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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS****Trustees**

Shaun Carey, Liaison

**Staff Liaison**

Lissa Butterfield, Planning and Environmental Services Manager

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Lori Kolacek

**MEETING MINUTES  
AIRPORT SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC)  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2023 Meeting  
Thursday, March 16, 2023 • 3:30 pm**

The Committee met at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport, 2001 E. Plumb Lane, Reno Admin Offices, Main Terminal Building, Second floor as well as via Zoom. Lissa Butterfield called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Roll was called. Staff Liaison Lissa Butterfield led the meeting. Committee members present were Trustee Shaun Carey, Richard Brong, SMSgt Paula Macomber, Maj. David Lynn, Patrick Fisher, Thomas Hill, Larry Wilson, Rob Pierce, Suzanne Groneman, David McNally, and Chris Tolley.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A motion was made and seconded, and the Committee approved the minutes from the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter meeting of December 15, 2022, with no changes.

**4. APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**4.1** Community Member Suzanne Groneman, City of Reno Sustainability Program Manager.

**4.2** Commercial Air Carrier David McNally, FedEx Pilot and NVANG Director of Operations.

**5. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES**

Lissa Butterfield informed the committee that the Thursday afternoon schedule for these meetings is not working well with President/CEO Daren Griffin's schedule therefore she may have to chair more meetings when he is unable to attend.

## **6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **6.1 Quarterly Noise Reports, Fourth Quarter 2022 (October-December)**

Rick Miller, Noise Analyst, presented this item to the Committee. He provided information on the passenger schedule activity, operations activity and provided a noise complaint analysis.

Thomas Hill inquired about the possibility of the sound insulation program coming back. Mr. Miller responded that it's not likely the program will come back anytime soon. There was a discussion regarding the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on what they define as noise and what federal changes we could see. Ms. Butterfield and Mr. Miller discussed what they have seen and heard over the years regarding this topic.

Trustee Carey inquired about closure of the long runway and if that had any impact on noise. Mr. Miller stated they are only 700 feet apart and have not seen any significant impacts.

Patrick Fisher inquired about General Aviation complaints and their touch-n-go patterns to the East and if there has been any decrease in those complaints or any changes or modifications to the pattern. Mr. Miller stated that there is a significant variation in the General Aviation operations, however the touch-n-go patterns have not changed nor have there been any operational changes.

There being no questions from the Committee, this item was not discussed further.

### **6.2 Lithium Battery Recycling, Redwood Materials**

Tricia Dutcher, Research and Policy Analyst with Redwood Materials presented this item to the Committee.

Richard Brong inquired about the approximate percentage of those metals/materials that can be recycled. Ms. Dutcher indicated that 95 percent of the material is recycled.

Mr. Brong then inquired about electric aviation and if their company has seen anything regarding this as there has been some discussion in General Aviation. Ms. Dutcher indicated that she hasn't seen anything relating to electric aviation, however they are always looking at lithium battery capabilities regarding energy storage systems at different scales.

There being no further questions from the Committee, this item was not discussed further.

### **6.3 Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Airport Firefighting Foam (AFFF)**

Todd Welty RTAA Environmental Manager, presented this item to the Committee.

Thomas Hill stated that this is long term health effects for all airport firefighters. Mr. Welty stated that is correct. Mr. Hill then asked if he understood correctly that the airport is stuck with the Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance (PFAS) until something else is available and approved by the FAA. That is correct.

Suzanne Groneman asked for clarification regarding the legislation last session and that it established a working group committee, did that working group establish the new regulations. Mr. Welty stated that yes, the working group was established, and it helped develop the actions under that bill.

There being no further questions from the Committee, this item was not discussed further.

## **7. GENERAL COMMITTEE COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

7.1 New Ground Transportation Center / Rental Car Facility Development Sustainable Design (TBD)

7.2 RTAA Annual Sustainability Report 2022 (TBD)

## **8 PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **9 UPCOMING ASAC MEETING DATES**

06/15/2023 3:30 PM

09/21/2023 3:30 PM

12/21/2023 3:30 PM

Ms. Butterfield wanted to let the committee know that since there are a few new committee members Staff wanted to extend an offer to conduct Airport 101 for any new members or anyone who would like a refresher.

## **10 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further questions or business to discuss, Lissa Butterfield adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.