

NWNA Airport Committee Meeting - May 13, 2014

Chair - Martin Rubin

AGENDA

1. Action item - NWNA Support for the draft ordinance to reduce Santa Monica Airport's air pollution impacts on NWNA residents (attached).
2. Action item - Motion to join with Santa Monica community groups in opposing AOPA's deceptive petition (attached).
3. Open discussion

MINUTES

by: Chair - Martin Rubin

Call to order: 6:15 PM

Attending: Martin Rubin, Joan Winters, Virginia Ernst, Elly Fry

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. NWNA Support for the draft ordinance to reduce Santa Monica Airport's air pollution impacts on NWNA residents. (Passed unanimously)**
- 2. Motion to join with Santa Monica community groups in opposing AOPA's deceptive petition. (Passed unanimously)**

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 PM

1. NWNA Support for the draft ordinance to reduce Santa Monica Airport's air pollution impacts on NWNA residents.

Whereas, air pollution from Santa Monica Airport's aircraft operations has been a contentious issue for many years; and

Whereas, no effort by the City of Santa Monica nor the Federal Aviation Administration has been made to regulate the amount of air pollution carried into the downwind North Westdale neighborhood; and

Whereas, two air quality monitoring studies by the South Coast Air Quality Management District and several studies by the UCLA Dept. of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences have measured highly elevated levels of pollutants in the North Westdale neighborhood; and

Whereas, the U.S. EPA monitored elevated levels of lead at their monitoring sites in North Westdale; and

Whereas, presently there is a draft proposed ordinance being considered by the Santa Monica Airport Commission that will set cut off levels of pollution by engine ratings; and

Whereas, the health of North Westdale residents is at risk; and

Whereas, no environmental ordinance has yet been tested

Therefore, be it resolved that the North Westdale Neighborhood on behalf of its residents who experience negative air quality impacts from Santa Monica Airport's aircraft operations, support an ordinance that will reduce the harmful aircraft emissions.

2. Motion to join with Santa Monica community groups in opposing AOPA's deceptive petition.

Whereas, a current petition drive funded by the Airport Owners and Pilots Association to place on the ballot an initiative that would change Santa Monica's City Charter; and

Whereas, this change to Santa Monica's City Charter would require a majority vote by Santa Monica voters before any changes can be made at Santa Monica Airport; and

Whereas, this initiative attempt is deceptively cloaked to appeal to Santa Monica residents using the fear of over development of Santa Monica Airport; and

Whereas, not one community group in Santa Monica supports the initiative; and

Whereas, Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, Friends of Sunset Park, Mid-City Neighbors, Northeast Neighbors, Ocean Park Association, and the Wilshire-Montana Neighborhood Coalition are some of the community groups that already oppose the initiative; and

Whereas, the petition drive management firm Arno Petition Consultants Inc., also known as Arno Political Consultants has been the subject of controversy over allegations of petition fraud; and

Whereas, the current paid professional signature gatherers have been reported using false statements to gather signatures

Therefore, be it resolved that the North Westdale Neighborhood Association on behalf of its stakeholders that experience negative impacts from Santa Monica Airport operations, join with the Santa Monica neighborhood groups in opposing this deceptive airport initiative.