

Council Meeting of  
December 4, 2012

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

**Members of the Council:**

**SUBJECT: General Services – Accept and File the Airport Commission Annual Report 2011-2012.**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the General Services Director and the Airport Commission that City Council accept and file the Airport Commission 2011-2012 Annual Report

**FUNDING**

Not applicable

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

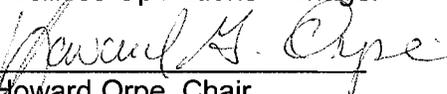
The Annual Report for July 2011 through June 2012 as prepared by the Airport Commission is attached for your information and review. The Commission approved this report at its meeting of November 8, 2012 and moved to request that it be accepted by the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

SHERYL BALLEW  
General Services Director

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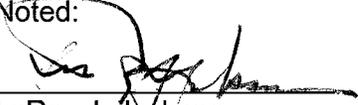
  
Shant Megerdichian  
Facilities Operations Manager

  
Howard Orpe, Chair  
Airport Commission

Concur:

  
Sheryl Ballew  
General Services Director

Noted:

  
LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager

Attachment A: 2011-2012 Annual Report

AIRPORT COMMISSION  
CITY OF TORRANCE

ANNUAL REPORT  
July 2011– June 2012

Chairperson: Peter Donnellan  
Vice Chairperson: Paul Jacobsen

Commissioner Richard Dingman	Commissioner Steven Hsiao
Commissioner Karen K. Fitch	Commissioner Howard Orpe
Commissioner Melvin Glass	Commissioner Dennis Johnson

Staff Liaison: Shant Megerdichian, Facilities Operations Manager, General Services Department

**Purpose of Airport Commission:**

The duty of the Torrance Airport Commission is to advise the Mayor/City Council on matters concerning the Torrance Municipal Airport - Zamperini Field. Included within the chartered scope of activities are:

- Review of proposed locations, constructions, and financing of land and facilities for public airport use
- Review of the proposed leasing of Airport land to fixed base operators and promotion of the improvement of the Airport operations and administration
- Promotion of the Airport's commercial and industrial development
- Review of proposed special events to be held at the Airport
- Advise on matters pertaining to Airport noise
- Community outreach on Airport issues

**Summary of Airport Commission Activities:**

The Airport Commission met monthly. The Commission received City Staff and public input, and reviewed and commented on a monthly basis on: Aeronautical Operations under the purview of the General Services Department, Land Management, and Quarterly Noise Abatement Reports.

Of note were the Commission's activities regarding:

- 1) A member of the Airport Commission continued to serve as a representative on the Helicopter Committee formed to review the current helicopter routes and helicopter letter of agreement.
- 2) An update of the Airport Security Project was given to the Commission in November of 2011.
- 3) Recommended special events-Experimental Aircraft Assoc. B-17 Bomber display at Zamperini field in April of 2012.
- 4) Discussion of early left turns by fixed wing aircraft was brought before the Commission in March 2012.
- 5) An update of the Airfield mowing was given in June 2012 to update the Commission on the City's role in maintaining the Airport property once farmed by the Ishibashi family.

## AIRPORT STATISTICS

Airport operations, as reported by the FAA Air Traffic Control Tower, continued to see a trend in increased operations in 2011-12, rising approximately 20% from the previous year.

Reporting Period (July 1 to June 30)	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Operations (thousands)	164.8	133.2	104.5	108.1	132.4
Incidents & Accidents	39	39	44	25	26

Airport operations resulted in an average of about 2 incidents per month during the period— with no accidents.

Noise Abatement continued publishing quarterly reports, which includes the following information: 1. Number of violations, 2. Transient, based and exempt aircraft, 3. Aircraft with the loudest violations, and a map showing where all noise monitors are located. This information has proved valuable to the community and has contributed to a greater understanding of noise issues for both the resident and pilot communities.

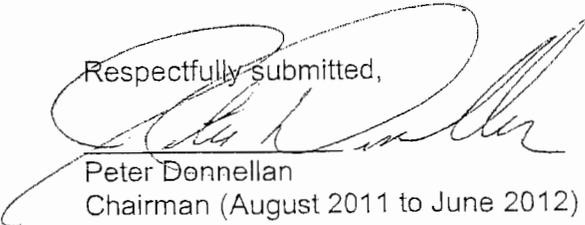
### Summary:

The Torrance Airport is a valuable and distinguishing asset to the City of Torrance, a key part of the economy, and source of pride to the community. Its usage must be balanced with the community needs and desires. We believe this has been achieved. Continued monitoring is needed and improvements possible which the Airport Commission is prepared to address.

Of special note the Airport Commission would like to thank the City personnel that have provided exceptional assistance to the Airport Commission and deserve note. Among them are: Mr. Megerdichian (Facilities Operation Manager and Staff Liaison), Ms. Williams (Airport Business Manager), Ms. Cessna (Environmental Services Administrator), Mr. Sunshine (Land Management Team Chair), and Ms. Schaffer (Recording Secretary).

The Commission would also like to recognize and thank former Commissioner Richard Dingman for his dedication and service to the community. A professional pilot and lifelong aviation enthusiast, Mr. Dingman served 8 years on the Airport Commission, from 2004-2012. During his tenure, he provided valuable information as an aviation subject matter expert to both staff and fellow Commissioners in matters being considered by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,



Peter Dennellan  
Chairman (August 2011 to June 2012)