

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**Meeting of June 10, 2014**

**Montgomery Field Terminal, 3750 John J. Montgomery Drive, San Diego, CA 92123**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** J. H. Aldrich (Montgomery Field Aviation Lessee), Jackie Ander (Serra Mesa Community), Jim Demeaux (Clairemont Community), Chairman Buzz Fink (Special Expertise), Buzz Gibbs (Kearny Mesa Community), Lisa Golden (Otay Mesa Community), Scott Hasson (Tierrasanta Community), Bob Hitchcock (Brown Field Aviation User Group), Rich Martindell (Special Expertise), Tom Ricotta (Brown Field Aviation Lessee), David Ryan (Special Expertise)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tom Dray (Montgomery Field Tower) *excused*, Vice-Chair Chuck McGill (Montgomery Field Aviation User Group) *excused*

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Nici Boon, Al Boyce, Art Castanares, Dennis Cullum, Bob Golo, Richard Kalling, Gary Mullen, Ray Richmond, Larry Rothrock, Joe Russo, Donna Ryan

**STAFF PRESENT:** Debbie Bevier, Grace Chao, Jeremy Fonseca, Paul Mehrlich, Brandi Mulvey, Wayne Reiter, Mike Tussey, Tiffany Vinson (CD-5)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Fink called the meeting to order at 3:15 P.M. A quorum was present.

**2. APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT**

Chairman Fink welcomed new Committee member Jim Demeaux, who represents the Clairemont community.

Airports Deputy Director Mike Tussey welcomed the reappointment of Mr. Fink (Special Expertise), Mr. Gibbs (Kearny Mesa Community), Mr. Hasson (Tierrasanta Community) and Mr. Martindell (Special Expertise).

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 13, 2014 regular meeting were approved unanimously, as written. Ms. Ander, Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Demeaux abstained, due to their absence at that meeting.

**4. PUBLIC INPUT**

EAA Chapter 14 President Larry Rothrock announced an event EAA will be hosting at Brown Field on Saturday, June 21 at 10:00 A.M. The event is titled "A Midsummer's Day Barbeque and Ice Cream Social," and will include food and live music from the 'No County for Old Men' band. EAA is offering to do a weight and balance check for those who bring their aircraft.

Ms. Ander announced a concert featuring a harpist at the Serra Mesa/Kearny Mesa library on Sunday, June 15 at 2:00 P.M.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

The City Attorney's Brown Act presentation will occur at the July meeting.

### Bylaw Amendment – Chairman Fink

The City Attorney determined the AAC is subject to the Brown Act, and the amendment to Section 203, which allows for secret ballots while electing officers, was not consistent with the Brown Act; therefore, rescinding the amendment would ensure conformance.

Dr. Aldrich suggested waiting until the next meeting, after hearing the City Attorney's presentation, to take any action.

Mr. Hasson made a **motion** to remove the secret ballot requirement in Section 203 of the bylaws. Ms. Golden seconded the motion. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Martindell and Mr. Gibbs suggested having the City Attorney advise how the bylaws should be written to accommodate the intent of the amendment, while complying with the Brown Act.

Dr. Aldrich **moved** that this discussion be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Martindell seconded the motion. Chairman Fink advised that, in accordance with Robert's Rules, the motion to table takes precedence over the first motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **6. STAFF & DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### MYF General Update – Airport Operations Assistant Paul Mehrlich

- The old codes for the vehicle gates will be discontinued on the morning of Friday, June 20. From that point forward, users will be required to use their access cards to gain entry. Pedestrian gates are unaffected, and will continue to use the existing keypad entry.
- Staff has been utilizing a new synthetic patching material to make spot repairs to Runway 28L.
- Striping will occur on Runway 28R this month and on 28L in July.

### MYF Tower Update – MYF Tower Manager Tom Dray

Airport Noise Abatement Officer Wayne Reiter gave the report for Mr. Dray.

- There has been a recent spike in the number of runway incursions involving pilot deviations. A meeting last Friday did not yield any conclusions as to why they were occurring, but an annual runway safety meeting is planned for August. Mr. Dray welcomes any ideas on how to address the matter.
- Regarding the tower refurbishment project, ATC operations are expected to be transferred to the tower on the morning of June 25. After that, there will be one more overnight power outage as everything is shifted from the temporary tower.

