The Inglewood Aviation Commission held a regular scheduled meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 in the City Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Withrow, Chairperson at 4:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Nicholson.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Bettye R. Griffith and a quorum was present as follows:

Commissioners Present:  
Michelle Hicks District 1  
Jim Withrow District 2  
Bernadette Nicholson District 3  
Joan Richardson Commissioner At Large

City Staff:  
Bettye R. Griffith RSI Director  
Conchita Cox Staff Assistant

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items

None
Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson and second by Commissioner Withrow for the approval of the May 17, 2017 minutes. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved as follows:

- Ayes: Commissioners Hicks, Withrow, Nicholson and Richardson

Residential Sound Insulation Status/Verbal Report

Stats have not changed significantly – approval yet no money from FAA for two years. Ms. Griffith attended a regional conference on June 12, 2017 where monies were discussed and what piece of the pie RSIP across the nation would receive. Conference was mainly focused on airports.

Elliott Black (oversees program nationally) stated at the conference that “if money is not released by the first week in September – no one will get any funding this year. The FAA Annual conference focused primarily on airport functions. The Annual AAAE/NA Airport Noise Conference which will be held in Savannah, GA in October 2017 with a heavy focus on Residential Sound Insulation Programs nationally.

Explanation on how the FAA works as far as grant funds are distributed:

- When a City receives a grant from FAA and all the money is not used in its entirety, before any new money is distributed, the money that is still outstanding has to be taken off the top of the new money designated for the new fiscal year. The reason for this is due to the fact that the remaining money for grants that were previously approved are still listed as outstanding on FAA books. Best way to get more money is to use all monies as fast as possible.

- End of June 2017 we’ll know if the money will be coming in. Asked for $20 million which was approved; County requested $10 million; El Segundo has money left from a previously approved grant. However, If by the 1st week in August no funds are received from FAA, Ms. Griffith will go through protocol, Esparza, Fields, Mayor & Council and then up to Congresswoman Maxine Waters for assistance. Ms. Griffith stated that in 2015, through Congresswoman Waters’ efforts, RSI received an extension to continue the Program under the old guidelines until December 2015.

- LAWA – Approx. $5 Million left from 2015 which enabled RSI to move forward with prep work for current program. 400 out of 600 units are in the design stage. CSDA and Veneklasen working on acoustical testing sound and plan designs.

- RFQ proposal issued – 5 companies came in and qualified.
Ms. Griffith gave an overview of the processing steps and procedures handled by RSI department.

RSI initial pilot project started in ’93. In 1999 program was in full force, she stated that the Program is being managed better after learning from past mistakes.

LAWA/FAA – guidance and running of program is now handled by FAA. One of the new guidelines is, no heat, no service. This is a state law (Section 1204.1).

Apartments are treated differently than condominiums. If the apartment building has 4 units and 2 of the units have codes, the building will not be insulation. Whereas, with condos any eligible unit would receive RSI service.

Ms. Griffith distributed handouts (not involving an RSI program). Handout speaks about national budget cuts and how they will effect cities.

Commissioner Withrow asked if FAA said anything about airport controllers’ job duties.

Commissioner Hicks made commented regarding the article in the newsletter (in folders) as well as the handout that was distributed by Ms. Griffith.

RSI will present a flat model for FAA consideration – when air conditioning unit is on a platform on a flat roof, the unit, when in use, will vibrate and is very noisy and annoying for all homeowners on the top level of building. Therefore, after the initial construction is completed for the model, post-acoustical sound testing will be done to check the decibel level. If noise decibel level is not acceptable, RSI can go back to FAA and request additional services, i.e. secondary roof, wall treatment, etc.

Public Comments

None

Commissioners’ Comments

Commissioner Hicks

- Enjoyed Ms. Griffith’s report
- Proud Bird open – no grand opening but the Tuskegee Room is currently being used and it’s beautiful.

Commissioner Withrow

- No comments
Commissioner Richardson

- Invited to Los Angeles City Club – impressed but with all these new teams coming to Inglewood why can’t Inglewood have one.
- New neighbors (10406 7th Avenue) moved in. Husband is a principal and the wife is a teacher. Wasn’t happy with them removing the new sliding glass doors.

Commissioner Nicholson

- Every month I receive LAX update on changes per terminal – Millions have been spent to relocate airlines.
- Century Blvd. is finally showing improvements.
- See bright lights for Inglewood
- New program called “Clear Program” (thumb print, eye scan system) is being implement at LAX and TSA might have to lay-off people. Signups for $99 and keeps you from waiting in long lines.

  (Commissioner Hicks commented that the airport is saving money because consumers are doing their own work i.e. hauling their own baggage, etc.)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. by Chairperson Withrow.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.