



City of Ann Arbor
Formal Minutes
Airport Advisory Committee

801 Airport Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

5:15 PM

Ann Arbor Airport, 801 Airport Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tanner called the meeting to order at 5:28 pm.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Wilson Tanner, Carl Loomis, David Canter, Gordon Garwood, Raymond Hunter

Committee members absent: James Vincze, John Sullivan

Ex-Officio members present: Trish Reilly, Matthew Kulhanek

Others in attendance: Kathe Wunderlich, Chuck Ferguson, Chris Gordon, Mark Perry

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1 Airport Advisory Committee Minutes - January 16, 2013

The January 16, 2013 minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council due back on 4/15/2013

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chair Tanner welcomed those in attendance. There were no public comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

Three items of correspondence were reviewed by the Committee.

B-1 Tower Operations/Fuel Usage through January, 2013

B-2 Airport Hangar Occupancy through February, 2013

B-3 FAA Decommissioning Proposal

AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT

C-1 Project Update - Environmental Assessment, Gate/Fencing Project

No new activity on the review of the draft EA by the FAA Technical Operations group. Pittsfield Township and the Committee to Preserve Community Quality have filed a petition with the US Department of Transportation to block the EA for the runway safety project. City legal staff is reviewing what response, if any, may be necessary. The Gate/Fence project is currently out for bid. The pre-bid meeting is tomorrow and the bid opening is scheduled for April 4th. The project should be under construction in June if the bids come in alright.

C-2 FAA Sequestration Impacts

An update on the announced tower closings by the FAA was provided. At this time, the Ann Arbor Tower has not been notified of any pending closure. It appears the FAA is focusing on "contract" towers, not FAA staffed towers like ARB. The local tower does expect to be impacted by furlough days and tower management will work to minimize any operational impacts.

C-3 Other Items

There is a charity hockey game scheduled for April 6th to benefit the Dreams N Wings organization. An automatic external defibrillator has been installed in the terminal building for emergency response. Contracts to repaint hangar rows Alpha and Bravo have been awarded with the work planned for late April/ early May depending on weather. Prices to coat the roofs of these hangars were also received but rejected because they were too expensive. Other reroofing options are being considered. Prices to paint hangar rows Charlie and Delta will also be pursued. Minor improvements in the terminal area will start next week with the installation of some cabinets and countertop in the coffee/ice machine area. New seating and blinds are also planned for that area. Skyclock personnel have overcome their technical issues and we should have a functioning clock on the wall within the next month.

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIPS AND COMMITTEES**D-1 Pittsfield and Lodi Township Reports - T. Reilly & J. Godek**

Trish Reilly announced that the Washtenaw County Road Commission has completed the State Road Corridor EA and will present it at a public hearing on April 24th, from 4-6 pm, at Pittsfield Township Hall. Jan Godek emailed in that there was nothing new to report from Lodi Township.

D-2 A2GA2 Report - C. Gordon

Chris Gordon reported that the Lohr Road cleanup is tentatively scheduled for the 3rd weekend in April.

D-3 MI General Aviation Committee Report - M. Perry

Mark Perry reported that the 2013 focus of the GA Committee will be on 1) reopening the Fox Island airstrip; 2) coordinating aviation tourism with the Pure Michigan campaign; 3) working with the Michigan Aviation Association to create a white paper on the economic value of local airports to the State.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**E-1 Family Friendly Improvements**

Member Garwood updated the Committee on the proposed family friendly improvements. They are still working with the A2GA2 to create a non-profit entity to accept donations and the next subcommittee meeting will be in April. They are hoping for a Summer 2014 build date.

E-2 Airport Rules and Regulations Subcommittee

The draft revised Rules and Regulations were presented to the Committee. Mark Perry reviewed the proposed changes. There was discussion on a number of items including gate security, hangar parking and the voluntary noise abatement program. The subcommittee will make some additional revisions and get a red lined version to the Committee for review. The goal is to have the draft posted on the Airport website for a 30 day comment period before making final revisions and presenting to the Committee for approval at May's regular meeting. The document will also need City legal review prior to approval. The subcommittee was thanked for their efforts to date.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, May 15, 2013 @ 5:15 p.m. Please call the airport manager's office (994-9124) by Monday before the meeting if you cannot attend.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.