



City of Ann Arbor

Formal Minutes

Airport Advisory Committee

801 Airport Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Wednesday, May 17, 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 (Ann Arbor), Melanie McNicholas (Ann Arbor), Fred Hall (Ann Arbor), Erica Briggs (Ann Arbor), Chris Watson (Ann Arbor), Rosemary Faulkner (Ann Arbor), Mark Perry (Lansing).

Committee members absent: Teresa Whiting, Kelly Burris

Ex-officio members present: Matthew Harshberger, Matthew Kulhanek

Public in attendance: Chadwick Stradling, Kathe Wunderlich, Hans Masing, Jeff Koswell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 15, 2023 meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

A-1

Airport Advisory Committee Minutes - March 15, 2023

The Minutes were approved by the Committee and forwarded to the City Council due back on 6/20/2023

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit per speaker)

The Chair welcomed those in attendance and explained the process for public comment. Hans Masing had questions regarding the runway safety project environmental assessment and the status of the FBO building at 719 Airport Drive. There was no other public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee reviewed four items of correspondence.

- B-1** Airport Operations through March, 2023
- B-2** Airport Fuel Usage through March, 2023
- B-3** Airport Hangar Occupancy through April, 2023
- B-4** Letter Re: Enforcement of Rules and Regulations on Ann Arbor Airport

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

The consultant has completed the response to public and agency comments for the Runway Safety Extension Project environmental assessment and has provided those to the State of Michigan and FAA for review. The consultant expects to receive feedback from those agencies within the next 60-90 days.

C-2 Other Items

The Airport Manager reported that the USDA has removed seven deer from the airport operations area. The concrete replacement work on Alpha taxiway was recently completed with new markings planned for that section after the concrete is cured. The ATCT will be hosting a pilot/controller forum in the lower level conference room of the terminal building on May 23rd at 3:00 pm. Crack sealing in the NE and SE hangar areas and Delta taxiway will be happening in early June. The pilot's lounge in the terminal building has been re-opened with new furniture. Some additional improvements are planned for that space. EAA Chapter

#333 is holding their annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, June 11th from 8 am until noon at the Avfuel hangar. Notices were sent to all tenants about the hangar rate increase effective July 1st. The City expects to install new public wifi in the terminal building in June or July. An update was provided about Beacon Aviation withdrawing from the FBO building project at the end of March. The other partner on the project, Herron Aviation, requested to move forward with a different FBO and has partnered with ACE Aircraft (Aaron Enzer) on the project. ACE Aircraft was one of the finalist being considered when the Committee moved forward with the Beacon Aviation/Herron Aviation proposal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Member Harshberger indicated a recent noise complaint from Stonebridge subdivision and inquired to the process of updating the voluntary noise abatement program.

D-2 Discovery Area Report

Chair Farris updated the Committee that the project brochure's are now available and will kick off the fundraising component at the EAA pancake breakfast. Phasing in of the project will also be evaluated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E-1 Voluntary Noise Abatement Program - Subcommittee Report on Pattern Traffic Meeting

The Committee discussed recommendations that resulted from a meeting with various airport organization's/tenants regarding potential changes to the voluntary noise abatement program (VNAP) specifically related to pattern traffic. After a robust discussion, it was recommended that three items be added to a revised and update VNAP brochure. This includes 1) eliminating pattern traffic and touch and goes on the major summer holidays of Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day, 2) encourage local pilots to go to other airports for currency, 3) encourage pilots to request either left or right hand pattern traffic from the ATCT. Other actions would be to work with the ATCT to establish Rwy 06 as the preferred calm wind runway and have the completed VNAP added as a chart supplement. The Airport Manager will have a draft brochure available for the Committee at the next meeting. Member Hall shared

that the Michigan Flyers have already agreed to implement the summer holiday restriction.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

None

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Chair Farris thanked Member Teresa Whiting for her service to airport and the Ann Arbor community as this was her last Committee meeting. The Chair will be reviewing potential applicants for the vacancy and provide a recommendation to the Mayor's office for appointment.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, July 19, 2023 @ 5:15 p.m. 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. Jeff Koswell inquired to the discussions on noise issues and the voluntary noise abatement program changes. Hans Masing had additional feedback on the noise issues and impacts of the potential changes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.

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