

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

Meeting of January 13, 2015

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. H. Aldrich (Montgomery Field Aviation Lessee), Jim Demeaux (Clairemont Community), Chairman Buzz Fink (Special Expertise), Buzz Gibbs (Kearny Mesa Community), Scott Hasson (Tierrasanta Community), Bob Hitchcock (Brown Field Aviation User Group), Rich Martindell (Special Expertise), Vice-Chair Chuck McGill (Montgomery Field Aviation User Group), Tom Ricotta (Brown Field Aviation Lessee), David Ryan (Special Expertise)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jackie Ander (Serra Mesa Community), Lisa Golden (Otay Mesa Community)

GUESTS PRESENT: Gerald Blank, David Borcalli (MYF Tower), Nici Boon, Will Dryden, Bob Golo, Maliesa Nichols (MYF Tower), Ray Richmond

STAFF PRESENT: Shoshana Aguilar (City Auditor), Grace Chao, Matt Helm (City Auditor), Shawnee Pickney (City Auditor), Rod Propst, Wayne Reiter, Matt Schmitzer, Andy Schwartz, Mike Tussey

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Fink called the meeting to order at 3:03 P.M. A quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 18, 2014 regular meeting were approved unanimously, as written. Mr. Hasson, Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. Martindell abstained, due to their absence at that meeting.

3. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Dr. Aldrich suggested discussing the desires of Committee members related to the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair during the November meeting, in order to assist in the January elections. Mr. Fink replied the item would be placed on the November agenda.

Items 4 and 5 on the agenda were switched to allow Mr. Tussey and Mr. Propst time to return from a meeting downtown.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Officer elections: The Committee is requested to elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair, per the AAC Bylaw Section 203, "At its first meeting each calendar year, the Committee shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson by majority vote."

Chairperson

Mr. Hasson nominated Mr. Fink, which was seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Mr. Fink was unanimously elected Chairperson.

Vice-Chairperson

Mr. Gibbs nominated Mr. McGill, which was seconded by Mr. Ryan. Mr. McGill was unanimously elected Vice-Chairperson.

Following the election, Mr. Reiter answered questions about the Operations and Noise Reports.

Mr. Ricotta asked what constitutes a noise complaint and a violation, and why the City accepts and records complaints if a violation has not occurred. Mr. Reiter replied the incident should be related to operations at either airport, and a person wishing to record a complaint must provide some basic information, such as date, time, location, and a description of what was observed. A violation occurs if an aircraft exceeds the noise limits set for Montgomery Field (70 decibels from 2330-0630 and 88 decibels from 0630-2330). The Noise Officer provides an avenue for the public to ask questions about aircraft operations at SDM and MYF, and to lodge a complaint without going directly to their representative.

Mr. Hitchcock asked what steps are taken when a noise violation occurs. Mr. Reiter replied a noise violation is investigated, and if the aircraft is identified, a violation letter is sent to the registered owner. Fines are issued for gross or repeat violations. The Municipal Code gives the Noise Officer discretion in what action to take. Education is the primary means of corrective action and preventing violations.

Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Hitchcock commented on noise complaints as they relate to real estate disclosures. Mr. Reiter replied noise complaints kept by the noise office are not directly attributed to real estate disclosures.

Vice-Chair McGill pointed out the large number of complaints from La Jolla. Mr. Reiter replied of the 93 complaints from La Jolla in 2014, 77 were from one household.

Mr. Demeaux asked a question about the revenue displayed on the Operations Report, as there appears to be a significant drop in revenue from FY2014 to FY2015. Mr. Reiter replied the report shows the total revenue from FY2014 alongside the FY2015 year-to-date. Mr. Demeaux and Mr. Gibbs suggested modifying the report to get a better comparison, which Mr. Reiter was receptive to.

The Committee went into recess to await the arrival of Mr. Tussey and Mr. Propst.

5. INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Tussey introduced the new Airports Deputy Director, Rod Propst. Mr. Propst previously served as the General Manager/COO of the Sedona-Oak Creek Airport Authority, Sedona, Arizona for two years. Prior to Sedona, he served as the Airport Manager of Fullerton Airport for 17 years, was the vice-chair of the Orange County Airport Land Use Commission, and served as the Airport Manager in Salem, Oregon for three years. Mr. Propst flew various aircraft in the U.S. Marines, including jets and helicopters, is an ATP, and has accumulated 3,000 flight hours.

