure that we take care of their complaints.

MR. Rollason: wanted a look at the number of complaints between 2300 & 0600.

**Mr. Helmstetter:** The issue with the nighttime complaints and I've discussed it with Mr. Hildebidle, is that the Plotter hasn't been used for quite some time because it's out of service.

**MR. HILDEBIDLE:** I am not up to date as you are with the nighttime SIDS. Not sure if MDAD and this body is requesting full restoration of those SIDS.

**Mr. Hegebus:** obviously Metroplex is in place and some of the RNAVs that will come on board during the day, should be flown at night.

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MR. HELMSTETTER: As a resident, I am affected by the noise. I cannot rely on If Metroplex comes into place and it helps out or not.

MR. HILDEBIDLE: explained that there is an incompatibility between the pilots and the tower and hopefully Metroplex will take care of this problem. There are a number of hurdles we need to overcome before we fix this.

MR. MAZZOLA: is the Metroplex not on the table if the SIDS are fixed.

**Mr. Hegebus:** No, the Metroplex is still in place. We are talking about the nighttime SIDS that are used between 2300-0600. Once Metroplex comes on board we will be using the two to the east and two to the west with the exception of the one that will stop using at 2300.

MR. HELMSTETTER: Feels that we would waste time waiting for the Metroplex when fixing the SIDS would alleviate some of the problems we are having now at night.

MR. MAZZOLA: we don't know if Metrolplex will be successful.

**Mr. Hegebus:** What Mr. Helmstetter' is suggesting, is that in the meantime while the environmental assessment is being finalized for the FAA for the Metroplex and have the public workshops, if a finding of no significant impact, the implementation of the Metroplex will be in early 2021, after training.

**Ms. Hernandez:** notified the NAAB that just because the Bay Point HOA spoke to the residents about calling or sending in noise complaints, doesn't mean we are not getting them. We are still getting them, entering, tracking and addressing the complaints. We are just not getting bombarded by one individual with over 1000 complaints.

**Mr. Hegedus:** The December 2019 noise complaint report is missing complaints because we received the 24 noise complaints on January 10, after the report was done.

**Mr. HILDEBIDLE:** suggested putting a report together and give it to the county and the NAAB about the SIDS and how they work.

MR. HELMSTETTER: We already know how the SIDS work; we don't have to re-invent the wheel.

**Mr. GILDERMAN:** suggests some sort of graph that shows the difference of the SIDS working and not working.

**MR. HILDEBIDLE:** He is willing to do what the NAAB wants, keeping in mind that the Metroplex will be in place and we don't want to go back to the SIDS at night again. The SIDs is already in the SOP.

**Mr. Rollason:** if we see the graph, we can give you new direction. We have new members on the NAAB. If we had that for the next meeting, it would help.

MR. HILDEBIDLE: I can give the county the report before the next meeting so that it can be given to the NAAB.

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**Mr. Rollason:** that would be better, we could look at it ahead of time instead of coming to a meeting and seeing it for the first time.

**Mr. Hegebus:** I want to make sure that you all understand that we are not making new procedures. The procedures that have been in place and are included in the 2006 EA.

MR. MAZZOLA: Did we ever use those procedures and what was the result.

Mr. Hegedus: yes, we used them for quite a few years, and they worked very well.

MR. MAZZOLA: this is a very compelling reason to not just look at it on paper, but maybe do a 30 or 60day test.

**Mr. Hegedus**: We don't need a trial. I can go back 4 or 5 years ago between 2300-0600 to when they were discontinued and show you the tracks over a GIS map and you can see what they are today when using the regular headings. Obviously, they are flying RNAVs very precise vs flying a heading. Maybe the FAA can provide us with what they have.

**Mr. HILDEBIDLE:** I can provide you with whatever you need.

**Mr. Helmstetter:** My point is that we can go and use the primary that is more desirable. We don't need to waste time on an analysis.

MR. MAZZOLA: it all depends on what time of the year we change this.

**Mr. Hegebus:** it doesn't matter what time of year we do this. 70% of the time we operate on an east flow basis. At night if we are under 5 knots, we operate west flow, which is what the procedure calls for.

MR. HELMSTETTER: the procedure calls for us to follow the primary as it is in the SOP and we are not doing that. The primary SOP is broken, and my request is to fix that SOP, so that we follow the procedures correctly.

**Mr. Rollason:** have the FAA do the analysis and send it to Norman and he can send it to us, and we can discuss it without having to wait 6 months.

**Mr. Helmstetter:** I don't think it is necessary.

**Mr. Rollason:** I guess we will entertain a motion.

### MOTION:

**MR. HELMSTETTER':** Motion to fix the primary SOP for nighttime departures and put it back into action so that we are flying the primary SOP and not the secondary at night.

MR. ARCE: 2<sup>nd</sup> with discussion

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#### **DISCUSSION ON MOTION:**

MR. ROLLASON: we have a 2<sup>nd</sup> on the motion. Do we continue discussing or vote on it?

MR. Howard: wants a clarification on the procedure before continuing.

Mr. Hegedus: explains the towers procedures to be followed.

MR. HILDEBIDLE: Further explains the SIDS, headings and the difference between them.

MR. Howard: We need to see the facts before we affect other communities.

Mr. Mazzola: reluctant to go forward tonight before seeing what the impact will be.

Mr. Hegebus: continues to explain what magnetic declination has done for departure headings.

