



City of Ann Arbor
Formal Minutes
Airport Advisory Committee

801 Airport Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

5:00 PM

Ann Arbor Airport, 801 Airport Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Perry called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Mark Perry, John Sullivan, Raymond Hunter, Carl Loomis, Wilson Tanner, James Vincze
Committee members absent: Gordon Garwood
Ex-Officio members present: Matt Kulhanek, Barbara Fuller
Others in attendance: Kathe Wunderlich, Bob Gelpke, Dave Schrader, Mike Kormos, Chris Gordon

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1 Airport Advisory Committee Minutes - November 17, 2010

The November 17, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council due back on 2/22/2011

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chair Perry 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 November, 2010

B-2 Airport Hangar Occupancy - January, 2011

B-3 Tall Structure Notice

AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT

C-1 Project Update - SRE Building/Environmental Assessment

Mr. Kulhanek gave updates on these two projects. The SRE building received a final certificate of occupancy recently. The punchlist walk through is being done and staff should be moving in shortly after the main punchlist items have been addressed. The Airport and MDOT are still awaiting word from the FAA regarding the response sent to them on their draft EA comments about the proposed runway safety extension project.

Mr. Kulhanek also spoke about the draft sub-area plan being developed by Pittsfield Township for the State/Ellsworth area. A conceptual drawing plan for this area was distributed for the Committee's review.

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 discussed the master plan process that is ongoing in Pittsfield Township. She emphasized the draft/conceptual nature of the State/Ellsworth sub-area plan. The tentative calendar for the master plan process was discussed, as were the opportunities for public input. Chair Perry inquired to the status of any traffic changes related to the proposed Costco development. Ms. Fuller stated no traffic plan has been submitted yet.

D-3 Lodi Township Report - J. Godek

No one was able to attend.

D-4 FAAS Team Report - D. Schrader

Chair Perry introduced Dave Schrader who will be reporting on the FAA Safety Team activities. The FAAS team is a volunteer group that promotes airport and pilot safety. Mr. Schrader discussed current efforts to promote safe operations during winter conditions. Discussion ensued about ways the airport could assist the FAAS team in promoting this message.

D-5 A2GA2 Report - C. Gordon

Chair Perry welcomed Chris Gordon who will be presenting information on the Ann Arbor General Aviation Association (A2GA2). Mr. Gordon presented a handout about the non-profit A2GA2 organization and their efforts to promote general aviation for the benefit of the community. A2GA2 was formed in December, 2010 and is an open membership organization. Discussion ensued about areas that A2GA2 and the FAAS team could work together.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E-1 Airport Emergency Plan

Mr. Kulhanek had nothing new to report on this item. A number of Committee members stressed the importance of finalizing this plan. Chair Perry reminded those in attendance that there is an existing plan in place and this revised plan is significantly more robust than the existing plan. The Committee offered their assistance to help finalize the plan.

NEW BUSINESS

F-1 Presentation by AvFuel - Future of Aviation Fuel

Chair Perry introduced Mike Kormos from AvFuel Corporation who responded to the Committee's request for a presentation on the future of aviation fuel. Mr. Kormos discussed the EPA mandate for the replacement of leaded avgas and the difficulties in developing a replacement fuel. The consumption of avgas has also dropped significantly which has reduced the number of fuel suppliers. The EPA has not provided a deadline for replacement and many feel that it must be a market driven change instead of regulatory driven one. He also discussed many of the products that are currently under development. Chair Perry stated the the airport would love to work with AvFuel to be on the leading edge of any changes for a replacement fuel.

F-2 Election of Officers for 2011

Mark Perry was nominated to serve as Committee Chair for 2011. A motion to close nominations and approve Mr. Perry as Chair was unanimously approved.

John Sullivan was nominated to serve as Committee Vice-Chair for 2011. A motion to close nominations and approve Mr. Sullivan as Vice-Chair was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Chair Perry requested that Pittsfield Township have someone attend the next meeting to provide information on proposed changes and timeframes to their Master Plan.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, March 16, 2011 @ 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 7:15 pm.