Dr. Aldrich asked about the nature of the runway incursions. Mr. Reiter replied he was not provided with the details, but anticipated that Tower Manager could enlighten everyone at the next AAC meeting.

### Noise, Special Projects, SDM General Update – Airport Noise Abatement Officer Wayne Reiter

- Channel 10 ran a news story last Friday regarding the F/A-18's operating at Brown Field. The story generated interest from the residents near Brown Field.

- Caltrans conducted their annual compliance inspection at Brown Field, and noted the white H's painted on the three helicopter tri-pads did not comply with current standards. The H's will be removed or covered in the near future.
- Brown Field tower is hosting a local runway safety meeting in the Brown Field Terminal conference room on June 26 at 10:00 A.M.

Mr. Gibbs asked what the new standards are for the tri-pads. Mr. Tussey replied the tri-pads were constructed to meet the standards of a helistop, as recommended by the FAA at the time. Today, the FAA only recognizes heliports, which are marked with a white "H", and helipads, which are marked with a yellow circle.

MYF/SDM Property – Supervising Property Agent Brandi Mulvey

- An appraisal is underway for Crownair. It is expected to be finished at the end of June.
- At Brown Field, work is in progress for a solar lease, which is associated with phase 1 of the Metro Airpark development.

Brown Field Development Update – DPC/Metro Airpark Project Manager Nici Boon

The permitting process has begun and is ongoing. This involves surveying for topography and hydrology, geotechnical work comprised of trenching and small/large diameter borings, followed by grading and drainage studies.

Mr. Gibbs asked about the size of the solar field. Ms. Boon replied the size will depend on the design, but it is expected to cover 40 – 65 acres.

Mr. Hasson asked if the rooftops will include solar. Ms. Boon replied all rooftops will include solar. These, combined with the solar field, will make the airport a net-generator of solar power.

Dr. Aldrich asked about the lifespan of the solar arrays. Ms. Boon replied the lifespan is expected to be 20 – 25 years.

Mr. Rothrock asked about the status of any endangered species. Ms. Boon replied the Section 7 consultation has just been re-started. Upon completion of certain required surveys, the biological assessment will be modified and sent to the FAA for consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which begins a 135-day clock.

Mr. Hitchcock asked for an update on the EIR challenge, and if it will hold up the permitting process. Ms. Boon replied the litigation is ongoing, with a hearing scheduled for October, and the permitting process has already begun, with no delay expected.

Capital Improvement/Consultant Project Update – Airports Deputy Director Mike Tussey

- MYF Access Control: Final walkthrough/punch list soon; expected completion in July.
- MYF Rwy 5-23, Twy G: Expected start in October; environmental agencies satisfied with environmental studies completed.

- SDM Rwy 8L-26R Construction Phase I: Expected start in October; environmental studies in progress.
- ADA Project for SDM and MYF: Design nearing completion.

Mr. Hasson asked about the status of Gate 11; it still appears to need maintenance. Mr. Mehrlich replied he will follow up with staff.

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council District 5 representative Tiffany Vinson presented Mr. Tussey with a City Council Proclamation, which recognized many of his career achievements, and declared June 10, 2014 as “Mike Tussey Day” in the City of San Diego.

Mr. Rothrock, along with EAA members present, presented Mr. Tussey with a certificate of appreciation, as well as a cap, shirt and mug on behalf of EAA Chapter 14 for his support of, and contributions to, general aviation in San Diego.

Chairman Fink made a statement regarding Mr. Tussey’s support of skydive operations at Brown Field, and presented a unique skydive photo on behalf of Skydive San Diego, which symbolized Mike’s early and continued support of all categories of aviation.

The Serra Mesa Community Representative, Jackie Ander, presented Mike with an Anthurium plant, said to bring good luck.

Mr. Tussey was deeply touched, issued a few words of profound gratitude to everyone, but remarked later that the emotions of the moment caused the words to catch in his throat.

The next meeting will be on July 8 at the Montgomery Field Terminal.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne J. Reiter