

**MINUTES
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of May 8, 2012
Montgomery Field Terminal Building**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jackie Ander (Serra Mesa Community), Lisa Golden (Otay Mesa Community), Scott Hasson (Tierrasanta Community), Bob Hitchcock (Brown Field Aviation User Group), Chairman Buzz Fink (Special Expertise), Rich Martindell (Special Expertise), Vice-Chair Chuck McGill (Montgomery Field Aviation User Group)

MEMBERS ABSENT: J. H. Aldrich (Montgomery Field Aviation Lessee) *excused*, Tom Dray (Montgomery Field Tower) *excused*, Buzz Gibbs (Kearny Mesa Community) *excused*

GUESTS PRESENT: Harry Kelly, Steve Nelson, Ray Richmond, Tom Ricotta, David Ryan

STAFF PRESENT: Chris Cooper, Ernie Gesell, Brock Ladewig, Roy Nail, Wayne Reiter, Mike Tussey

1. CALL TO ORDER – *Chairman Buzz Fink*

Chairman Fink called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M. A quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 10 meeting were approved, as written, with Scott Hasson abstaining, due to his absence at that meeting.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

None

4. STAFF & DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MYF General Update – *Airport Manager Ernie Gesell*

- Several vehicle gates have not been functioning properly. Temporary repairs were made to Gate 5 (Gibbs), a circuit board was recently replaced at Gate #9 (Advanced Aircraft), Gate 7 (Crownair) may need a new circuit board in the near future.
- Vehicle and Pedestrian Deviations (V/PD's) will be discussed later in the meeting by Deputy Director Mike Tussey.
- Staff created a new purchase order (PO) for G Scott Asphalt for \$5,000, and used that to make spot repairs to the pavement near the fuel island, Midport FATO, Taxiway Lima, and the taxilane going into Spiders.
- Damage to the street corner of John J Montgomery, adjacent the parking lot entrance, was repaired recently by City Streets.
- The utility workers have been working diligently to remove the dead oleander roots and stumps from the planter boxes along John J Montgomery. Staff is looking into replacement options.
- The new Airport Operations Assistant is expected to start May 29.
- The fluorescent light fixtures in the terminal lobby will be replaced with new ones that allow lamp replacement, without employing very expensive asbestos mitigation measures. The work is planned to be done at night with coordination from Environmental Services, without discomfiting airport users or tenants.

MYF Tower Report – Tower Manager Tom Dray

Mr. Dray was unable to attend the meeting.

Noise/Special Projects – Airport Noise Abatement Officer Wayne Reiter

At the April meeting, Royal Highlands resident Richard Vernon expressed concern over a dark blue or black biplane flying low over residential areas. Buzz Gibbs was able to identify the aircraft and spoke with the owner. Since then, Mr. Vernon reported the aircraft is now flying at a higher altitude over the residential area.

MYF/SDM Property Issues – Supervising Property Agent Brock Ladewig

Staff met with Fire-Rescue to discuss relocating fire helicopter operations to the west end of the airport, next to the police air wing, thus clearing Lot 3.

SDM General Update – Airport Manager Chris Cooper

- Now that the rains appear to be over, staff is working on fixing potholes and repairing damage to the perimeter road caused by erosion.
- Evictions of northside Right of Entry (ROE) lots have resulted in extensive illegal dumping of trash. Staff is consolidating the trash and coordinating its removal.

SDM Development Update – Project Manager Roy Nail

DPC is currently focused on how to mitigate on-site issues with regard to vernal pools and burrowing owls; there will be meeting with US Fish and Wildlife (USFW) on Thursday to discuss this topic. USFW approval for vernal pool and burrowing owl mitigation is necessary to obtain entitlements.

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) – Deputy Director Mike Tussey

- SDM Rwy 8L/26R Rehab Design: Awaiting \$1,150,500 FAA Grant – 2012.
- MYF Access Control: Awaiting \$475,000 FAA Grant – 2012.
- MYF Rwy 10L/28R Construction: \$3.8 million FAA Grant, Sept 10 start.
- MYF Rwy 5/23, Twy G Construction: Initial \$1.1 million FAA Grant.

Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Projects – Deputy Director Mike Tussey

- MYF: \$587,000
- SDM: \$625,000
- Street and building repairs
- Defined by Financial Management: does not increase value or life of item (street or building)
- Three to four months for City processing, versus more than a year for CIP
- Some street repairs will be a combination of CIP and O&M, e.g. Gibbs Dr and Glenn Curtis

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Tussey requested a discussion at the next meeting to address Vehicle and Pedestrian Deviations (V/PD's) at Montgomery Field. The V/PD's at MYF have reached endemic proportions:

- 2012: Five V/PD's,
- 2011: Five V/PD's,
- 2010: One V/PD,
- 2009: Three V/PD's, and
- 2008: One V/PD.

In the five years prior to 2008, there were no V/PD's. There does not appear to be a pattern for when the V/PD's occur, but the locations have been centered on or near Taxiways Juliet and Golf. Also, there are no known repeat offenders. The head of the FAA Western Pacific Region will be meeting with staff this month to discuss a plan of action for how to eliminate V/PD's at MYF. Currently, Airport management has no ability to impose consequences.

Long-term plans include an upgrade of the existing vehicle gates with card readers and surveillance cameras. Prior to receiving a gate access card, users will be required to review the Vehicle Operator and Pedestrian Procedures, and then complete a form stating they understand and will comply with the procedures. Fines will also be implemented for violating sections of the Municipal Code – a misdemeanor punishable by imposing fines up to \$1,000.

A spirited discussion followed, with several comments and recommendations from Committee members and guests. Recommendations included, but were not limited to: signage improvements to the gates and taxiway entrances, changing the gate codes, enhanced education methods, surface-painted marking additions, and a look at other airport best-practices.

The discussion was terminated, since it was not on the agenda. It will be placed on next meeting's agenda, preceded by the email issuance of a V/PD Briefing Sheet from the Deputy Director.

The next meeting of the AAC will be Tuesday, June 12 at Montgomery Field.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 P.M, *thank you for helping with the tables and chairs.*

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne J. Reiter