



THE VENICE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (KVNC) COMMUNITY AIRPORT FUN FACTS

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- The airport is self supporting and generates its own funds. The taxpayers of Venice do not support the airport with tax dollars. The airport pays the city for services. See the FAQs on the city website, airport tab.
- The airport is an economic engine putting tens of millions of dollars a year into the Venice region.
- Venice Airport Business Association (VABA) members employ over ninety personnel with a combined annual direct payroll in excess of \$3,600,000. Visit www.veniceaviationsociety.com for a link to the year 2000 airport master plan, chapter 11 for an analysis of the airports total economic impact. Today the number is even higher. Decide for yourself. KVNC airport is of great value to the area.
- The World War II Army Air Corps Base property originally stretched from the current airfield location on Airport Road to the Island Hospital, West to the Gulf and into South Venice.
- The Army Air Corps Base transfer to the city was completed in 1947 under the War Surplus Property Act. Terms of the sale included the stipulation that it remain in perpetuity as an airport, be properly maintained and not discriminate against aircraft types or the property would revert back to the Federal Government.
- KVNC is part of our national transportation infrastructure and is a key component in regional disaster relief plans.
- Capital improvements for the airport are funded primarily thru FAA and Florida DOT airport improvement grants. The airport reserve also provides funds for these improvements.
- FAA and DOT grant monies are a partial return of aviation fees and taxes paid by pilots and aircraft owners.
- The FAA and FDOT have provided nearly \$20,000,000 in Airport Improvement Funds (through aviation fuel and airline ticket taxes) over the last decade for substantial improvements at the Airport including among other changes hangar construction, airport lighting, new fencing, runway rehabilitation including Runway 4- 22 (now Runway 5 – 23) the Airports Noise Mitigation Runway. A part of this rehabilitation effort also included money to make changes to the Venice Lakes Golf Course to clear the Runway Safety Area. The FAA and the State have a significant investment in the Venice Municipal Airport. additional projects are underway""
- Some have suggested moving the airport. FAA Regulations require the city meet the following conditions. Any new replacement airport must be open and operating and be equal to or better than the current KVNC airport in terms of facilities and utility before the existing airport can close.
- Today it would likely cost well over \$120 million to purchase land (where?) and build a new KVNC. The city would need to do a bond issue. Taxpayers could expect tax increases not decreases for the life of that bond.
- The airport is integral to the cultural history of Venice. Residents and visitors visit to view air operations. Many local pilots are members of Angel Flight and provide charitable medical transportation. Restaurant facilities on the airport offer great food and views. Sharky's Restaurant is partially on airport property and the golf course is on leased airport property.
- Pilots are members of the community and practice and encourage visitors to use “Fly Friendly” procedures.
- Airports strengthen cities and communities. Have an interest in the airport or aviation? Email info@VeniceAviationSociety.com

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