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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

Recommendation to receive and file the 2006 Long Beach Airport Advisory Commission Annual Report. (District 5)

### DISCUSSION

In accordance with Municipal Code Section 2.18.090, the 2006 Annual Report for the Long Beach Airport Advisory Commission is attached for City Council review. Carol Soccio, current Commission Chair, reports that the Commission has had a very engaging and busy agenda for the year ending December 31, 2006. I encourage you to read the Annual Report for details of the Commission's activities over the past year, and its recommendations for involvement and engagement during 2007.

The report recommends continuation of the Commission, including continuing on-going and significant involvement in community education/outreach, and Airport policy review and recommendations.

### FISCAL IMPACT

None.

### SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Soccio, Chair  
Airport Advisory Commission

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# **2006 Annual Report**

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**Airport Advisory Commission  
City of Long Beach**

**January 18, 2007**

## Background

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- **The purpose of this report is to provide the Long Beach Mayor and City Council with a summary of the Airport Advisory Commission (AAC) activities during the reporting period January 2006 – December 2006.**
- **Its purpose is also to provide recommendations regarding the Commission's future operation, pursuant to Section 2.18.090(9) of the Long Beach Municipal Code.**

## **Commission Role**

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- **Pursuant to City Code, the role of the Airport Advisory Commission is to:**
  - **Consult with and advise the City Council in formulating City policies regarding the development and operation of the Long Beach Airport.**
  - **Study and analyze, for the purpose of evaluation and recommendation of policy, issues which have been referred to it by the City Council. This may include, among other topics, rates/fees, lease and land use policies, standards of service, facility requirements, and environmental standards.**

# Officers and Committees

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- **During the reporting period, Alan Fox has been Chair, and Ron Salk has been Vice Chair for the months of January – July 2006, and Carol Soccio has been the Chair and Bob Luskin has been Vice Chair for the period August 2006 to the present.**
- **Committees and member functional assignments throughout the reporting period have been as follows:**
  - **Protocol/Ethics Committee**
  - **Leasing/Land Use/Minimum Standards Committee**
  - **Aviation Noise Abatement Committee Liaison**
  - **City Council Member Liaison (each AAC member assigned to be liaison with a Council member's or the Mayor's office)**

# Meetings

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- **During the reporting period, the Commission held ten regular meetings (no meeting in June or December). Nine of the meetings were held at the SKYLINKS Golf Course Clubhouse public meeting room, one was held at the Airport maintenance yard training room.**
- **All meetings were duly noticed and open to the public.**
- **Approved minutes of meetings have been forwarded to the Mayor and City Council for their information and files (note: minutes for the November meeting are expected to be forwarded during the January timeframe, because no meeting was held in December and as such, November minutes were not reviewed/approved in December).**

# Membership and Attendance

- Following is the attendance roster for the reporting period.
- All Commissioners continue to meet the Commissioner's Standing Rule Requirement of no more than 2 unexcused absences during a term

✓ =REGULAR ATTENDANCE A=ABSENT AE=ABSENT EXCUSED C=CHAIR VC=VICE-CHAIR

	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>BRUCE ALTON</b> APPT:7/2003	✓	✓	✓	✓	AE		✓	AE	AE	AE	✓	
<b>BERNARD CLEVER</b> APPT:7/2001	✓	✓	AE	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	AE	
<b>ALAN FOX</b> APPT:7/2001	C ✓	C ✓	C ✓	C ✓	C ✓		C ✓	✓	✓	✓	AE	
<b>DOUGLAS HAUBERT</b> APPT:7/2002	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>VICE-CHAIR BOB LUSKIN</b> APPT:7/2001	✓	AE	✓	AE	✓		✓	VC ✓	VC ✓	VC ✓	VC ✓	
<b>RON SALK</b> APPT:7/2000	VC ✓	VC ✓	VC ✓	VC ✓	VC AE		VC ✓	✓	AE	✓	✓	
<b>CHAIR CAROL SOCCIO</b> APPT:12/2002	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	C ✓	C ✓	C ✓	C ✓	
<b>DON TEMPLE</b> APPT:7/2002	✓	AE	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>DEBORAH VEADY</b>	✓	AE	✓	✓	AE		resigned					

## **Considerations, Efforts, and Actions During the Reporting Period**

- **All Commissioners filed Statements of Economic Interest, as required under State law.**
- **The Commission reviewed monthly noise violation and complaint, as well as activity reports, and was briefed by representatives of the Aviation Noise Abatement Committee (ANAC) and the Commission's representatives to ANAC, on noise abatement efforts.**
- **The Commission has been briefed on the Green Airport Program, and given updates on various of its components.**
- **The Commission was briefed by the Portraits of Hope organization regarding the proposed Ameriquist Soaring Dreams Air Tower Public Art Project. The Commission provided Portraits of Hope with several community contacts as potential sources of children to participate in the creation of the artwork.**



