

November 17, 2010

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE HELICOPTER COMMITTEE

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Helicopter Committee convened in a regular session on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at 6:30pm in the General Aviation Center meeting room.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Carey, Hamilton, Jones, Root, Polcari, Elmore, Donnellan

Absent: Arteaga

Also Present: Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian, Deputy Community Development Director Cessna.

Committee member Arteaga granted excused absence.

3. **FLAG SALUTE**

Committee member Hamilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **AFFIDAVIT OF AGENDA POSTING**

Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian verified the posting of the agenda for this meeting.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the helicopter committee meeting held on November 4, 2010 were not available to approve.

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

6A. **ANALYZE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE ROUTES OF HELICOPTER LETTER OF AGREEMENT**

The meeting began with a presentation by Cliff Dawes of Rolling Hills Estates. Mr. Dawes outlined a proposed modification to the South East route of the Helicopter Letter of Agreement. Discussion among the committee ensued regarding the proposed new route.

Committee member Root questioned the amount of flights that take place over each route. Committee member Elmore stated that a request had been made to the FAA to obtain flight data on each route. Committee member Root then requested that Robinson provide data on their own flights.

Committee member Carey stated that the proposed helicopter route was in conflict with fixed wing traffic, and that in order for the new route to work, all fixed wing traffic would have to be moved to the south. Discussion continued regarding the altitude that helicopters can fly on the current routes.

As discussion continued regarding the proposed modification to the South East route, committee member Root distributed copies of a handout which showed how helicopter altitude affects noise on the ground.

James Casey, 221 Camino de las Caminas, stated that the helicopters often stray from their routes over his house and agreed with committee member Root's handouts. He would like to see the routes more widely published.

Mr. Dawes then proposed a second modification to the South East route. It was agreed that this second proposal would be brought before the committee at the next meeting.

Committee member Carey proposed that the route be flown so that the data can also be shared at the next meeting.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

James Casey, 221 Camino de las Caminas, inquired if there was a City policy when residents purchase a house when considering what is under a flight path.

John Bailey, South East Torrance Homeowners Association (SETHA), reminded the committee not to forget the North East route when studying altitude, and that SETHA is opposed to moving the South East route to Lomita blvd.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to December 2, 2010 at 3:30pm at the General Aviation Center Meeting room.