

LAST MINUTE AGENDA INFORMATION

6/1/11 Regular Meeting

(Agenda Related Writings/Documents provided to a majority of the City Council after distribution of the Agenda Packet for the June 1, 2011 Regular meeting.)

ITEM NO. **DESCRIPTION**

5.1	<p>RESOLUTION NO. 2011-7048 SUE ELENBAAS AND MICHAEL HENTSCH (APPLICANT/OWNER); ADMINISTRATIVE COASTAL PERMIT (ACP 110001) AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP 110002) TO PROVIDE A SENIOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ("BY THE SEA") LOCATED AT 829 EMORY STREET (APN 626-322-04-00) IN THE R-3000 (TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE. MF 1064. (0600-20)</p> <p>a. Correspondence from Bob Vasquez, received on May 31, 2011</p>
6.1	<p>PRESENTATION ON NAVAL FLIGHT PATTERNS RELATED TO EXPANDED HELICOPTER OPERATIONS BY CAPT. LINDSEY. (0620-80)</p> <p>a. Staff Report</p>

Imperial Beach City Council
Attn: City Manager
825 Imperial Beach Blvd.
Imperial Beach, CA 91932

Master File 1064
"By the Sea" Project

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

First, I must compliment the City Council and staff for establishing a procedure by which care-givers can seek to provide homes for non-ambulatory elderly persons. The need for such care facilities is great and will continue to grow as "baby boomers" reach the age of retirement and beyond.

The house at 829 Emory Street and property appear to be adequate for the intended use. The only concerns that the neighbors might have would be for too many automobiles and too many visitors. Those two concerns have been expressed in other communities and have been shown to not exist. Non-ambulatory elders, if they do have an automobile when taking residence in a care-facility soon get rid of it. Alternatively, the City could attach a condition prohibiting an excessive amount of resident-automobiles. As for too many visitors, we can only wish that friends and relatives would visit but, experience has shown that visitation is almost non-existent after the first month or two.

My experience comes from having written the first "care of non-related persons" ordinance for the City of Huntington Beach in the early '70's, as well as processing applications pursuant to that ordinance. I gained further experience as a consultant obtaining approval for care facilities in San Mateo County and in South San Francisco.

I urge the Council's careful review and recommend approval of the request.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Vásquez, owner of 942 Elm Avenue
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**STAFF REPORT
CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6.1
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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GARY R. BROWN, CITY MANAGER

MEETING DATE: June 1, 2011

ORIGINATING DEPT.: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: BACKGROUND INFORMATION RELATED TO CAPTAIN LINDSEY'S PRESENTATION, ITEM 6.1

BACKGROUND:

1. The Coastal Commission (CC) staff hasn't made a determination on the Navy's finding of no signification impact. The CC staff has requested additional information from the Navy and has received a one-week time extension from the Navy until June 3. (See email from Mr. Delaplaine of May 31, 2011, Attachment 1)
2. Representative Filner has urged the Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus to complete a full EIS. (See Congressman Filner's letters of May 18, 2011, Attachment 2)
3. Representative Davis added report language to the FY 12 National Defense Authorization Act urging the Navy to continue working with Imperial Beach to identify mitigation measures, develop a noise reduction strategy and communicate in advance with local communities the potential impacts of flight activities. (See email of May 18, 2011 from Daniel Hazard, Attachment 3)
4. On May 17, 2011 the Seaside Point Neighborhood met with Captain Lindsey and his staff. (See the statement read by Mr. Pamintuan to the Navy staff, Attachment 4)

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Support of Legislation is not a project as defined by CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Update only. Provide direction as necessary.

Gary R. Brown, City Manager

Attachment:

1. Email from Mr. Delaplaine of May 31, 2011
2. Congressman Filner's letters of May 18, 2011
3. Email of May 18, 2011 from Daniel Hazard
4. Statement read by Mr. Pamintuan to the Navy staff on May 17, 2011

June 1, 2011
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Gary Brown

From: Mark Delaplaine
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2011 1:17 PM
To: Greg Wade; McCaull, Ann
Cc: Gary Brown; Jim Nakagawa; Mccoy4ib ; Deborah Lee; Lee McEachern; Diana Lilly
Subject: RE: MH-60 CCND

Greg/Gary/Ann/Jim/Mike - FYI - I still don't have the Navy's written response to our questions, so I asked them for, and they granted us, a one-week time extension, which will expire this Friday, June 3.

- Mark Delaplaine

BOB FILNER
51ST DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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May 18, 2011

The Honorable James C. Janney
Mayor
City of Imperial Beach
825 Imperial Beach Boulevard
Imperial Beach, CA 91932

Dear Mayor Janney:

Thank you for contacting me to express your concerns about Department of the Navy plans for increased helicopter operations at Naval Base Coronado and Naval Outlying Landing Field Imperial Beach.

As you requested, I have contacted Secretary of the Navy, Ray Mabus, to request a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed actions. I have also shared a copy of your correspondence with the Secretary. Enclosed is a copy of my letter.

I will share a copy of the Department of the Navy response when it is received.

