



City of Ann Arbor
Formal Minutes
Airport Advisory Committee

801 Airport Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

5:00 PM

Ann Arbor Airport, 801 Airport Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tanner called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Wilson Tanner, Carl Loomis, Gordon Garwood, John Sullivan, Raymond Hunter, James Vincze, David Canter
Committee members absent: None.

Ex-Officio members present: Matthew Kulhanek, Barbara Fuller

Others in attendance: Kathe Wunderlich, Mark Perry, Chris Gordon, Curt Brochue

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1 Airport Advisory Committee Minutes - January 18, 2012

The January 18, 2012 minutes were approved as presented with member Canter abstaining.

Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council due back on 4/16/2012

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Three items of correspondence were reviewed by the Committee.

B-1 Tower Operations/Fuel Usage through January, 2012

B-2 Airport Hangar Occupancy through February, 2012

B-3 Airport Advisory Committee Membership Roster

AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT

C-1 Project Update - Environmental Assessment

Mr. Kulhanek stated that the final grant agreement to complete the Environmental Assessment has been received and will be considered by Council in April. There is approximately 2-3 months of work to finish the EA once funding is secured.

Mr. Kulhanek updated the Committee that the FAA has determined they are not going to replace the ODAL's with a new MALSF system. He also reported that a small painting project to refresh the hold lines will soon be undertaken. Additional crack sealing at the airport is also likely to occur this spring.

The local chapter of the Women in Aviation will be holding a "pinch hitters" course at ARB on May 18-20.

C-2 Hangar Rate Review

Mr. Kulhanek reviewed a proposed T hangar rate increase that will be going to Council as part of the budget process. A market study was completed of nearby, comparable airports to see where ARB stood. This is the first increase in five years and the average hangar will go up about 3%. The E row of hangars will actually decrease in cost as the market study showed we were significantly higher in that size of hangar. The bulk of the airport's hangar vacancies are in E row. Box hangars and other corporate or private hangars are not part of this increase as they have annual CPI based increases built into their leases. If approved by Council, the new rate would be effective July 1, 2012. A letter to all T hangar tenants will be mailed once Council approves the new rates.

C-3 State & Ellsworth Intersection Changes

Mr. Kulhanek provided a draft set of plans that shows the proposed round about at the intersection of State and Ellsworth Roads. Mr. Brochue, of the Washtenaw County Road Commission, indicated that the plans have changed slightly since these drawings were released. The proposed improvements are anticipated in 2013.

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

Ms. Fuller had nothing to report from the Township.

D-3 Lodi Township Report - J. Godek

Ms. Godek emailed that she was unable to attend and had nothing to report from the Township.

D-4 FAASTeam Report - D. Schrader

Mark Perry reported on behalf of the FAASTeam about their recent pilot seminar with DTW controllers to discuss airspace. The meeting was attended by over 100 pilots and had to be moved to the AvFuel hangar. The Class B airspace redesign was also discussed. Mr. Perry voiced his concerns about the impact that the Class B redesign may have on air traffic over the City of Ann Arbor. Implementation of the new Class B airspace may occur as early as this September.

D-5 A2GA2 Report - C. Gordon

Mr. Gordon discussed the A2GA2 efforts to have another wildlife seminar early this summer since last years was so well received. He also stated that they are working on dates for the adopt a road cleanup on Lohr Road. The EAA pancake breakfast is scheduled for June 10th from 8am until noon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS**F-1 Presentation - Former AAC Chair Mark Perry**

Chair Tanner and member Hunter presented a framed aerial photo to Mark Perry for his dedication and hard work as the Chair of the Airport Advisory Committee for the last six years. The photo shows Mr. Perry in his airplane over the Ann Arbor Airport and has been signed by

members of the Committee and many others from the airport family. Mr. Perry had some brief words in appreciation to those he has served with over the years and his desire to remain an active advocate for ARB and general aviation.

F-2 Request for Easements - Washtenaw County Road Commission

The Washtenaw County Road Commission has requested two right of way easements from the airport for road improvements related to the Costco development. The first is a 17' x 150' easement along Lohr Road just south of the Ellsworth intersection. This will allow a dedicated right turn lane from Lohr onto Ellsworth. The second is a 17' x 105' easement along Ellsworth Road at the intersection with Airport Boulevard. This will allow for turning lane improvements and the installation of a traffic light at the intersection. The Airport Layout Plan includes a plan to modify the airport entrance (Airport Boulevard) from Ellsworth Road to a boulevard style entrance in the future. The Road Commission has made design accommodations to this intersection to incorporate this future boulevard entrance to the airport consistent with the Airport Layout Plan. The action needed from the Committee would approve submitting the easement request to MDOT-Aero for determination of concurrent v non-concurrent use. That determination dictates the process the WCRC will need to follow. The City Council must approve the easement requests after it has gone through the applicable state and federal processes. After significant discussion among the Committee and Mr. Brochue, the Road Commission's representative, a motion was made and unanimously approved to submit the two requested easements to MDOT-Aero for review.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Chair Tanner requested that the Committee discuss meeting start times on the next agenda. He also requested that since Mr. Perry has recently been appointed by the Governor to a statewide committee on general aviation, that we add a report section for updates from that GA committee.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, May 16, 2012 @ 5 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 6:10 pm.

