

Yolo County Airport Public Input Workshop Wall Notes

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A. Meeting Protocols

- Purpose of meeting is to seek improved public process
- Not forum for specific policy questions/answers for County
- Be concise, stay on topic
- Treat differences as a strength
- Use this a “restart” to find solutions to work together
- Provide opportunities for all to participate
- Respect and listen to all perspectives

B. Notes

1.

- Notice needs to go to everyone in a timely way
- Consultants are ignorant of the process and history, processes put in place in 1990's because of failed practices worked for a while, when different interests were willing to work together
- We already have a neighbor policy in airport master plan (in the addendum)
- We need to better understand the Airport master plan and County long term economic development goals
- We don't even know the projected number of planes, touch downs, etc.

2.

- Need better notes, accurate minutes etc. from meetings
- Need to go back over past problems and issues to correct the current situation
- No real political representation for neighbors
- Drainage issues, noise issues, etc. are still unresolved and critical
- Look for common ground issues; we can find mutual beneficial elements between neighbors and airport users
- Who has standing in this meeting? Who was notified? Need one county notice list that is comprehensive
- No timely communication from County

3.

- We need better FAA compliance: e.g. camping, County allows it; FAA does not
- List of airport related web sites is short sighted and not neighbor oriented; West Plainfield news is useful in airport ” web site – need useful neighbor oriented info, websites, etc.
- No independent study or plan; they are all County slanted, need objective analysis. More development does not mean better \$ revenue. The more the airport has grown, the worse the economics have become.
- County does not always follow their plans e.g. prison idea

4.

Ways to Make Meetings Work Better

- Stick with parliamentary procedure, Brown Act and the County should not offer legal advice
- West Plainfield Committee: does use these processes, but the committee is a sham. No authority. We are seen by the County as an inconvenience. No resolution to any issues, no changes and no real answers.
- Airport Advisory Committee not so contentious – similar interests

5.

- Disconnect: we know nothing changes, County does not listen or improve, no neighbor benefits ever, advice not wanted, respected or taken.
- How about if we had no committees at all. County to reach out to all neighbors and create community have a vote that would count.
- Fundamental Tension: two process are at odds. Airport development vs. Homes/Residents/Neighbors; the County is in a conflicted position

6.

- Since Committee has been reconstituted, the flow of info is a bit better and some neighbors have gotten involved
- We pay a lot of taxes (\$) plus have major investments and we are not getting responsiveness from County
- Why go to all this trouble if no one cares?
- Look at Pre 1990's things were bad without any committee at all
- It seems that with better meetings and structure, can be more productive; I am optimistic
- Yolo County has no \$ and does not have a good plan.

7.

- County time and money commitment needed to support good process
- Airport investors are not from local community. If we had County \$ things would be different
- Residents don't want this to be a commercial scale airport
- Airport is a County wide asset not just a local asset. Jobs and income are important
- Look at benefits of having airport

8.

- Committees ineffective because: 1) agenda items don't come from BOS 2) BOS does not take Committee advice. Residents were effective previously only by doing lawsuits, advisory way not working.
- Perception that County is contemptuous of neighbors
- Must address drainage/flooding issue

9.

Future Fact-Finding Meeting: Tentative: Nov. 13th Evening

- Airport finance, leases, \$ is critical to cover
- Airport infrastructure esp. storm water and drainage
- Consistency with FAA, local and state requirements

- County economic development goals explained and also related to land values
- Camping and related activities
- How development affects West Plainfield fire department – staff and volunteers with fire department.
- Good neighbor policy of other airports and be specific!
- Explain all the processes Improvements and recommendations fully