# Yolo County Airport Workshop Notes: December 4, 2013

The following are the notes that Jeff Loux took on wall charts during the large group meeting portion of the workshop. They are not meant to be complete or comprehensive, but just what was said at the meeting. Other notes taken at each table of the "open house" are not included.

**GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM**

- Operations:  Time constraints, designated areas for run-ups (differentiate from maintenance), defined number of events needs to be added
- Complaint form:  Any consequences for violations?
- Need drainage master plan for area
- We are not addressing traffic  or roads  or impacts to animals
- Look at 1, 2, 5, and 10 year infrastructure needs
- Make sure we focus on actual County authority and what it <u>can</u> do by law rather than FAA or other jurisdiction
- Operations:  How does County supervise and enforce at the airport? Day & night
- Events + Special Uses:  What about time limits, conditions, and other constraints; the Community needs input – especially related to parties
- Community Engagement: County has a poor website – not accessible.
- Notification is getting better, but needs to keep improving and be up to date
- Committee:  Can they be legally combined? Would it represent community interests?
- Run-up Area:  Put up simple signs for pilots stating the pattern+ rules
- Airport Infrastructure:  Don't consider inappropriate uses like prison. Abide by the general plan!
- Wants commitments from operators (put these no leases). Back these up!
- Better closure and process for complaint form
- Surprise inspections on tenants so everyone is following rules
- More about tenants and operators following rules – more commitment

**COMMITTEES STRUCTURE**

- Committee Structure: it is simply not legal to combine committees because of the settlement language. Do not combine the committees! We will lose our voice.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> part attorney needs to determine legality
- The two communities could meet simultaneously
- Need better committee management
- West Plainfield land use committee – don't know where their recommendations go and who is paying attention to them
- No <u>political representation;</u>
- Political presence at these workshops and meetings is a start
- Maybe West Plainfield committee <u>is</u> actually effective; we are seeing some changes and the County paying attention

- Keep two committees – the problem is the lack of County communication
- Airport advisory does not need to review the West Plainfield agenda
- Having overlapping meeting was too adversarial
- Use a facilitator for a while to get the committees on track

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE QUESTION OF B-II VS. C-II AIRPORT

- In 1994 – inflated expectations (period of economic optimism)
- Stopping the infrastructure improvements would demonstrate intent to not expand
- Would like to see real projections and economic analysis
- Economic downturn → airport follows economy
- Airport hasn't changed much → more houses built in last 25 years
- Most airport enhancements for safety
- Most concerns → flow of unknown due to lack of information
- Significance of FAA grants?
    - Leading to C-II?
- Concerns remain that because C-II is the preferred alternative in the Master Plan – it seems like that is direction of County
- Is Master Plan just a set of objectives or a real plan?
    - Defines upper limits of development – objectives and boundaries
- Promotion and regulation in same agency (i.e. The County) creates conflict
- Contract and lease issues are a concern
    - Are there sweetheart deals, and why should this be?
- Need assessment/baseline of current operations at airport; no one knows exactly how many take offs and landings there are
- Why have more drainage studies when the previous studies are still not implemented
- County should write the FAA and explain that they are not working toward a C-II airport
- Look at long term economic $ benefit of all land uses out here in the area, not just the airport. Residential and commercial activity generates far more tax dollars. Don't jeopardize this with more airport activity