



# City of Ann Arbor

## Formal Minutes

### Airport Advisory Committee

801 Airport Dr.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

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Wednesday, July 19, 2023

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 that this was an electronic meeting and provided phone numbers and the process for public comment.*

#### **ROLL CALL**

*Committee members present (location they are participating from): Greg Farris (Fraser, CO), Melanie McNicholas (Ann Arbor), Mark Perry (Scio Township), Fred Hall (Ann Arbor), Erica Briggs (Ann Arbor), Rosemary Faulkner (Ann Arbor).*

*Committee members absent: Kelly Burris, Chris Watson*

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

*Public in attendance: Chadwick Stradling, Kathe Wunderlich, David McCalla, George McCalla*

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.*

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*The May 17, 2023 meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.*

**A-1**

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit per speaker)**

*The Chair welcomed those in attendance and explained the process for public comment. There was no public comment.*

**CORRESPONDENCE**

*The Committee reviewed four items of correspondence.*

- B-1** Airport Operations through May, 2023
- B-2** Airport Fuel Usage through May, 2023
- B-3** Airport Hangar Occupancy through June, 2023
- B-4** 2023 Airport Appreciation Picnic

**AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT****C-1 Project Update - Environmental Assessment**

*The FAA has completed their review of the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the proposed runway safety extension project and provided comments to the consultant. The consultant is reviewing the comments and making changes to the EA. The Finding of No Significant Impact is also being drafted for the FAA's review and comment.*

**C-2 Other Items**

*The Airport Manager reported that the installation of public wifi in the terminal building is still being targeted by the City's IT Unit, hopefully sometime in August. We are expecting a new recycling dumpster for the NW t-hangar area to be delivered soon. In early August, staff expects to install pavement markings on the new concrete that was recently repaired on Alpha taxiway. The lease with Herron Aviation Group for 719 Airport Drive has been finalized and they have taken occupancy as of July 1, 2023. The Airport has applied to MDOT-Aero to be considered for a pilot program as a multi-modal EV charging location in the State. They will be short listing airports this Fall for further consideration to move into phase 2 of the project.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

*Member Harshberger had some noise complaints to discuss under Unfinished Business, but nothing additional.*

**D-2 Discovery Area Report**

*The Chair was set up at the EAA Pancake Breakfast to discuss the project. He had some discussions regarding public art opportunities and fundraising for the project.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****E-1 Noise Concerns - Voluntary Noise Abatement Program Brochure**

*Member Harshberger presented some recent noise complaints that he received and these were discussed by the Committee. The draft Voluntary Noise Abatement Program Brochure was reviewed and suggested changes were offered. Distribution of the materials and inclusion in the AFD were also discussed. Updating the current noise abatement signage at the airfield was also considered.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

*There was no New Business at this time.*

**None**

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

*The Airport Manager anticipates that the draft Airport Capital Improvement Program should be ready for presentation at the next meeting. Also, discussion will be requested about the Committee's interest in returning to some in-person meeting's in the near future. The Chair will continue to look at potential applicants for the vacant position on the Committee.*

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

*The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, September 20, 2023 @ 5:15 pm. Please call the airport manager's office (734.794.6312) by Monday before the meeting if you cannot attend.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit per speaker)**

*The Chair explained the process for public comment. Kathe Wunderlich expressed her appreciation for the Committee's continued efforts to address noise issues in the neighborhoods around the airport. David and George McCalla from Broadview Farms, farmers that provide agricultural service on the airport's property, had concerns with the recent decision to eliminate ag use inside the airport's fenced area. They indicated that they would be open to planting other crops inside the fence and would ask that the Committee reconsider their decision.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.*

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