

Council Meeting of
August 16, 2011

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 2010-2011.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the General Services Director and the Airport Commission that City Council accept and file the Airport Commission 2010-2011 Annual Report

FUNDING

Not applicable

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Annual Report for July 2010 through June 2011 as prepared by the Airport Commission is attached for your information and review. The Commission approved this report at its meeting of July 14, 2011 and moved to request that it be accepted by the City Council.

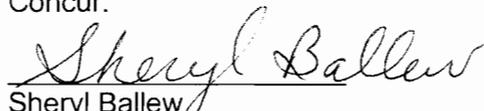
Respectfully submitted,

SHERYL BALLEW
General Services Director

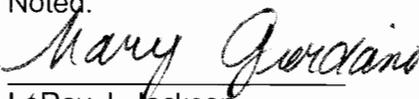
By _____
Shant Megerdichian
Facilities Operations Manager

Paul Jacobsen, Chair
Airport Commission

Concur:


Sheryl Ballew
General Services Director

Noted:


LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachment A: 2010-2011 Annual Report

AIRPORT COMMISSION
CITY OF TORRANCE

ANNUAL REPORT
July 2010 – June 2011

Chairperson: Paul Jacobsen
Vice Chairperson: Peter Donnellan

Commissioner Richard Dingman
Commissioner Karen K. Fitch
Commissioner Melvin Glass

Commissioner Steven Hsiao
Commissioner Howard Orpe
Commissioner Bill Tymczyszyn

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 served as a representative on the Helicopter Roundtable panel and Helicopter Committee formed to review the current helicopter routes and helicopter letter of agreement.
- 2) The Commission recommended changes to the Helicopter Letter of Agreement to the City Council.
- 3) Recommended special events-Experimental Aircraft Assoc. B-17 Bomber display at Zamperini field in April.
- 4) Review of Airport Financial Statements was conducted at the March 2011 meeting.
- 5) Reviewed and recommended that staff revise the Noise Abatement report format to include more detailed noise statistics and a map of the noise monitors.

AIRPORT STATISTICS

Airport operations, as reported by the FAA Air Traffic Control Tower, remained relatively constant compared to 2009-10. This is still approximately 20% less operations than 2007-08 and prior years.

Reporting Period (July 1 to June 30)	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Operations (thousands)	166.5	164.8	133.2	104.5	108.1
Incidents & Accidents	43	39	39	44	25

Airport operations resulted in an average of about 3 incidents per month during the period— with one accident occurring. The accident involved a Bell helicopter crashing during takeoff. Only minor injuries were reported.

Lastly, 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 Bill Tymczyszyn for his dedication and service to the community. A professional pilot and lifelong aviation enthusiast, Mr. Tymczyszyn served 9 years on the Airport Commission, from 2002-2011. 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,



Paul Jacobsen

Chairman (September 2010 to July 2011)