

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ADOPTED MINUTES
Meeting of March 13, 2018

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. H. Aldrich (Montgomery Field Aviation Lessee), Jackie Ander (Serra Mesa Community), Tom Dray (MYF Tower), Buzz Fink (Special Expertise), Buzz Gibbs (Kearny Mesa Community) *arrived late*, Lisa Golden (Otay Mesa Community), Chairman Scott Hasson (Tierrasanta Community), Rich Martindell (Special Expertise), Vice Chair Chuck McGill (Montgomery-Gibbs Aviation User Group), Tom Reid (Clairemont Community), Tom Ricotta (Brown Field Aviation Lessee)

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Ryan (Special Expertise) *excused*, Vacant (Brown Field Aviation User Group)

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Broadbent, Kathy Chavez, Thurman Hodges, Millie Moore, Rod Propst, Wayne Reiter, Andy Schwartz

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Hasson called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. A quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hasson requested any comments, changes or deletions to the meeting notes from February 13, 2018. Vice Chair McGill noted one typo on Section 5 page 2 and Mr. Reiter has made the correction. Mr. Fink moved to approve as written with one change, seconded by Vice Chair McGill, all in favor, approved as written with one change.

3. NON AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rothrock stated that the EAA Chapter 14 flew 366 young Eagles at no cost to the kids or parents. It was a success.

Ms. Golden announced that there is an informative short video about John J. Montgomery on KPBS showing and encouraged everyone to watch it.

4. OLD BUSINESS

San Diego Fire Rescue Air Operations

Vice Chair McGill introduced Chief Macfarland to the AAC Committee and requested a summary regarding the San Diego Fire Rescue Facility.

Chief Macfarland, the Chief of Operations of the Fire-Rescue Department, gave an overview of the emergency facility which will be built for future growth and should last for the next 50 years.

Mr. Ricotta inquired about the height of the facility.

Chief Macfarland responded the Fire Hawk that will be used is taller than a military aircraft and has to be higher off the ground and must have a clear sight from the Control Tower. The Fire Department will meet the FAA requirements. The facility will be in an industrial location and in a centrally located area.

Mr. Ricotta inquired regarding the facility that was to be built at Brown Field. Chief Macfarland responded that facility at Brown Field will not be necessary. There is a facility at Fire Station 43 and there is a need for one north. Mr. Dray stated that after meeting with Union Representative unofficially came to an agreement that there will be no line of sight problem. Chief Macfarland is committed to designing a great facility and hire the right consultants. Chairman Hasson inquired about the Master Plan on the property. Mr. Propst responded there will be an opportunity for aviation and aeronautical development on Master Plan. The AAC expressed their appreciation to Chief Macfarland for the time spent to attend AAC meeting. Chairman Hasson requested the Fire Department keep the AAC informed of future developments.

Brown Field Vacancy on AAC

Chairman Hasson sent a letter to the Mayor about a month ago and has not received a reply yet, but received a response from Ms. Thompson. Mr. Propst stated Ms. Thompson has not received any feedback from the Mayor's Office. Mr. Rothrock will send a letter as well. Chairman Hasson stated that there is a candidate for Brown Field vacancy. Mr. Lee with Skydiving Innovations does litigation work for the County and he offered his services. There was a second candidate interested – Mr. Gary List. Mr. Fink made a motion to invite a representative from the Mayor's office to the next AAC meeting to explain the process of appointing members to Boards and Commissions, and seek methods to expedite the process. Seconded by Chairman Hasson, all in favor, passed unanimously.

Airport Employee Compensation

Chairman Hasson stated that at last AAC meeting a discussion took place regarding the high turnover at Airports and the issue was addressed with a letter, which he showed to the committee. The letter was reviewed by Mr. Reid, Mr. Reiter and Chairman Hasson and was sent out. Vice-Chair McGill requested to have this topic put on the Agenda for next month. Mr. Propst stated the Mayor is putting the Salary Ordinance and if not successful Airports will continue to lose Operations staff.

5. STAFF REPORT

SDM General Update – Andrew Schwartz, Brown Field Airport Manager

- Two employees will be sent to Buffalo, NY for ASOS training next month.
- There will be closure on 26L on April 19th for 1 night plus 2 days for the test strip. Depending on progress project 26R is scheduled for April 23rd for a 7 week closure.
- The Tri pads will be closed until March 30th.
- Currently there is a mow and spray, to be completed by the end of the week.
- Pilot's meeting was cancelled this month and will be rescheduled next month.
- Gate 4 is back up.
- The Challenge Air event went well. Mr. Ricotta was recognized for his efforts to make the event a success.
- There was a visit by the President today. He landed at Brown Field and proceeded to the border wall.

