



# City of Ann Arbor

## Formal Minutes

### Airport Advisory Committee

801 Airport Dr.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

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Wednesday, May 20, 2015

5:15 PM

Ann Arbor Airport, 801 Airport Drive, Airport Terminal

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#### CALL TO ORDER

*Chair Canter called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.*

#### ROLL CALL

*Committee members present: David Canter, Peter Greenfield, Ray Hunter, Greg Farris, Mary Karen McClellan*

*Committee members absent: Theresa Whiting, Gordon Garwood*

*Ex-Officio members present: Matthew Harshberger, Matthew Kulhanek*

*Others in attendance: Kathe Wunderlich, Mark Perry*

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Two items of correspondence were added to the proposed agenda. The amended agenda was unanimously approved as presented.*

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A-1** Airport Advisory Committee Minutes - March 18, 2015

*The March 18, 2015 Airport Advisory Committee meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.*

**Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council**

#### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

*Chair Canter welcomed those in attendance. There was no public comment.*

#### CORRESPONDENCE

*The Committee reviewed seven items of correspondence.*

**B-1** Tower Operations/Fuel Usage through March, 2015

**Received and Filed**

- B-2** Airport Hangar Occupancy through April, 2015

**Received and Filed**

- B-3** FAA Airspace Case 2015-AGL-6308 OE

**Received and Filed**

- B-4** Pittsfield Township Supervisor Grewal - AAC Representative

*As requested in the correspondence and with the consent of the Committee, the Airport Manager will only send meeting correspondence to the Pittsfield Township representative on the Committee.*

**Received and Filed**

- B-5** AAC Membership Roster

**Received and Filed**

- B-6** **FAA Airspace Case 15-AGL-14NR**

*The correspondence relates to the decommissioning of the ODALs at the Ann Arbor Airport. While the Committee understands that this has been discussed by the FAA for some time, it also understands the concerns from local pilots in that the ODALs aid in identifying the location of the airport as well as their use as a runway alignment resource. Additionally, the Committee wants to ensure that the FAA has an appropriate runway end identifier light system (REILs) in place at the time of decommissioning by the FAA. The Airport Manager was directed to provide written comment to the FAA regarding the REILs concern.*

- B-7** **Proposed City Council Resolution Re: Runway Safety Extension Project**

*The proposed resolution was postponed by City Council until their July 20th meeting. There was significant discussion about the proposed resolution and the issues that it may create. The City's obligations as the owner of the airport, especially as related to the FAA grant assurances, the existing agreement with Pittsfield Township, deference of decision making responsibility by Council and the City's liability to provide a safe*

*airport were all discussed. The Chair will try to meet with the Mayor and convey the concerns of the Committee to the Mayor and Council.*

#### **AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT**

##### **C-1 Project Update - Environmental Assessment**

*Work continues on updating the revised final draft Environmental Assessment for the proposed runway safety extension project. The revised document should be available by late summer. The question of whether any additional public comment period is necessary is pending.*

##### **C-2 Other Items**

*The Manager reported that the Hendrick's Gin blimp will be at the airport from July 12th - July 19th. The EAA pancake breakfast is scheduled for June 14th from 8a - noon at the AvFuel hangar. Painting and relamping of Lima and Mike hangars should begin around June 1st, weather permitting. The airport is still waiting on word back from the State of Michigan regarding our request for wildlife control permits for both deer and coyotes. Starting in June and going into July, the water wells on the south side of the airport are going to be rehabbed. This will cause periodic closures of runway 12/30 when the rehab equipment is in place. NOTAMs and coordination with the tower have already been addressed. The tentative date for the Airport Appreciation Picnic has been set for Wednesday, August 19th from 4-7 pm.*

#### **REPORTS OF TOWNSHIPS AND COMMITTEES**

##### **D-1 Pittsfield and Lodi Township Reports - M. Harshberger & J. Godek**

*Matthew Harshberger, the Director of Public Safety and Police Chief for Pittsfield Township, was introduced as the new Committee representative for Pittsfield Township. He provided his background and thanked the Committee for this opportunity to participate.*

##### **D-2 A2GA2 Report - C. Gordon**

*Mark Perry reported that the A2GA2 is working with the AOPA and the General Aviation Manufacturing Association to alleviate the concern that the runway extension will lead to more, bigger, louder jets at the airport. This effort will generate materials that will be available to help educate the community about the real impacts of the project.*

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

*Mark Perry reported to the State GA Committee about the recent Aviation Days held at the Ann Arbor Airport. The GA Committee is looking to build upon these efforts to help develop a program available to educators throughout the State. He also reported on the efforts of Williw Run Airport to host an AOPA Regional Fly-In for 2019. The new Yankee Air Museum, scheduled to open in 2018, would be a focal point for the Fly-In. The Ann Arbor Airport would participate as a relief airport for the event. Proposals to host the event, which bring in thousands of visitors, are due by June 30th.*

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

*Mark Perry reported that Member Garwood has been working with a local recreation firm to develop 3D drawings of the proposed park to aid in fundraising efforts. Additional research is being done to seek out other airports that may have done similar projects to see what kind of issues may lie ahead.*

**E-2 Airport Long Term Planning Process**

*Manager Kulhanek raised concerns over the long term future of the privately owned hangars on State Street. The condition of many of these hangars are very poor and they create an unsightly image of the airport. Many of these hangars have either no land lease or an expired land lease. The Committee decided to tour these hangars at the beginning of their next regular meeting, July 15th, to get a better understanding of their condition. The Committee also decided to change the location of the regular meeting to the EAA's Old Terminal Building located at 4322 S. State Road.*

**E-3 Community Membership Needs**

*The Committee still has one vacancy. It was requested that potential members that may not live in the City limits be reconsidered.*

**E-4 Airport Fireworks Display**

*Planning efforts to host a fireworks display at the airport in 2015 got off to a late start and these efforts are being refocused on a 2016 display.*

*A2GA2 would be the coordinating group for the display. Chair Canter asked that an updated plan to accomplish the event in 2016 be prepared and presented at the July 15th Committee meeting.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

*Unfinished business items should all carry over. Members are asked to wear comfortable clothing for the tour of the privately owned hangars on State Road.*

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

*The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, July 15, 2015 @ 5:15 p.m. Please call the airport manager's office (994-9124) by Monday before the meeting if you cannot attend. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION TO THE EAA'S OLD TERMINAL BUILDING, 4322 S. STATE ROAD.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.*