



City of Ann Arbor

Formal Minutes

Airport Advisory Committee

801 Airport Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

5:00 PM

Ann Arbor Airport, 801 Airport Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Perry called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Mark Perry, Gordon Garwood, Wilson Tanner, Carl Loomis, James Vincze

Committee members absent: Ray Hunter, John Sullivan

Ex-Officio members present: Barb Fuller, Matt Kulhanek

Others in attendance: Tom Lee, Mark Roisen, Kathe Wunderlich, John Solo, Sharon Wyant, Bob Gelpke, Chris Gordon

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Perry requested that an item of new business for through the fence operators be added to the agenda. The revised agenda was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1 Airport Advisory Committee Minutes - March 17, 2010

The March 17, 2010 minutes were approved as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chair Perry welcomed those in attendance. He asked that those in attendance wishing to speak about through the fence operators wait until that item on the agenda. There were no public comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

Five items of correspondence were reviewed by the Committee.

B-1 Tower Operations/Fuel Usage through March, 2010

B-2 Airport Hangar Occupancy - May, 2010

- B-3** AAC Membership Roster - Updated
- B-4** Runway Safety Action Team Meeting Notice
- B-5** Airport Appreciation Picnic Flyer

AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Kulhanek reminded everyone that the EAA Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, June 13th from 8am until noon in the Avfuel hangar.

C-1 Project Update - SRE Building/Environmental Assessment/Airfield Lighting

Mr. Kulhanek gave updates on the three projects. The SRE building is nearing completion with interior finishes underway. Mechanical, plumbing and electrical trades are nearly finished. The general contractor continues to understaff the project which continues the slow pace of work. Approximately 120 comments were received during the public comment period on the draft Environmental Assessment for the proposed runway safety extension project. The consultants and airport staff are going through the comments and preparing appropriate responses as well as any additional investigation that may be necessary. This process may take a month or two to complete before the EA is ready to submit to MDOT and the FAA. The airfield lighting/signage project is set for award by City Council in early June. Actual work will probably start in early July after contracts, insurance, bonds and submittals are completed. The project, once started, should only take a few weeks to complete.

C-2 Ethanol Free Auto Gas

Mr. Kulhanek initiated discussion on the FAA's efforts to replace 100LL with ethanol free auto gas. After discussion on this issue, it was requested that a representative from Avfuel be invited to attend the July meeting to discuss this issue further.

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIPS, FAA TOWER, COMMITTEES

D-1 FAA Tower Report - C. Smith

No one was able to attend.

D-2 Pittsfield Township Report - B. Fuller

Nothing new to report.

D-3 Lodi Township Report - J. Godek

Supervisor Godek emailed information to the Committee with an update to proposed cell

tower sites in the Township.

D-4 Ann Arbor Flyers -

No one was able to attend.

D-5 University of Michigan Flyers -

No one was able to attend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E-1 Old Airport Terminal Building

There was no new information at this time to report.

E-2 Family Friendly Improvements

There was no new information at this time to report.

E-3 Airport Emergency Plan

The Airport Manager is coordinating a follow up meeting with the Tower Manager and Public Safety Director of Pittsfield Township to determine the best way to reconcile the three existing documents into one document.

E-4 DTW Class B Airspace Redesign

Chair Perry provided upcoming dates for public input on the proposed FAA redesigned Class B airspace for Detroit Metro. He continued to raise concerns over the potential impacts of the proposed change to the Ann Arbor area and aviation operations in general.

E-5 Lohr Road R-O-W Request

Committee Member Fuller reported that preliminary engineering for the Lohr-Textile Greenway Project was underway. Once that preliminary work was complete, the Township would be able to determine ROW needs.

NEW BUSINESS

F-1 Transportation Changes Around Airport Property

Chair Perry opened discussion on the proposed transportation changes that are happening around the airport boundary and how they may impact both current and future aviation operations. The changes include the proposed Lohr-Textile Road Greenway on the west border of the airport, the State Road reconstruction project recently announced by the Washtenaw County Road Commission on the east side of

the airport and the proposed Costco development which will likely impact the State/Ellsworth intersection as well as traffic on Ellsworth Road along the north side of the airport. These changes, being discussed at the same time as the proposed runway safety extension project, must be reconciled with that project to ensure safe and efficient travel by pedestrians, vehicles and aircraft. The Airport Manager encouraged Committee Member Fuller to ensure that the Pittsfield Township planning staff is familiar with the State of Michigan's airport zoning regulations and approach protection plan in regards to the Costco development.

Through the Fence Operators

Chair Perry opened discussion on this item. The primary concern is that a number of aircraft mechanics are operating at ARB without the appropriate approval from the airport management. There are three approved operators (Aviation Center, Bijan, and Solo) for providing mechanical services at the airport. Some tenants allow non-approved mechanics to provide maintenance to their aircraft. When airport staff sees this, they generally ask the illegal mechanic to leave the airport. The approved operators provide the appropriate insurance and documentation to received the required Commercial Use Permit to legally provide this service. The illegal, through the fence, operators are taking business from these approved providers. After comments from Solo Aviation staff and Aviation Center staff, Chair Perry indicated he wanted to talk to the EAA about this issue. He also created a sub-committee consisting of himself, Ray Hunter, John Solo, Mark Roisen and the Airport Manager to investigate this issue further. After Chair Perry meets with the EAA, the Airport Manager will send a letter to all tenants reminding them that they should not be using mechanic services other than those approved and permitted by the airport.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, July 21, 2010 @ 5 p.m. Please call the airport manager's office (994-9124) by the Monday before the meeting if you cannot attend.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.