

Airport Advisory Committee

Special Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 17, 2011

5:00 PM

801 Airport Dr, Ann Arbor, MI

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Perry called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Mark Perry, Raymond Hunter, James Vincze, John Sullivan, Gordon Garwood, Carl Loomis, Wilson Tanner

Committee members absent: none

Ex-officio members present: Matt Kulhanek

Others in attendance: Damien Wetzel, Craig Lyon, many members of the public attending the Airport Appreciation Picnic

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chair Perry welcomed those attending the Airport Appreciation Picnic to our special meeting under the tent. There were no public comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Request For Easement – Lohr/Textile Greenway Project

Chair Perry asked that Mr. Kulhanek review the request and the approval process for those attending the meeting. Mr. Kulhanek also reviewed the issue of concurrence and discussed that MDOT-Aeronautics is the agency that makes the determination if a request is concurrent or not. Damien Wetzel, Pittsfield Township Engineer, discussed the application and stated how it was structured as a concurrent application and how, in his opinion, the request should be deemed as a concurrent use by MDOT-Aeronautics. Chair Perry discussed the Environmental Assessment done by the airport for the proposed runway safety extension project and how objections were raised by the Township, Water Resources Commissioner and the Committee for Preserving Community Quality over the amount of new impervious surface being proposed by the runway project. The Committee expressed concern over the fact that the proposed Lohr/Textile Greenway Project would create a similar amount of impervious surface to the runway project and how that might impact the airport's plans. The FAA has provided no direction at this point if the objection to increased impervious surface in response to the airport EA is valid or not. The Committee, while expressing support of the proposed Greenway Project, felt the airport should proceed with caution until the FAA provides direction. The Committee requested that Mr. Kulhanek make formal requests to the Township, Water

Resources Commissioner and the Committee for Preserving Community Quality to request information on their objections to the amounts of impervious surface proposed in the airport's EA and how that may be different from the impervious surface being added by the Greenway Project.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 5:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.