



**DECEMBER 2017**

**SOUTH VISTA NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

## A NEW APPROACH TO AIRPLANE OVERFLIGHTS?

Report from Citizens for a Friendly Airport



*Citizens for a Friendly Airport representatives (L to R) Graham Thorley, Michael Schertzer, Vicki Syage, and Hope Nelson*

Carlsbad's Citizens for a Friendly Airport presented their concerns about the proposed expansion of Palomar Airport, as well as their hope for a citizen vote on the proposal, to a packed meeting room at South Vista Community's November 8 community meeting.

We in South Vista share their concerns, as many residents are impacted by the loud, low-flying planes headed for the airport.

The group has scheduled a meeting with Carlsbad City Council and San Diego County representatives. In the meantime, this is the calendar for the McClellan-Palomar Airport Master Plan, which includes the expansion:

\* **December 2017**—Draft Environmental Impact Report to be released by the County. There will be a 45-day public comment period for those concerned to review the report and comment regarding concerns and issues not addressed. When released, the draft

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## IMPORTANT: Planning and Traffic Commission meetings this week

Vista's **Planning Commission** will meet on Tuesday, December 5, at 5:30 p.m. in City Council chambers to consider a proposal for a self-storage facility on the west side of So. Melrose between the (former Ralph's) shopping center and Sunset Drive.

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The **Traffic Commission** will meet on Wednesday, December 6, at 6 p.m. in City Council chambers to consider a proposal to replace the 3-way stop sign at Shadowridge / Live Oak with a roundabout.

From Traffic Engineer Sam Hasenin:

The City is proposing to replace the existing all-way stop control at the intersection of Shadowridge Drive & Live Oak Road with a roundabout. The proposal also includes reducing the number of lanes approaching the intersection from four to two. The roundabout is expected to result in the following benefits:

- The traffic on Shadowridge Drive does not have to come to a complete stop, but will substantially slow down going through the intersection.
- No need for enforcement of rolling through the existing Stop sign.
- The reduction of the number of lanes will make it easier for pedestrians to cross
- The pedestrian is not trying to judge if four lanes of traffic will come to a complete stop before they cross. Instead, they will find a gap in slow moving two lanes of traffic.
- More aesthetically pleasing than the Stop signs.

Thanks to Cliff Kaiser, here are presentations about how roundabouts work: <http://www.trb.org/Publications/Blurbs/158299.aspx>

Module 5 (with narration) is most apt; the proposed roundabout would be a single-lane design. To make the narration work, you may need to click the "Slide Show" button, bottom right:



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EIR will be posted on the County website — <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/airports/palomar/masterplan.html>. There will be instructions for submitting responses. Citizens for a Friendly Airport ask that you cc your comments to the Carlsbad City Council as well as to your own city council if you don't reside in Carlsbad.

\* **Summer 2018** — McClellan-Palomar Airport Master Plan expected to go to the County Board of Supervisors for approval.

Citizens for a Friendly Airport website: [www.c4fa.org](http://www.c4fa.org)  
Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/c4faCarlsbad/>

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## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

South Vista Communities' January community meeting will feature the Citizens for a Friendly Airport group from Carlsbad for a follow-up report on their efforts — **Thursday**, January 25, 6 p.m. at the Shadowridge Golf Club, 1980 Gateway Drive.

South Vista's City Council representatives, Amanda Rigby and John Franklin, will also attend and speak to this issue. The public is invited.

## ON-LEASH / OFF-LEASH UPDATE

At its meeting on November 27, Vista's Parks & Recreation Commission discussed on- and off-leash proposals and recent City Council decisions for Buena Creek (Duck Pond) and South Buena Creek parks.

No decisions were made except for the future meeting timetable for further discussions:

January 22: Commission meeting, City Hall

February 26: Comm. meeting, maybe in park

March 26: Comm. meeting, City Hall—decision

April: recommendation to City Council

A proposal was put forth by Commissioner Norm Halus that the Commission consider making off-leash hours at South Buena Creek park from dawn to dusk, and Buena Creek (Duck Pond) park would be on-leash from dawn to dusk.

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## MEANWHILE . . .



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