Sincerely,

BOB FILNER
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Ray Mabus
Secretary Of The Navy
The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350

Dear Secretary Mabus:

I write regarding the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Helicopter Wings Realignment and MH-60R/S Helicopter Transition at Naval Base Coronado and the increase in helicopter operations at the Naval Outlying Landing Field (NOLF) Imperial Beach.

Some members of the community have contacted me to express concerns about the impact of the proposed increase in flights on residents' quality of life, on the natural environment, and on migratory birds and other native wildlife.

Enclosed is correspondence from James C. Janney, Mayor of the City of Imperial Beach, requesting the Department of the Navy prepare a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed action contemplated in the Draft EA.

I urge the Department of the Navy to take into consideration the views of the local community and to complete a full EIS before increasing flight operations.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

BOB FILNER
Member of Congress

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

April 28, 2011

The Honorable Bob Filner
US Congressman
2428 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

SUBJECT: THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR THE HELICOPTER WINGS REALIGNMENT AND MH-60R/S HELICOPTER TRANSITION AT NAVAL BASE CORONADO (NAB) & INCREASE IN HELICOPTER OPERATIONS AT THE NAVAL OUTLYING LANDING FIELD (NOLF) IMPERIAL BEACH

Dear Congressman Filner:

On February 25, 2011, the Navy circulated for public review a *Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) for the Helicopter Wings Realignment and MH-60R/S Helicopter Transition at Naval Base Coronado (NAB)*. Under the proposed action contemplated in the Draft EA, there would be a realignment of the number of helicopter squadrons assigned to NAB. The realignment would home-base four additional helicopter squadrons on the west coast in support of the recommendations of the 2006 QDR. The number of helicopters stationed at the Naval Air Station North Island (NASNI) would be increased by 52 under the proposed action. Associated with the increase in squadrons would be a concurrent increase in helicopter operations, both at NASNI and at the Naval Outlying Landing Field (NOLF) in Imperial Beach, and in an additional 800 personnel at NASNI.

As detailed in the Draft EA, the proposed action would result in a 33% increase in helicopter operations at NOLF. Along with the increase in helicopter operations, there would be a corresponding 33% increase in helicopter noise and other impacts associated with such operations. The City of Imperial Beach, in particular those areas and neighborhoods closest to NOLF, have coexisted with the NOLF helicopter operations and noise for decades. The City already experiences significant impacts as a result of these operations, particularly when helicopters deviate from approved and designated flight patterns, which is a frequent occurrence. To increase these operations and the potentially significant impacts to noise, air quality and biological resources in the Tijuana Estuary National Wildlife Refuge at all, let alone by 33%, is, to say the least, of utmost concern to the City of Imperial Beach and its residents. Compounding these concerns is the fact that the Navy has prepared only an Environmental Assessment that concludes that this 33% increase would not result in significant adverse direct, indirect or cumulative impacts. In reviewing the Draft EA, City staff has concluded that the

analysis provided is, quite simply, insufficient and does not adequately consider the overwhelming and potentially significant impacts of the helicopter operations/noise to areas closest to NOLF and does not adequately consider cumulative impacts resulting from the proposed action in addition to proposed significant increases in training activities at the Silver Strand Training Complex (SSTC) adjacent to Imperial Beach.

The City of Imperial Beach understands and appreciates the vital role to National Security that the training and operations at NASNI and NOLF provide and the City, its residents and visitors have patiently accepted and endured the impacts of the helicopter operations for decades despite the ever-increasing violations of approved flight patterns at NOLF. In order to adequately assess the potential environmental impacts that a 33% increase in these operations will most certainly create, however, the City of Imperial Beach strongly believes that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must and should be prepared by the Navy.

We respectfully request, therefore, that, through your participation on and/or contacts with the Armed Services Committee, you urge the Department of the Navy to prepare an EIS for the proposed action contemplated in the Draft EA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James C. Janney', with a stylized flourish at the end.

James C. Janney
Mayor
City of Imperial Beach

cc: US Senator Barbara Boxer
US Senator Diane Feinstein
US Congresswoman Susan Davis
US Congressman Brian Bilbray
Coronado Mayor Casey Tanaka
Imperial Beach City Council
City Manager Gary Brown
Community Development Director Greg Wade
File

Gary Brown

From: Hazard, Daniel
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 10:51 AM
To: Gary Brown
Subject: RE: Public Statement read at Navy Helicopter meeting with Captain Lindsey

Thanks, Gary. By the way, Congresswoman Davis added this report language to the FY12 National Defense Authorization Act. The bill hasn't passed the House yet, but it's in the committee approved version.

Naval Air Station North Island

The committee is aware of the Department of the Navy's plan to increase the number of MH-60 Seahawk helicopters stationed at Naval Air Station North Island, California and understands the important mission of these aircraft. The committee urges the Navy to continue working with the City of Imperial Beach and the City of Coronado to identify mitigation measures, develop a noise reduction strategy, and communicate in advance with the local communities, whenever practical, the potential impact of increased flight activities at Naval Air Station North Island and Naval Outlying Field Imperial Beach.

