



City of Ann Arbor
Formal Minutes
Airport Advisory Committee

801 Airport Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

5:15 PM

Ann Arbor Airport, 801 Airport Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Canter called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: David Canter, Raymond Hunter, John Sullivan, Gordon Garwood, James Vincze, Peter Greenfield

Committee members absent: None

Ex-Officio members present: Trish Reilly, Matthew Kulhanek

Others in attendance: Kathe Wunderlich, Stewart Nelson, Theresa Whiting

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1 Airport Advisory Committee Minutes - January 15, 2014

The January 15, 2014 minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunter, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 4/7/2014. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Two items of correspondence were reviewed by the Committee.

B-1 Tower Operations/Fuel Usage through January, 2014

Received and Filed

B-2 Airport Hangar Occupancy through February, 2014

Received and Filed

AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT

C-1 Project Update - Environmental Assessment

There has been no additional information from the FAA Technical Operations group regarding the environmental assessment. The airport's new consulting engineering firm is making inquiries as well to determine what may be causing the delay.

C-2 Other Items

Manager Kulhanek reported that the new Class B airspace for DTW will be going into effect on April 3, 2014. A discussion about efforts to notify tenants and other users of the airport about the changes ensued. The FAA has recently notified the airport about six additional obstacle clearance surface penetrations off of Runway 6. All six penetrations are trees. A tree removal service has been hired to remove these penetrations as well as the tree penetrations off of Runway 24. This will leave just the two power pole penetrations to address. The EAA and the Women in Aviation group each recently hosted events at the airport that brought in hundreds of participants. Both events were well put together and provided a lot of positive exposure to the airport. The Committee asked that thank you letters be sent to the organizers of the Women in Aviation group for their efforts. The efforts of the EAA and Avfuel (host of the event) were also acknowledged by the Committee. A variety of small upcoming projects was also reviewed by the Manager.

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIPS AND COMMITTEES

D-1 Pittsfield and Lodi Township Reports - T. Reilly & J. Godek

Neither Township had anything to report.

D-2 A2GA2 Report - C. Gordon

No one was able to attend.

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

No one was able to attend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E-1 Family Friendly Improvements

Member Garwood reported that we are still waiting on the 501(c)(3) designation before fundraising can begin. He anticipates that actual construction of the project may end up in 2015 if the designation is not received soon.

E-2 Airport Strategic Planning Process

A handout outlining a variety of master planning types, including typical processes and tasks, was provided to the membership for discussion purposes. The Committee held a robust discussion about the processes, resources, existing efforts and what is the goal of the overall process/plan. The Committee focused on doing a series of smaller plans, possibly including a facility assessment, land use plan, aviation needs, community involvement, economic strategy, and environmental impact, in an effort to have the equivalent of a master plan when completed. Member Hunter and Manager Kulhanek will work to develop the process and priorities for this effort to share at the next Committee meeting.

E-3 Committee Membership Needs

Chair Canter reminded the membership of anticipated vacancies on the Committee later this year. He encouraged the members to continue to look for potential new members that may also provide some diversity to the makeup of the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

F-1 Historical Perspective of Current Airport Layout Plan

At the request of the Committee, a number of former members of the Committee were invited to attend this meeting to share their historical perspective on the development of Airport Layout Plan which included the proposed runway safety extension project. Former member Stewart Nelson was the only member able to attend and shared his recollections.

Mr. Nelson focused on what he feels has been a history of the Committee at resolving issues related to the airport and the community. He talked of the noise complaints that were prevalent and how the Committee worked to resolve them. He also discussed the need for the box hangars and how that drove the creation of the 2007 ALP, which also included the bump out of State Road to address the safety issue of the proximity of the runway to the road. He explained how, during the Council approval process of the 2007 ALP, that the Committee was directed to revise the 2007 ALP to address known safety concerns which resulted in the 2008 ALP and the runway safety extension project. While he doesn't feel the proposed runway project will result in any measurable increase of larger planes, he did emphasize the importance of working together with the community to try to address everyone's needs to the extent possible. Chair Canter thanked Mr Nelson for his time and willingness to share his perspective.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Chair Canter asked that the items of unfinished business be continued on the next meeting. The question of fireworks at the airport came up. The Manager was asked to find out about the history of the fireworks at the airport for the next meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, May 21, 2014 @ 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 7:00 pm.