

Meeting on Airport and Gulf Shores Issues
This Saturday - November 20, 2010 9:00am – 10:00am
Maxine Barritt Park (new park south of Sharkey's and north of Dog Beach)

Agenda

- 9:00** Introductions, information available for everyone, sign in sheet
- 9:05** Recap of efforts to keep the Airport operations on the Airport property and Keep Gulf Shores out of the RPZ
- 9:15** City Council directions and the approved ALP 7-27-10 with two homes potentially in a future RPZ
- 9:20** Staff changes to the ALP 10-25-10 to include Gulf Shores in an "**existing**" RPZ
Handout: a copy of Mike's presentation on Nov 9, 2010 and Rozansky's response-
(Documents included in emails to those we had emails- copies available to hand out)

Airport Layout Plan now being reviewed by the FAA for approval before the end of the year
Comments on the latest Airport Layout Plan (ALP) and Master Plan can be addressed to:

Chris Rozansky, Airport Administrator
150 Airport Avenue East
Venice, FL 34285

and

FAA – Orlando Office, Dean Stringer
5950 Hazeltine National Dr. Suite 400
Orlando, FL 32822-5024

9:25 Options for residents

- a.) **Send comments** of dislike of the ALP and Master Plan due to errors that depict an expanded airport without the proper noticing of residents, without the environmental review prior to the operation expansion, without following the federal regulations on airport operations expansion and the plans are not reflective of City Council approved direction or the negotiated solution with the FAA.
- b.) **Do nothing** allows the airport to be expanded without due process, an environmental, proper notice to owners, evaluation of the impacts the expansion has on the community, roadways, parks, endangered and threatened species,

This could weaken Gulf Shore case if and when the City/FAA decide to acquire property in the Runway protection Zone – if we don't take steps to

- c.) **Organize as a non-profit group** and legally fight the City/FAA actions

More residents involved, the lower the legal costs and the greater the chances of success with everyone willing to help and do some of leg work

9:30 Questions/answers -

9:45 Action the group would like to take and how can each resident can participate

10:00 Adjourn

Call Chris Davis at 485-8879 for further information or email her at cdavislink@yahoo.com

Kit, this came to us. If you have time, and if you don't that's ok because I don't have a big interest in this, but if you do, what part of this is not correct. I would fire it back if some stuff was shady.

Neighbor Jim.

Subject: Fwd: Sat. Meeting about Venice Airport changes and Gulf Shores

Changes regarding the Venice Airport have gone on fairly quickly without any public meetings in the last three months. Attached are the changes that have been processed as "revisionsminor in nature" which effect the north end of Runway 13 closest to the Gulf Shores neighborhood.

The latest Airport Layout Plan dated 10-25-10 was submitted to the FAA by City staff without City Council or public review. This 10-25-10 Airport Layout Plan (ALP) is identified as the "FINAL ALP" and the FAA has indicated they will review and approve by the end of the year.

Most everyone has not seen these changes because they were made after the public meetings and without presentation to the Council at public meeting. These documents are not readily available to the public to view. Discy 50¢

I have contacted Ms. Woodley, Assistant City Manager, to request times that the public can view the only set of drawings printed on a readable scale that she has in her control.

Listed below are some of the problems with what is being proposed on the October 25, 2010 ALP plans submitted by staff:

- 1.) The latest Airport Layout Plan dated 10-25-10 was submitted without City Council or public review and the staff indicated in a memo the "revisions were minor in nature." A printed copy of this ALP is not readily available for the public review. (attachment d2)
- 2.) 24 homes in Gulf Shores Neighborhood are now shown in an "existing" Runway Protection Zone contry to what the City Council indicated was their goal and what they had approved at the July 27, 2010 Airport Workshop meeting. (attachment b2)
- 3.) 24 homes, public park lands and roadways are in the Runway Protection Zone are shown in an expanded airport operation without the public process, without proper notice to the residents affected, without the Council understanding the impacts - (no Environmental Impact Statement has been done to expand the RPZ outside the airport), without looking at the hazards of pollution caused by the expansion, and without compliance to the laws, regulations and codes.
- 3.) The new 10-25-10 ALP indicates the Airport property boundaries that does not match with the recent professional survey completed by Geroge Young, Inc. for the City. The ALP depicts areas that are not part of the airport property as being within the airport property.
This is misleading and will cause future problems with publicly recorded property, roadways and park land.

I have planned a meeting for this Saturday morning at the new park just south of Sharkey's. I know it is short notice but it would be great if you can attend. I will have copies of documents and information to share with you. It is important that the residents understand what has taken place and what our option

Questionnaire on interest

I am interested in participating with legal action to prevent the expansion of airport operations outside the Venice Airport Property.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Legal actions will require a commitment of approximately \$4,000-\$4,500 to start the first month:

30 persons/households with a monthly financial commitment of \$150

22 persons/households with a monthly financial commitment of \$205

15 persons/households with a monthly financial commitment of \$300

The next couple months will require approximately \$3,000

30 persons/households \$100

22 persons/households \$136

15 persons/households \$200

This estimate is based on negotiated fees with Geiseler Law www.gieselerlaw.com

How can you help -

____ I am interested in participating and becoming a member of a group, probably a nonprofit, which would help support the legal battle and raise funds.

I can commit to contributing \$_____ per month for _____ months

____ I can assist with a one- time donation of \$_____

____ I can assist with fund raising activities planned by donating my time.

Potential ideas: large yard sale ____ Golf Tourney ____ other suggestions: _____

____ I may be able to assist with fund raising activities by donating goods/services that can be sold by the group or nonprofit.

____ I am interested in helping with gathering information, writing letters, going to Council meetings, speaking at public meetings, etc .

____ I can't help at this time due to other obligations.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____ Other comments:

Airports and State Advocacy

'Better future' seen for Florida airport after election

By Dan Namowitz

Aviation support groups in Venice, Fla., are celebrating local election victories that hold the promise of a new era of cooperation and progress for the Venice Municipal Airport.

On Nov. 2, three candidates supportive of the airport won election to the Venice City Council. They replaced three incumbents, including the mayor, who had held the office since 2007 and had taken numerous actions that hindered long-term airport planning and conflicted with management obligations the airport faced under terms of its federal funding.

"The local airport support groups, the Venice Aviation Society Inc. (VASI), and the Venice Aviation Business Association (VABA), were instrumental in finding and supporting candidates for city office that were pro-airport. They conducted candidate forums and worked hard to get them elected. This is a significant victory for the future of the Venice Municipal Airport," said John Collins, AOPA manager of airport policy.

The new officeholders, Mayor John Holic and fellow council members Jeanette Gates and Bob Daniels, were sworn into office Nov. 10. Holic is a former air traffic controller, said AOPA Airport Support Network volunteer Chuck Schmieler. Venice, population approximately 21,000, has a council-and-manager system of municipal government.

In another encouraging development for Venice, the city recently hired a new airport director, Chris Rozansky, "who is already working with the Orlando Airports District Office to move the master plan update through the acceptance process," Collins said. Rozansky is an experienced airport administrator who comes to Venice from the Collin County Regional Airport in McKinney, Texas.

"The KVNC Airport support organizations, the Venice Aviation Society, representing the non-commercial interests, and the Venice Airport Business Association, representing the commercial interests, have worked tirelessly over the past three years with AOPA and the FAA to convince the city to meet its obligations," said Schmieler. "All the while we never lost sight that the ultimate recourse lay in the 'political process,' that is, the election of 2010."

He thanked AOPA and the FAA's Orlando airports district office, "without whose help and cooperation we could not have survived these past three years."

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