## **Considerations, Efforts and Actions During the Reporting Period (Cont)**

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- **The Commission reviewed and provided input regarding the 2006 Airport Business Plan Focus Elements.**
- **The Commission requested and received a briefing by SCAG staff regarding SCAG's Aviation System Plan regionalization concept.**
- **The Commission has received briefings and presentations regarding the FAROS runway safety initiative.**
- **The Commission requested and received a presentation by Boeing Realty regarding the status of the Douglas Park and development project.**

## **Considerations, Efforts and Actions During the Reporting Period (Cont)**

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- **The Commission received a briefing by the C-17 Red Team, regarding the C-17 program status.**
- **The Commission reviewed and completed the mandated ethics training required by AB 1234, and the Commission's Protocol/Ethics Committee reviewed and validated the existing Commission protocol and ethics guidelines.**
- **The Commission has been monitoring and receiving updates regarding the Terminal Improvements Project EIR and planning process.**
- **The Commission received a staff report on the status of the Southern California Regional Airport Authority, and has requested updates as appropriate.**

## **Considerations, Efforts and Actions During the Reporting Period (Cont)**

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- **The Commission's Minimum Standards Subcommittee has worked with staff and consultants to develop a draft, updated Minimum Standards for Aeronautical Activities document. The document is now available for further user/tenant review/input, which will be a focus of the Subcommittee and Commission in 2007, with an expected recommendation to the City Council by mid-year.**
- **The Commission requested development of comprehensive briefing documents on the content and history of the Airport's Noise Compatibility Ordinance, to be available to support community outreach efforts. The documents were presented at the October and November meetings, Commission and public comments were noted and incorporated into the presentation as appropriate.**

## **Considerations, Efforts and Actions During the Reporting Period (Cont)**

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- **The Commission received briefings and had discussions about issues being addressed by the tenant-based Aviation Noise Abatement Committee, including late night airline activity.**
- **The Commission had briefings and discussions about the Airport's emergency response drills, general aviation security plans, and emergency responses to specific incidents.**

## **Considerations, Efforts and Actions During the Reporting Period (Cont)**

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- **The Commission discussed potential changes in its normal monthly meeting protocol, however decided to continue with monthly meetings, which could be adjusted on an ad-hoc basis depending upon situational variables.**
- **The Commission was briefed by City Manager's Office representatives regarding the City's multi-year budget plan.**

## Recommendations

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- **Your Airport Advisory Commission appreciates the opportunity to serve the citizens of Long Beach. The Airport is an important part of Long Beach, from an historic standpoint as well as the current and future air transportation of its residents and the accompanying economic benefits to the City. It is also important that the Airport maintain its compatibility with the surrounding community, in fulfillment of the City's 2010 Strategic Plan. The Commission sees ongoing benefits from its continuing involvement in fulfillment of its mission as prescribed by City Code.**
- **As it has in the past, the Commission will continue to interface with the Mayor and Council members, and to share its views and what it has learned. We encourage your Honorable Mayor and City Council to rely on our resources of knowledge and inter-organizational contacts, including through the referral of issues.**

## Recommendations (cont)

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- **The Commission looks forward to working with the City and its representatives over the coming year(s), and hopes to continue to actively engage the public through our outreach efforts, on issues such as minimum standards for aeronautical activities, land use/development issues/efforts, the Green Airport Program including noise abatement and land use compatibility, regional/State/federal affairs, and special events.**
- **The 2010 Strategic Plan Airport components, including regional aviation issues, should require active monitoring and review, and probable Commission involvement in the future.**
- **Commissioner Veady resigned effective August 2006, and as such your Commission requests a near-term replacement appointment by your Honorable Mayor/Council.**

## **Commission Staff Support and Related Costs**

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- **Out of pocket costs incurred by the Airport Enterprise Fund for Commission support are typically limited to those expended for refreshments at scheduled public meetings, an amount estimated to be \$1,000 for calendar year 2006.**
  
- **Staff from the Airport Bureau who regularly attended Commission meetings during this period were:**
  - **Christine Edwards, Acting Airport Manager**
  - **Chris Kunze, Special Advisor**
  - **Dottie Jones, Airport Secretary**
  - **Sharon Diggs-Jackson, Public Affairs Officer**
  - **Malcolm Oscarson, Administrative Officer**
  - **Steve O'Keefe, Leasing and Business Support Officer**
  - **Dennis Rambeau, Operations Specialist**
  - **Sileneka Smith, Public Affairs Assistant**