



City of Ann Arbor

Formal Minutes

Airport Advisory Committee

801 Airport Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

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 this was an electronic meeting in accordance with the State of Michigan orders 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), Mark Perry (Scio Twp), Theresa Whiting (Hamilton, OH), Kelly Burris (Ann Arbor), Peter Greenfield (Superior Twp), Jen Eyer (Mason, MI)

Committee members absent: Linh Song

Ex-officio members present: Matthew Harshberger, Matthew Kulhanek

Others in attendance: Terry Keefe, Kathe Wunderlich, Aaron Enzer, Al Hodge, Aaron Aljets

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 19, 2021 meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

A-1

Airport Advisory Committee Minutes - May 19, 2021

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chair Farris welcomed those in attendance and explained the process for

public comment. Al Hodge expressed concerns with the level of aircraft traffic, particularly in the pattern, throughout the day. He raised specific frustration over activity early in the morning and going late into the evening and wants relief. Aaron Enzer thanked the Committee for progressing on the FBO Request for Proposals.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee reviewed four items of correspondence as presented.

- B-1** Airport Operations through May, 2021
- B-2** Airport Fuel Usage through May, 2021
- B-3** Airport Hangar Occupancy through June, 2021
- B-4** Airport Appreciation Picnic

AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT

C-1 Project Update - Environmental Assessment

Work on the environmental assessment continues with sections of the document being prepared and submitted for review by the appropriate agencies. Monthly meetings of the project team continue with a public hearing date in March 2022 anticipated.

C-2 Other Items

The Airport Manager provided updates on various projects from the last 60 days. These included pavement crack sealing, concrete repairs, pavement markings and aerial mapping of the four runway approaches for evaluation of obstructions. The airport was awarded an American Rescue Plan Act grant in the amount of \$59,000 and has submitted the required paperwork for receiving those funds. The construction loan on the box hanger project was repaid in full in June 2021, three years early. The airport is planning to convert the box hangar doors from a cable lift system to a strap lift system because of continuing problems with the cable system. A recycle dumpster for the NW T's has been ordered.

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

Member Harshberger discussed a number of complaints regarding aircraft noise that the Township has recently received. Working with the ATCT and Airport managers, he was able to track down the flights related to the complaints discussed last meeting from the Fox Glen condominiums and determined that these were normal approaches into Runway 12 (turf runway) and the pilots were acting appropriately. He reiterated concerns raised by Mr. Hodge and other township residents about the levels of activity over their homes, especially with air traffic in the pattern. He indicated that the Township has concerns over additional hangars being planned which would add to aircraft activity levels. Committee members discussed improving pilot and student pilot education about reducing the noise impact on airport neighbors. Concerns were also raised about the construction of new residential properties surrounding the airport, particularly under the pattern, that are allowed by neighboring municipalities. Actions to invigorate the Voluntary Noise Abatement Program were discussed and will be pursued. A meeting will be scheduled with the flight schools, flying clubs, airport management, control tower management and representation from the Committee to discuss pilot education and changes that may reduce noise impacts on airport neighbors.

D-2 Discovery Area Report

Chair Farris presented preliminary design images for the Airport Discovery Area. He discussed the three focal points of the design which include a viewing area, airport historical area, and an area promoting STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). The design images will be presented during the airport picnic and in the terminal building to kick-off the fund raising effort. Committee members were very pleased, excited and thankful for the Chair's efforts to date on this project.

Airport Discovery Area - Preliminary Images

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**E-1 Terminal Building Improvements**

The terminal restroom renovations are underway and progressing, though a few days behind schedule. A few materials are back ordered with

long delivery times but we have some short term options to allow the restrooms to be renovated and put back in service.

E-2 FBO Building

Four proposals were received by the City on June 30th and the sub-committee is scheduled to complete the preliminary review on July 23rd.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of new business on the agenda.

None

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

The preliminary review of the annual Airport Improvement Plan, required by the FAA and MDOT-Aero, should be available for the next meeting. The Chair asked that the noise abatement program be added as an item of Unfinished Business for the next meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, September 22, 2021 @ 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 6:21 pm.

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