



City of Ann Arbor

Formal Minutes

Airport Advisory Committee

801 Airport Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

5:15 PM

Electronic Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Farris called the meeting to order at 5:15 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), Peter Greenfield (Ann Arbor), Theresa Whiting (Ann Arbor), Kelly Burris (Detroit), Mark Perry (Scio Twp.), Erica Briggs (Ann Arbor)
Committee members absent: None
Ex-officio members present: Matthew Harshberger, Matthew Kulhanek
Others in attendance: Terry Keefe, Kathe Wunderlich, Aaron Enzer, Mike Kormos, Tom Huehl

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 17, 2021 meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

A-1

Airport Advisory Committee Minutes - November 17, 2021

A motion was made by McNicholas, seconded by Perry, that the Minutes be Approved by the Committee and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 2/22/2022. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chair Farris 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 November, 2021
- B-2** Airport Fuel Usage through November, 2021
- B-3** Airport Hangar Occupancy through December, 2021
- B-4** AAC Membership Roster

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

Work on the environmental assessment for the runway safety extension project continues with regular team meetings and some recent milestones being addressed. The RPZ Analysis was recently completed and signed off on by the team. The schedule was updated this week and the proposed date for the public hearing is now scheduled for late August with project completion targeted by early November.

C-2 Other Items

The Airport Manager announced the death of longtime airport tenant and supporter, Danny Galloway. Danny had been a fixture at the airport for 50-60 years and was active at his hangar into his mid-90's. ARB has lost a wonderful person and aviator with his passing. As previously shared, the City has determined that the Airport Advisory Committee will meet remotely for 2022. Work is being finalized on the engineering design of the F Row Hangar Project. Preliminary drawings should be going out for agency review in the next few weeks and will be wrapped up for bidding once those comments are returned and incorporated into the final drawings. While the construction market is challenging at this time, staff will determine the best course of action for bidding. There has been a

significant amount of news lately on the potential impact of new 5G communication systems on aircraft radio altimeters. While this is primarily a concern for larger commercial aircraft, it does have the potential to impact high performance GA aircraft and helicopters. The FAA and FCC are working with communication companies to minimize impact to 50 large commercial airports by placing a 2 mile buffer around these complexes with no 5G C-band service. This will allow the federal agencies a better opportunity to study the issues and make recommendations. The vast majority of aircraft operating at ARB are not impacted by this issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

D-2 Discovery Area Report

There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E-1 FBO Building

The preferred proposer from the last RFP process, Whisper Aviation, has withdrawn their proposal for the redevelopment of the FBO building at the airport. While disappointed, the Committee discussed options moving forward. These included talking to the other two proposers, issuing a new RFP, looking at different aviation uses for the facility or internal redevelopment of the site. The Chair requested that the subcommittee be reconvened to discuss the best path forward and report back to the full committee with recommendations.

E-2 Airport Noise

Member Harshberger updated the Committee on the two planning meetings held to discuss an open house as a way to build relationships and education between the aviation community and the neighbors around the airport. With the uncertainty of the timing of the public hearing for the runway safety extension project, it was recommended that the open house planning be paused until that is completed so as not to integrate and take away from the purposes of either of the two events.

NEW BUSINESS**F-1 Industry Update on Unleaded AvGas - AvFuel Corp.**

Mike Kormos and Tom Huehl from AvFuel Corporation presented an update on the fuel industry's effort to replace 100LL aviation fuel with an unleaded product. There has been significant progress in this effort by the industry, FAA, EPA and aircraft manufacturers over the last few years. Much work needs to be done, especially on the fuel production side of the effort, but improvements are moving at a good pace. The Ann Arbor Airport reiterated it's support of the switch to unleaded fuel and would like to make it available locally as soon as possible. The Committee thanked the presenters and AvFuel Corporation, a local company actively involved in this effort, for their time in updating the Committee.

F-2 Election of Officers for 2022

A motion was made to nominate Greg Farris for the Airport Advisory Committee Chair position for 2022. No other nominations were received. A motion to close nominations and approve the selection of Greg Farris as Committee Chair for 2022 was unanimously approved.

A motion was made to nominate Melanie McNicholas for the Airport Advisory Committee Vice-Chair position for 2022. No other nominations were received. A motion to close nominations and approve the selection of Melanie McNicholas as Committee Vice-Chair for 2022 was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

There were no items of new business identified at this time for the next meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, March 16, 2022 @ 5:15 p.m. Please call the airport manager's office (734.794.6312) by Monday before the meeting if you cannot attend.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

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