Thanks,
 Daniel

Daniel Hazard

Senior Community Representative
 Congresswoman Susan A. Davis
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 (619) 280-5311 fax

From: Gary Brown
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 7:18 PM
To: Hazard, Daniel
Subject: FW: Public Statement read at Navy Helicopter meeting with Captain Lindsey

Daniel, thanks for dropping by today.
 Attached is the statement read by the neighborhood group at this afternoon's meeting with Captain Lindsey.
 See email below.

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 619-628-1395 fax

From: Dante Pamintuan
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 7:13 PM
To: Dolan, Angelic CIV NAS North Island, N00
Cc: chris brown; brian kobets; Gary Brown; Chris Hillger; Dante Pamintuan; Elisa Speer; Gene Hillger; John Munns; Jeff

Knox; Nancy W. Dayton; Lenora Porcella; Jeff Quick; [jmscanlon](#).

Subject: Public Statement read at Navy Helicopter meeting with Captain Lindsey

ATTACHMENT 4

To all,

Attached is the public statement I read out loud at today's meeting with Captain Lindsey. Again, I emphasize that these are first steps that the Captain may or may elect to implement based on his scope of authority and control. Thank you for your continued support in voicing your concerns and complaints. The Imperial Beach Patch and Channel 10 News was on hand to record both inside and outside meetings. As Jeff Scanlon stated; this issue will probably need further steps up to our Congressional representative, Susan Davis. If anyone has her email info and contact please let me know so I may forward this copy to her. Best regards.

CC: Captain Yancy Lindsey, via Angelic Dolan

Dante Pamintuan
Seaside Point Neighborhood Group

FROM: SEASIDE POINT NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP, Imperial Beach, CA 91932

TO: Base Commander, NBC, Captain Yancy Lindsey

RE: OFFICIAL PUBLIC STATEMENT RE: NOLF-IMPERIAL BEACH Increase In Airfield Operations And Unacceptable Noise Standards Within The Seaside Point/Oneonta Neighborhoods Of Imperial Beach

INTRO: Thank you for taking time out of your busy day to meet with us regarding the increased helicopter operations and related noise abatement issues. We are extremely proud of our military and the sacrifices they endure for our country. We are very proud of our Navy and their recent successes against the war on terrorism. Our neighborhoods are also home to over 500 families and military veterans, with almost 95% of affected neighbors serving or having served in the US Navy, Marine Corps, Army, Air Force and Coast Guard.

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The neighborhoods and schools of Seaside Point and Oneonta, as well as the educational program at the Tijuana Estuary Reserve have suffered and endured continuous excessive noise levels above 88-100 decibels (23-35 decibels higher than the established (65) decibel levels for acceptable community noise standards. This unacceptable and excessive noise level is a result of the increase in helicopter noise and air operations at NOLF-Imperial Beach specifically due to:

1. Back rotor wash and acceleration to 400 feet that causes tremendous concussion sound waves damaging homes and affecting the quality of life for the residents living near the northwestern most fence line along the airfield at Iris Ave & 5th Street, and the eastern entrance to the Tijuana Estuary.
2. The use of the northern runway due to the construction issues at the southern runway.
3. Pilots who do not follow the course rules as established by the Base Commander, Naval Base Coronado.
4. Lack of enforcement or clear course rules for pilots using NOLF-Imperial Beach airfield for training and qualifications.
5. Lack of a "Good Neighbor Policy" involving complaint lines and ways to report unacceptable noise levels, safety, air quality and encroachment issues.

RECOMMENDATIONS: As fellow Americans and people of this community, we are asking for dignity, respect and consideration in our pursuit of a higher quality of life. We respectfully ask you to:

1. Conduct emergency descent and takeoff procedures at another airfield such as San Clemente Island, Brown Field, North Island, or any other accessible airfield that is more conducive and safer to execute. This eliminates the need for any type of long runway at NOLF-Imperial Beach.
2. Please utilize the 5-6 helipads specific to hovering and rotation training at the southern most part of the airfield. It is also recommended and permissible to overfly any land areas south of these helipads in accordance with the owners/custodians of this area.
3. Establish new course rules with a citizen review board comprised of neighbors living in the affected neighborhoods of Seaside Point and Oneonta.
4. Use corrective action and warnings by the Base Commander, NBC; regarding any reported course rules violations by pilots as recorded and called in by affected residents and neighbors of Seaside Point and Oneonta.
5. Establish a "live" contact complaint hotline that is updated with a phone number; email address, text and social media contact information for the affected residents. This complaint network should be updated monthly.
6. Consider a comprehensive evaluation of air quality due to the fact that the helicopters leave an unhealthy residue of black dust and particles that the affected people breathe and have to clean up in and around their homes and automobiles.

CONCLUSION: As proud supporters of our military, we would like to live and work side by side with our Navy as good neighbors. However, our neighborhoods have not been shown the respect and dignity we deserve as homeowners, military veterans and community members. We do NOT support an increase in helicopter operations by 30% and we ask that the aforementioned recommendations be implemented immediately.