Ms. Golden inquired about the 26R being closed and alternate routes.

Mr. Schwartz responded 26L will be open.

MYF General Update – Charles Broadbent, Acting Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport Manager

- Interviews for the Utility II Worker position were held February 22nd and 23rd and in the process of working with Personnel Department on hiring a candidate.

- The remaining new taxiway guidance and information signage was installed.
- Emergency contact information has been updated with Montgomery Tower, SOCAL TRACON and emergency response crews for proper contact numbers.
- Wildlife Harassment Pyrotechnics training was conducted with Biologist Cindy Dunn. Please contact Operations if birds or other wildlife is raising safety concerns in the vicinity of the airfield.
- Due to the recent accidents involving aircraft departing from Montgomery-Gibbs Airport, Mr. Broadbent is working on arranging a safety meeting to increase pilot's awareness to safety and emergency procedures and he welcomes any comments/feedback.
- AOPA held a Rusty Pilots seminar at Montgomery-Gibbs Airport on March 3rd.

Mr. Gordon recognized Mr. Broadbent for going above and beyond by making a special trip back to meeting room during a Rusty Pilots meeting.

MYFTower Update – Tom Dray, MYF Tower Manager

- Flight check certified checked VOT on Runway 28R and it is now certified to use the Mt Soledad VOT.

Real Estate Update – Thurman Hodges Supervising Property Agent

- The MAP and City met with FAA representatives on March 1st to review the Project MAP. In May the FAA plans to go to Brown Field and look at the property and look at the development at Palomar. On March 9th the City submitted a draft WHA and a draft Offsite Mitigation Suitability Study for the Project to the FAA for their review. MAP and the City will meet to discuss the scope of the appraisal assignment and exchange information and provided the appraiser with local real estate brokers who specialized in Commercial, Retail and Hotel industries.
- The City expects to present for approval to City Council by May 30th regarding the development of the 9.4 acres National Air College site.
- Corporate Helicopters lease was approved and initial meeting with Corporate Helicopters to discuss the project will take place in the next few weeks.
- The Four Points by Sheraton agreed to hire an Auditor by April 15th to provide financial statements. In late May the City anticipates to see the financial statements, which can help to decide whether any adjustments should be recommended to City Council.
- San Diego Fire Department Project is in the planning stage and will be working on a long-term lease.
- Staff has received input from the FBO's regarding rates and charges and will provide AAC with a summary at a future meeting.
- The draft lease for San Diego Community College is being reviewed by the SDCC. The lease will be taken to City Council in late April.
- Real Estate Asset met with Crownair to discuss their development project and Public Works Contracting Laws.

Noise and Special Projects – Airport Program Manager Wayne Reiter

- The Master Plan Public Meeting was held at the end of February and the topic was alternative analysis.
- The next Planning Advisory Committee meeting for Brown Field will be on April 24th at Otay Nestor Library from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. The MYF on April 25th at the Metro Operations Center (MOC II) auditorium and from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the discussion will be on preferred alternative of the development of the airport.

Mr. Gibbs requested the location of the MYF meeting be moved to a different location due to limited parking at MOC II.

Mr. Reiter responded he will look into it.

- Airport Manager interviews will be held this week and the Operations Assistant for MYF vacancy has been advertised thru March 26th.
- The October 9th AAC meeting will be at Brown Field.
- Current noise hot spot is Tierrasanta.

Discussion took place regarding noise in Tierrasanta.

Deputy Director Remarks – Rod Propst, Airports Deputy Director

- Mr. Broadbent was recognized for his good performance as the OCA for the Airport Manager position.
- The Airport Manager vacancy should be filled by the next AAC meeting.
- The Customs Border Protection at Brown Field is an ongoing issue. A letter of appeal was submitted to the Assistant Commissioner for CBP at Washington DC requesting not to withdraw landing rights at Brown Field and no reply as of yet. There will be a meeting with the Mayor, his staff, Mr. Propst, Mr. Reiter, Ms. Thompson and Mr. Villa next week to discuss this issue. There was a Public Records Request regarding this submitted by a writer of Union Tribune and most likely a UT article will be out in the near future.
- Due to the few incidents at the airport, Mr. Propst and Mr. Reiter wrote a memo to the City Council members articulating the functions of the airport and ensure safety.

A discussion took place regarding the recent fatal airplane accident.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Martindell announced that next month will be his last time attending the AAC meeting until October of 2018. He will be available via email.

Chairman Hasson stated he will grant Mr. Martindell a temporary leave of absence until his return or new person is available for that position.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on April 10, 2018.

Respectfully,
Millie Moore