

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Meeting of June 14, 2023

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

1. CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 Chair Reid called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL
 A quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	MEMBERS ABSENT:
Chair Tom Reid Clairemont Community	J.H. Aldrich Montgomery Field Aviation Lessee
Tom Ricotta Brown Field Aviation Lessee	Joel Ryan* FAA Air Traffic Control Tower
Rich Martindell Special Expertise	Gary List Brown Field Aviation User Group
Ron Lee Brown Field Aviation User Group	
Chase Michael Franzen (Late) Kearny Mesa Representative	
Vice-Chair Chuck McGill Montgomery Gibbs Aviation User Group	
Richard Ram Serra Mesa Community	
David Gordon Special Expertise	

*Mr. Ryan is the non-voting member representing the FAA Control Tower at Montgomery -Gibbs Executive Airport (MYF).

STAFF PRESENT:
 Jorge Rubio, David Reed, Charles Broadbent, Thurman Hodges, Frank Santana, Debbie Shauger, Andrea Berlanga, Andy Schwartz, Latesha Newell, Reece Cabana, and Silvana Fernandez

3. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT
 Sandra Stahl affiliated with Clean Earth for Kids raises concern about the development of the unleaded fuel tank at MYF and requested that staff work on making this project their priority with obtaining Swift UL94 unleaded fuel.

Mr. Rubio ensured that this was a priority for staff and that they expeditiously continuing to work on it.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Reid made a motion to approve minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Staff Reports

Real Estate, Lease Administration – Mr. Thurman Hodges, Supervising Property Agent

- Staff are working with City Attorney's Office (CAO) regarding the Sheraton 4 Points Hotel, the assignment of the leasehold is currently pending. Escrow is projected to closed by the end of the week of June 23rd.
- Staff are continuously working with the CAO on the possession of the ABRE leasehold at Brown Field Municipal Airport (SDM).
- Mr. Hodges introduced a new intern, Silvana Fernandez, who will assist the lease administration team.
- Staff is working on a finalized draft lease for the San Diego Community College to take to City Council for approval.
- Staff completed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Development Service Department (DSD) to take two suites at 8525 Gibbs with a total of 4,707sq. ft. for approximately \$9,000.00 per month.
- There are currently 2 tie-downs available at City Hangars West (lot 8A).
- Staff are currently processing CPI increases for flattop Marigold.

Mr. Ricotta asked if the assignment for the Sheraton 4 Points Hotel will be completed as soon as the documents are signed. Mr. Hodges advised that an assignment does not need to be advertised anymore as CEQA had been completed.

Brown Field Municipal Airport (SDM) – Mr. Andy Schwartz, SDM Airport Manager

- SDM had 8,000 operations in May.
- Contractor finished a mow at SDM.
- Staff is working with an electric contractor to troubleshoot damaged airfield field signage.
- Markings touch-up and routine maintenance will be conducted on the taxiways and runways at SDM.

Montgomery - Gibbs Executive Airport (MYF) –Mr. Charles Broadbent, MYF Airport Manager

- MYF had over 28,000 operations in May.
- Contractor is currently conducting a mow of MYF.
- Gate repairs has been completed.
- Staff are conducting interviews for all vacancies at the airport.
- Staff are currently working with the Public Works Contracting Department on the minor construction project for the Marigold hangar taxi-lanes asphalt repair.

Mr. Gordon asked when the asphalt repair will commence. Mr. Broadbent advised that the repair on Flattop Marigold will begin within the next couple months. No exact start date on the

repair Taxiway Charlie and Bravo was available. Mr. Reed added that the taxiways will be temporarily fixed with slurry seal material. Mr. Broadbent also advised that staff did a routine Foreign Object Debris removal on the taxiways.

Airport Management - Jorge Rubio, Deputy Director

- Contractor has mobilized should start the hangar electrification project soon.
- Staff are conducting interviews for the Program Manager of Airport Lease Administration.
- Mr. Rubio recently attended the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) National Conference in Denver where the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Administrator for Airports. The following items were mentioned.
 - The first air mobility certificated vehicle is expected to be approved by the FAA in 2025
 - The FAA is also working on an Advisory Circular for vertiport design. Scheduled for 2025
 - The FAA has created a New Entrant Division to address new Advanced Air Mobility and Commercial Space Travel amongst others.
 - FAA is looking into implementing Airport Safety Plans for general aviation airports.
 - The FAA is looking at the structure of their office of airports.
- The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee unanimously approved a 5-year bipartisan FAA reauthorization bill that increases AIP funds to \$4 billion.
 - This bill also increased the commercial airline pilot retirement age from 65 to 67.
 - It prohibits the FAA from issuing vaccine or mask mandates.
 - Includes language that permits FAA to consider allowing small and non-hub airports to use Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funds for secondary runways notwithstanding the level of operational activity at the airport.
 - This also allows the Department of Transportation to establish a pilot program at up to ten airports that would allow those airports to use Airport Improvement Program funds for equipment to “support the operations of electric aircraft including interoperable electric vehicle charging equipment...”
 - Gives authorization to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) to continue to investigate accidents for the next five years.
 - Requires that the Committee be provided within one-year of the bill passing an updated strategic plan for development of fleet authorization for approval and use of unleaded aviation gasoline.
 - Report also to contain outreach efforts to educate and update piston-engine aircraft owners and operators, airport operators, and other members of the general aviation community on the potential benefits, availability, and safety of unleaded aviation gasoline.
 - What City staff has been asking for was also included:
 - Discretionary fund under section 3 47115 for covered costs, construction costs related to an airport-owned “(i) aeronautical fueling system for unleaded fuel; and “(ii) fueling systems for type certificated hydrogen-powered aircraft.
 - May include capital costs for fuel farms and other equipment and infrastructure used for the delivery and storage of fuel.

B. Air Traffic Control Tower Report

None

- C. Other Reports
None

8. **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:43pm. Next meeting will be July 12, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Berlanga
Administrative Aide I