Mr. Tussey introduced the new Airports Program Manager, Wayne Reiter. Mr. Reiter will continue to manage the noise program, will be the FAA grant administrator, project manager for O&M projects, off-airport project reviewer, AAC liaison, and any other task that requires attention. One of the first projects planned will be a slurry/chip seal of the Flattop ramp. Mr.

Gibbs later suggested using a fine material for the slurry seal, which would be more compatible with aircraft operations.

Mr. Tussey commended the representatives from the City Auditor, Matt Helm, Shawnee Pickney and Shoshana Aguilar, for attending the meeting.

6. STAFF & DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MYF General Update – Montgomery Field Airport Manager Matt Schmitzer

- There were 215,115 total operations at MYF during 2014, making it the busiest airport in San Diego County. Mr. Schmitzer commended the users for their contributions.
- A Vehicle/Pedestrian Deviation (V/PD) occurred recently, where an individual piggybacked through gate 11 (NAC) on foot, attempted to gain access to a hangar, before walking down Taxiway G toward Mercy Air. Sr. Ops Assistant Bill Dalby intercepted the individual and escorted him to the terminal building, where he was apprehended by San Diego Police.
- The restrooms have been vandalized recently, where sometime between the hours of 1730 – 2130, excessive amounts of paper towels have been flushed down the toilets, causing them to overflow. Staff is looking at measures to stop the vandalism. Mr. Gibbs suggested installing cameras in the hallway outside the restroom. Mr. Tussey commented that cameras could possibly be added as part of the ADA project. Hand dryers are already planned, which would eliminate the need for paper towels. The ADA project is scheduled to begin in March.

Noise and Special Projects – Airport Noise Abatement Officer Wayne Reiter

Items were discussed earlier in the meeting.

MYF Tower Update – MYF Tower Manager David Borcalli

Mr. Borcalli introduced himself and Meliesa Nichols, and then spoke about his initiatives, which are to reduce the V/PD occurrences, clear the Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) action items, and to provide excellent customer service. Mr. Tussey complimented the tower staff.

Bob Golo asked about the number of controllers. Mr. Borcalli replied there are 9 certified controllers, with a target number of 14. Mr. Martindell asked if the tower is running 3-man or 2-man crews. Mr. Borcalli replied 2-man crews when opening.

SDM Metro Airpark Update – DPC Project Manager Nici Boon

- The tentative ruling on the CEQA litigation was upheld (in DPC's favor), which denied the petitioners' writ of mandate. The petitioners have 60 days to appeal the decision, which expires on or about February 13.
- Technical studies continue for grading/utilities/public improvement permit approvals, which should be in-place by Q4 this year.

SDM General Update – Brown Field Airport Manager Andy Schwartz

- Mr. Schwartz announced the arrival of new Airport Operations Assistant Catherine Johnson. She previously worked as the general manager of a flight school at Palomar airport for 12 years.

- An ongoing problem with the lights on Runway 8L-26R has been resolved. Select Electric installed the parts today.
- General maintenance is ongoing, including pothole patching on Curran Street.
- Vandalism is an ongoing problem, particularly with the gates. Cameras may help assist in reducing or eliminating the vandalism.

Mr. Hitchcock asked why the speed bumps were removed from Continental Street. Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Reiter and Mr. Tussey replied it was the result of an ADA complaint. The speed bumps were found to be out of tolerance with ADA standards and removed, as they were no longer needed. The speed bumps were originally installed prior to the gates and when Otay Mesa Road was the 905. Traffic would cut through the airport at high speeds as a shortcut.

MYF/SDM Property Issues

Ms. Mulvey was not able to attend the meeting, as she was working on lease negotiations downtown today.

Management Update

New Deputy Director Rod Propst was introduced earlier in the meeting.

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

- MYF Rwy 5-23, Twy G: \$5.6 million grant. Bid came in at \$4.8 million. If there is extra money left over, we may be able to work on RSAT items, such as run-up pads. Notice to proceed in March. Mr. Gibbs commented on a project at CRQ where they were allowed to use extra money from a grant to do extra work.
- SDM Rwy 8L-26R Construction Phase I: Environmental review ongoing. Expected start in September/October.
- ADA Project for SDM and MYF: Expected start in March. Project will make use of a City contractor.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be on February 10, 2015 at Montgomery Field.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 P.M.

Respectfully,

Wayne J. Reiter