



City of Ann Arbor

Formal Minutes

Airport Advisory Committee

801 Airport Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

5:15 PM

Electronic Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Farris called the meeting to order at 5:25 pm. The Chair announced that this was an electronic meeting and provided phone numbers and the process for public comment.

ROLL CALL

*Committee members present (location they are participating from): Greg Farris (Ann Arbor), Melanie McNicholas (Ann Arbor), Kelly Burris (Ann Arbor), Erica Briggs (Ann Arbor), Mark Perry (Scio Township)
Committee members absent: Theresa Whiting
Ex-officio members present: Matthew Harshberger, Matthew Kulhanek
Others in attendance: Kathe Wunderlich, Chad Stradling, Aaron Enzer, three unknown callers*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 18, 2022 meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

A-1 Airport Advisory Committee Minutes - May 18, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit per speaker)

The Chair welcomed those in attendance and explained the process for public comment. There was no public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee reviewed four items of correspondence as presented.

- B-1** Airport Operations through May, 2022
- B-2** Airport Fuel Usage through May, 2022
- B-3** Airport Hangar Occupancy through June, 2022
- B-4** 2022 Airport Appreciation Picnic

AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT**C-1 Project Update - Environmental Assessment**

The work on the environmental assessment for the Runway Safety Extension Project continues. The consultant has completed most of the technical studies and these have been submitted to the FAA for review. A public hearing in late October/early November is still targeted with project completion anticipated in January 2023. These targets are tentative based on timely review by the FAA.

C-2 Other Items

The Airport Manager shared that Alpha taxiway and the runway both experienced concrete surface damage during the high heat in mid June as a result of ASR concrete deterioration. These events will continue, especially during high heat. The Manager reviewed the immediate, short term and long term plans for this issue. The eventual solution is a replacement of the taxiway and that project has been included on the airport's capital improvement plan with the State. F row hangar construction plans are complete and will likely be out to bid in August. If the project is financially feasible, a spring construction is anticipated. The airport recently completed crack sealing work, as part of our pavement management plan, in the NW t's. Paving work was also completed at the intersection of Airport Drive and Boulevard, the east side of the terminal parking lot and the terminal ramp access drive.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

D-1 Pittsfield and Lodi Townships Reports - M. Harshberger & J. Godek

Member Harshberger relayed concerns from Pittsfield Township officials and residents regarding noise complaints, the volume of flight traffic and a general concern about the safety of residents with increased flight activity. There was an extensive discussion from the Committee about ways that this issue can be addressed including education of the residents and pilots, continued emphasis on the voluntary noise abatement program, and asking flight training instructors to vary their pattern. Investigation of complaints through the air traffic control tower has found that pilots are operating appropriately but the increased activity is the real driver of complaints. It was also discussed that many factors that dictate when and where pilots fly are outside of their control including the wind direction, weather conditions, and instructions from the control tower. While airport activity has been higher than normal over the last few years, operations are still significantly lower than the late 1990's/early 2000's when the airport consistently handled in excess of 100,000 operations per year.

D-2 Discovery Area Report

Chair Farris displayed the drawing of the Discovery Area at the recent pancake breakfast and received positive feedback. Discussions are underway with the A2GA2 to utilize their non-profit status to handle donations for the project. A three fold brochure to promote the project for fundraising is nearly complete.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**E-1 FBO Building**

The Committee, at our last meeting, recommended that the proposal from KARB Ventures move forward to the due diligence phase for the re-use of the FBO building. The Airport Manager discussed the due diligence process, and the results of that process, for Great Lakes Air Repair d/b/a Beacon Aviation (formerly KARB Ventures). The due diligence results were positive and the final step for the Committee would be to recommend approval of the proposal and lease agreement to City Council. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to recommend that City Council approve the proposal and 30 year lease from Great Lakes Air Repair d/b/a Beacon Aviation for the FBO located at 719 Airport Drive.

E-2 Airport Noise

This item was primarily addressed under the Pittsfield Township report. Member Perry asked that a review and update of the voluntary noise abatement program be included under this item of Unfinished Business for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for this meeting.

None

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

The airport capital improvement program will be discussed under new business at the next meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, September 21, 2022 @ 5:15 p.m. Please call the airport manager's office (734.794.6312) by Monday before the meeting if you cannot attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit per speaker)

The Chair explained the process for public comment and welcomed those still in attendance to speak. There was no additional public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

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