

Solano County Airport Land Use Commission



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MINUTES OF THE SOLANO COUNTY AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION MEETING OF October 10, 2019

The meeting of the Solano County Airport Land Use Commission was held in the Solano County Administration Center, Board of Supervisors Chambers (1st floor), 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Vancil, DuClair, Sagun, Seiden, Sarna, and Chairman Randall

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner(s) Cook, Meyer

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Leland, Resource Management; Lee Axelrad, Deputy County Counsel; Paris Stovell, Resource Management

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chairman Randall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as prepared.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Vancil noted that Commissioners Sarna, Duclair, and Seiden volunteered to be a part of the Wildlife Sub-Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of September 19, 2019 were approved with a correction to note that Commissioners Sarna, Duclair, and Seiden are a part of the Wildlife Sub-Committee.

Reports from Commissioners and/or Staff

Commissioner Vancil reported on the Wind Turbine sub-committee meeting that was held on October 9, 2019. Lori Mazzella, county counsel, is newly assigned to the committee. He stated that they will proceed with an outreach to her and Bill Eblem, Resource Management's Director. He stated that the sub-committee also decided to continue to monitor the wind turbine situation.

Commissioner Sarna reported on an ad-hoc committee meeting that was held. He stated that they looked at some of the hazards at the airports in Solano County mainly Travis and Rio Vista. He commented that they are in a fact-finding phase and are looking to create an outreach program in the community to look for people they can gather information from.

Chairman Randall stated that he met with Vaca-Valley hotel. They had a few questions and requested he look over information regarding height.

Commissioner Seiden stated that he received emails from the Sadhu family regarding the Vaca-Valley hotel and he referenced them back to staff, so the commission could comment on their proposal.

Items from the Public

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

Consent Calendar

There were no items scheduled.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

1. Public hearing to consider the consistency of the City of Fairfield's proposed Monte Verde General Plan Amendment and Rezoning Applications (hereafter, Monte Verde Project) with the Travis Air Force Base Land Use Compatibility Plan: Applicant - City of Fairfield- ALUC-19-13

Jim Leland provided a brief presentation of the written staff report. The City of Fairfield has proposed a small lot subdivision at the corner of Peabody Road and Travis Blvd., in Zone D right on the border of Zone C. He stated that there are no direct conflicts with the Travis plan and no prohibitions in Zone D. He added that the compatibility test for rezoning is mandated, and the development doesn't trigger any of those compatibility criteria. He stated that he recommends the commission find it consistent with the Travis plan.

Chairman Randall opened the public hearing. Since there were no speakers either for or against this matter, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Vancil had questions for the applicant regarding the rectangular flashing lights. He asked where they were located and what their purpose was. Meily Sheehan, City of Fairfield, Assistant Planner, responded that the flashing lights are at the crosswalk on Dobby lane. Commissioner Vancil then asked if the lights are fairly close to Travis and if they would cause any obstruction for aircraft. Meily commented that they would not, and she stated it is a standard yellow flashing light intended for people to cross the street from the subdivision to get to the other side safely.

Commissioner DuClair stated that the way the sidelight looks it could flash towards the base. He stated that the base would see something off to side, and the pilots may be startled and not aware of the cause. He recommended a partition to block the light from shining towards the base but also something that wouldn't inhibit vehicles from seeing pedestrians. Meily stated that she would bring that consideration back to their Public Works Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner DuClair and seconded by Commissioner Sagun to determine that the Project is consistent with the Travis plan with one minor concern. The motion passed unanimously. (Resolution No. 19-13)

Adjournment

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.