**Mr. Rollason:** Motion on the floor from Mr. Helmstetter.

Vote: All in favor (2) Not in favor (6)

Mr. Arce, Mr. Helmstetter Mr. Rollason, Mr. Mazzola, Mr. Gilderman

Mr. Howard, Mr. Nauman, Mr. Schweiger

#### **MOTION FAILS**

**Mr. Rollason:** are there any other motions?

### **MOTION:**

**MR. GILDERMAN:** Motion have the Norman and FAA create the graphics to see what the change would be and what we have in place today and fix the SOP.

MR. Howard: 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Discussion on the motion by Mr. Gilderman.

MR. MAZZOLA: he would support that motion.

**Mr. Helmstetter:** stated that Norman has already told us how this worked and doesn't see why we need this analysis. To me it's a waste of time.

**Mr. Hegebus**: I can grab and do some random snap shots of tracks from when we wee using this procedure and some random days when the procedure was not used and send it to all of you as a graphic for you to compare what it is like using the RNAV SIDS at night vs the headings.

MR. ROLLASON: is this different from what Bob from the FAA is offering.

MR. HILDEBIDLE: I can put together whatever you want me to do.

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**Mr. Rollason:** I think we are looking for a graphic that clearly depicts what the options are. If we do this, we are going to do it for all, east and west. We will not do one and not the other.

MR. ROLLASON: Motion on the floor from Mr. Gilderman

Vote: All in favor (7) Not in favor (1)

Mr. Gilderman, Mr. Rollason, Mr. Howard Mr. Helmstetter

Mr. Mazzola, Mr. Nauman, Mr. Schweiger Mr. Arce

MOTION Passes

Mr. Hegedus: I will prepare something and e-mail it to everyone.

Mr. Rollason: Once we have it, we can arrange to meet again.

**Mr. Hegebus:** Inquires with Mr. Hildebidle to see if it possible to fix them.

**Mr. Rollason:** Yes, we need to know if it is possible to fix them and what kind of timeline it would take to fix them.

### OLD BUSINESS:

MR. HEGEDUS: METROPLEX, I spoke to Mr. James Arrigi the project manager for the Metroplex. He was unable to attend this meeting. The EA is being conducted with what was presented at the workshops. With all the consequences they have to deal with, it looks like it's all on track. In March or April, they will have the public meetings. I did request to have him come and brief the NAAB. Mr. Arrigi stated late February or early March he would have information for the NAAB and also be briefing the Commission. They want to do before the DRAFT EA comes out.

**Mr. Rollason:** If we get that information and what Mr. Hegedus and Mr. Hildebidle put together, maybe we can combine it and have one meeting. They seem to be in a rush to get back to the County Commission. My concern is that they don't have the public meetings before going back to the Commission. The public won't have the time to meet with their commissioners and discuss it before they go back to the Commission. I had requested that they have the public meetings before they go back to the Commission.

**Mr. Hegebus:** I believe that the request is coming from MDAD to brief the Commissioners so that they are not blindsided.

**Mr. Rollason:** I don't have a problem with that, as long as they do not take action before the public meetings. We have a new Commission coming up.

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**Mr. Hegebus.** I believe that what they are going to do is go to the Commission and tell them that the EA is done, and they are going to have all these public meetings and tell them the process. They are not gong there to get the approval right away.

MR. MAZZOLA: Recalls that the Chair specifically requested that they not come back to the Commission before they did the public meetings. The sequence is very important. Meetings with the public first then the Commission.

On going discussion about the Metroplex.

**Mr. Hegebus:** Reminded the NAAB that if they had not taken the Mandatory Sexual Harassment Course, they need to do it on February 13, 2020 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mr. Hegedus:** Mr. Mazzola wanted this item added to the agenda. Hopefully everyone has already turned in their financial disclosures.

MR. MAZZOLA: expressed his concerns with the information asked on the disclosure form.

**Mr. Arce:** Stated that he has had no problem with it, and I've been filing the statement for at least 15 years.

MR. MAZZOLA: put the conversation to rest. He just wanted to voice his concerns.

**Mr. Hegebus:** discussed the memo from the mayor about the county resolution on "Quorum" of boards. Our board has never had that problem.

MR. ROLLASON: this is an agenda item for the Commission, and they are going to take a look at the boards that don't meet the quorums and abolish them.

MR. ROLLASON: Two items that were not on the Agenda.

- 1. There will be a new Commission coming because some of them are termed out. Two are running for mayor and may have to resign. All new coming commissioners will get a list of all the board and they will need to appoint someone. We will most likely stay until they pick a new appointee. We have argued that our board is so technical that we want to stay on the board. You are encouraged to reach out to the new commissioners and tell them how technical it is, and you want to stay.
- 2. If anyone is interested in becoming the Chair or Vice-Chair, please let me know.

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### **NEXT MEETING:**

**Mr. Hegebus:** Our next meeting will be March 18, 2020 or if new information is received, we can have it earlier or later.

Mr. Arce: motioned to accept the date for the next meeting.

Mr. Howard: second the motion (motioned passed unanimously on next meeting)

**Mr. Howard:** Motion to adjourn meeting **Mr. Arce:** 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, meeting adjourned.

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

### **BOARD MEMBERS:**

FRANK ROLLASON
CHRIS MAZZOLA
DONALD HOWARD
JORGE ARCE
BRIAN GILDERMAN
GEORGE HELMSTETER
ANDRE J. NAUMANN
LARRY SCHWEIGER

### MDAD:

NORMAN HEGEDUS LOYDA HERNANDEZ DAN AGOSTINO RICARDO MONTIEL

### FAA:

**BOB HILDEBIDLE** 

### **GUEST:**

NONE

**NEXT MEETING:** MARCH 18, 2020 @ 6:00PM