

**MINUTES
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of November 13, 2012
Tactical Air Operations Hangar, Brown Field**

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. H. Aldrich (Montgomery Field Aviation Lessee), Tom Dray (Montgomery Field Tower), Bob Hitchcock (Brown Field Aviation User Group), Chairman Buzz Fink (Special Expertise), Vice-Chair Chuck McGill (Montgomery Field Aviation User Group)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jackie Ander (Serra Mesa Community) (*excused*), Buzz Gibbs (Kearny Mesa Community), Lisa Golden (Otay Mesa Community), Rich Martindell (Special Expertise) (*excused*)

GUESTS PRESENT: Nici Boon, Rich Czarniecki, Bob Johnson, Ray Richmond, Tom Ricotta, Larry Rothrock, Joseph Russo, R.S. Ryan

STAFF PRESENT: Chris Cooper, Brandi Mulvey, Roy Nail, Wayne Reiter, Andy Schwartz, Mike Tussey

1. CALL TO ORDER – *Chairman Buzz Fink*

Chairman Fink called the meeting to order at 3:04 P.M. A quorum was not present. Chairman Fink welcomed those in attendance to the Tactical Air Operations hangar, which was permitted approximately one month ago, and thanked the EAA and Larry Rothrock for loaning their chairs and tables for the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the October 9 meeting minutes was postponed, due to the lack of a quorum.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

None

4. RECOGNITION – *Airports Deputy Director Mike Tussey*

Mr. Tussey congratulated Brown Field Senior Airport Operations Assistant Andy Schwartz on his recent promotion, in addition to awarding him with a five-year service pin for achieving five years of employment with the City of San Diego.

5. PRESENTATION – *DPC Project Manager Nici Boon*

Ms. Boon gave a presentation related to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which was released to the public on October 30, and is available for viewing on the City of San Diego's website. The project, Metropolitan Airpark, involves the development of 331 acres at Brown Field in four phases over 20 years, and includes both aviation and non-aviation development. The 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR ends December 17.

6. STAFF & DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Tussey thanked Chairman Fink for the use of his hangar, and to guests for attending the meeting.

SDM Tower Update – SDM Tower Manager Dan Wood

Mr. Wood declined to attend.

SDM General Update – SDM Airport Manager Chris Cooper

- Asphalt repairs are in progress on Continental and Curran Streets, as well as the terminal parking lot.
- The FAA is installing a new water line to the control tower, which involves trenching and lateral boring from Continental Street to the tower. The project should be completed by the end of November.
- On September 27, the commanding officer of HSC-3, a North Island-based helicopter squadron, presented a framed picture to Brown Field Tower and City airport staff as a token of their appreciation.

Mr. Tussey added the tower water line project may encounter delays due to City processing.

Larry Rothrock asked if the water line will continue to the fire station (Station 43). Mr. Cooper replied no, it will end at the control tower.

SDM Development Update – Project Manager Roy Nail

It is the City's goal to bring the Leasehold Development Agreement, EIR and Site Development Permit to Council by April 2013.

Tom Ricotta asked what was meant by a partnership between the City and DPC, as mentioned in Ms. Boon's presentation. Mr. Nail explained the City has an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) with DPC, which is a contract between the two parties that sets the guidance for the project.

MYF Tower Update – MYF Tower Manager Tom Dray

The Runway 28R ILS flight check is scheduled to occur Friday at 9:00 A.M. The ground checks are complete. In addition, there will be a new DME transmitter and Localizer Array Antenna.

MYF General Update – Airports Deputy Director Mike Tussey for Airport Manager Ernie Gesell

Pertaining to the 10L/28R project, approximately 20,000 cubic yards of unsuitable material, consisting of clay that could not be properly compacted, were removed and replaced within the 3,400 foot section between Twys B and F. To put that into perspective, that amount of clay would cover two and a half football fields three feet deep. This was the primary reason for the delay in reopening the runway. Further delays were the result of rain, which prevented the final markings from being painted until today. Reopening of the runway will occur this evening, after ensuring the markings are complete, the surface is clear of FOD, and the construction equipment, barriers, etc. have been removed.

Ray Richmond asked if heavier aircraft would be able to use the runway, in light of the reconstructed foundation. Mr. Tussey replied there is still a Council Resolution limiting the weight bearing to 20,000 pounds. This project was not designed to increase the weight bearing beyond 20,000 pounds (which would require an extensive EIR). In addition, the runway is designed to meet B-II standards. In order to accommodate aircraft heavier than 20,000 pounds, a waiver would need to be obtained by first going to City Council, where it could meet resistance

from residents living near the airport.

Mr. Rothrock asked if it might be possible to bring the EAA's B-17 in to Montgomery Field for a future Veterans' Day. Mr. Tussey replied he would have to check the weight of a B-17, but expressed reluctance to allow an overweight aircraft to use the new runway.

Noise/Special Projects – *Airport Noise Abatement Officer Wayne Reiter*

- The runway project at MYF has resulted in fewer aircraft operations over the past month and a half. Thus, noise complaints have been down.
- The latest Flight Times newsletter for Fall 2012 is out.

Chairman Fink asked if there have been any complaints related to F/A-18's at SDM. Mr. Reiter replied there have not. Perhaps the residents are complaining directly to Miramar. Mr. Tussey added there was a Congressional Inquiry into F/A-18 operations at SDM, and as a result, Miramar staff is essentially prohibited from discussing the matter further with airport staff. The response to the inquiry was that the military have the right to use the airport, per the grant assurances and quitclaim deed, and that Miramar staff worked with airport staff to develop noise abatement procedures to reduce noise levels over residential areas.

Vice-Chair McGill asked about the currency of the based aircraft data provided on the operations reports. Mr. Cooper replied the data for Brown Field is approximately two years old, and conveyed the difficulty in obtaining that information from airport tenants.

MYF/SDM Property – *Supervising Property Agent Brandi Mulvey*

Ms. Mulvey indicated negotiations continue with airport tenants, but there are no new updates to report.

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

- SDM Rwy 8L/26R Rehab Design: \$731,500 grant, February 2013 start.
- SDM Rwy 8L/26R Rehab Construction: \$6.35 million programmed grant – approx. half of total construction costs.
- MYF Access Control: \$475,000 grant.
- MYF Rwy 5/23, Twy G Rehab Construction: \$2.05 million grant received – approx. half of construction costs, remainder next FY.
- MYF Twy C and Runup Rehab Construction: \$1 million programmed grant.
- MYF Localizer Mitigation: Programmed grant, design in progress, const. next October.

Self-Funded Projects: \$1.56 million worth of street repairs at both airports in progress. SDM completion end of November, MYF completion early December.

Tom Ricotta asked about the timeline for appointing new AAC members. Mr. Tussey replied the current advertisement expires November 30, with an estimated appointment occurring in April/May 2013. Chairman Fink added he expects to meet with the new mayor to discuss options, such as a council resolution, to reduce the length of time required to appoint new members to advisory committees.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is no AAC meeting in December. The next meeting of the AAC will be January 8, 2013 at the Montgomery Field Terminal.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne J. Reiter