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### **Yarbrough Recognized for Work on Airport Noise**

Mike Yarbrough, Executive Vice President of Keep Sedona Beautiful, was presented with The Initiative Award by the City of Sedona at their Volunteer Appreciation Lunch on April 21. This award recognizes “the volunteer who takes initiative and runs with it.” Mike proactively requested that the city form a Citizen’s Engagement Group to analyze airport noise, and propose recommendations. Mike was recognized for working diligently and respectfully to make progress on noise and airport issues.

The Citizen’s Engagement Group concluded that there are four specific issues that should be addressed. First, there should be resident representation on the Sedona Airport Authority (SAA) Board. The current SAA airport board is comprised solely of airplane owners and renters of hanger space at the airport. Second, tour operators are required to maintain only 1 million dollars in liability coverage, which is inadequate and leaves taxpayers at risk should a significant accident occur. Third, SAA proposals for airport expansion pose a risk of significantly increasing noise. Finally, helicopter tour operations should and can be regulated.

Residents who are impacted by increasing noise from airport operations can contact the officials listed below to express concerns and first-hand observations: County Commissioner Chip Davis ([chip.davis@yavapai.us](mailto:chip.davis@yavapai.us)), County Attorney Jack Fields ([jack.fields@yavapai.us](mailto:jack.fields@yavapai.us)), Yavapai County Administrator Phil Bourdon ([phil.bourdon@yavapai.us](mailto:phil.bourdon@yavapai.us)), Sedona City Manager Justin Clifton ([jclifton@sedonaAZ.gov](mailto:jclifton@sedonaAZ.gov)), Chair of the Citizen’s Engagement Group Mike Yarbrough ([michaelyarbrough3@gmail.com](mailto:michaelyarbrough3@gmail.com)).

Residents can also notify their Home Owner’s Association and see if the HOA would be willing to voice concerns on behalf of their residents.

Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc., acting through the stewardship of its members and volunteers, is committed to protect and sustain the unique scenic beauty and natural environment of the Greater Sedona area. For more information, visit the KSB website or call the office at 928-282-4938.