

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ADOPTED MINUTES
Meeting of April 10, 2018

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: 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), David Ryan (Special Expertise)

MEMBERS ABSENT: J. H. Aldrich (Montgomery Field Aviation Lessee) *excused*, Vacant (Brown Field Aviation User Group)

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Broadbent, Kathy Chavez, Thurman Hodges, Michele King, Millie Moore, Rod Propst, Wayne Reiter, Rodel Riego, Debbie Shauger

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 March 13, 2018. Mr. Fink moved to approve as written, seconded by Mr. Ricotta, all in favor, approved as written.

3. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Collins from Icon Aircraft was introduced as the Sales Manager and he gave background and overview of his company and product of light sport amphibious aircraft. Discussion took place regarding who can give permission for amphibious aircraft operations on the local reservoirs and having a sea base.

4. NEW BUSINESS

FAA Master Pilot Presentation

Vice Chair McGill gave a presentation on the Master Pilot Award. The FAA created this award for pilots who have a history of 50 years as a pilot who operated safely and contribute to the aviation safety overall. Vice Chair McGill recognized Mr. John Barnes and presented him with the Master Pilot Award. Mr. Barnes has been a pilot for 64 years. Mr. Barnes received award and expressed his appreciation.

Coast Air Center Presentation – was taken later in the meeting

Mr. Hodges gave an introduction of Mr. Kevin Slatnick. Mr. Slatnick introduced his project team and gave a presentation on Coast Air Center project.

Mr. Gordon inquired about widening Taxiway Kilo.

Mr. Hodges responded that they will not be putting anything permanent on that area.

Mr. Propst stated the pavement in the Master Plan report is not in good condition and is hoping to get some grant money for that.

Discussion took place regarding the two taxiways become one to meet the standards.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Brown Field AAC Vacancy

Chairman Hasson stated there have been issues with filling Brown Field vacancy. The Airport Advisory Committee sent two letters to the Mayor regarding the vacancy. Chairman Hasson introduced Mr. Ron Lee as the Brown Field Aviation User Group for the AAC and listed Mr. Lee's credentials. The next step is to wait for Council's approval which will take place as soon as it is docketed. Mr. Lee took his seat among the other members, but will remain a non-voting member until confirmed.

Airport Employee Compensation

Chairman Hasson stated there has been a high turnover of Airport staff due to higher salary at other airports. The AAC made recommendation to Mayor and City Council and Mr. Propst received a reply. Mr. Propst gave overview of process for making recommendation to increase salary by 50%. Civil Service Commission recommended 25% pay raise. Yesterday City Council approved a 10% pay raise on January 1, 2019 and another 10% on January 1, 2020. Even after the salary increase takes place, the City will be at the bottom of all survey agencies for airport operations. Mr. Propst stated extensive training is provided for the airport staff.

Chairman Hasson stated that the Airports is not part of the general fund, but it is enterprise fund which is self-sustaining.

This topic will be put on the next year's first quarter agenda.

6. STAFF REPORT

SDM General Update – Wayne Reiter reported for Andrew Schwartz, Brown Field Airport Manager

- Runway closure on 26L will be on April 16th from 8:00 p.m. until April 20th at 6:00 a.m. and on April 19th until April 20th for a test strip due to construction project. Runway 26R will be closed for 7 weeks and only Runway 26L will be open.

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

- On March 29th Cannon Pacific conducted a sweep of the airfield.
- On April 6th airfield mow was completed.
- The Airport is trying out a drone detection product from DEDRONE. The DEDRONE product detects the RF signal from drones that are operating near the airport operations area. Drone Tracker software tracks total time of operation, model, date, time and number of incidents. The demo will end April 30th.

A discussion took place regarding the purpose for the drone and how it works.

- Three new dumpsters and 1 recycling bin with locks were received. Check with Operations for a new lock combination.

Mr. Martindell inquired about the air map being drawn yet with FAA and if integrated with Low Aircraft Notification System (LANS) that the FAA is putting together. It allows operators to get back a 15 – 20-minute response to request for operations in controlled airspace.

Mr. Broadbent responded that Mr. Bejarano has set up the map drawings and Mr. Broadbent will investigate LANS.

MYFTower Update – Tom Dray, MYFTower Manager

- Mr. Ryan was introduced at one of the supervisors at Montgomery Tower.
- A resource book will be assembled for Montgomery Field soon and outreach is encouraged. It is based on the pamphlet for Gillespie Field.
- In a few months we will have Mt. Soledad departure providing lateral separation of Montgomery and Miramar airports with new radar and new improved procedures. Effective date is May 24th.
- An event happened where a Baron taking off from 28R IFR got close to a Duchess that took off from 28L.
- There is a new Advisory Circular for non-towered airports available on FAA website.

Mr. Martindell recommended looking at the pamphlet for Palomar on the County website.

Real Estate Update – Thurman Hodges, Supervising Property Agent

- Currently waiting on the results of the appraisal for MAP.
- A second appraiser was hired for the 46 acres of on-airport mitigation land
- A conference call is scheduled on April 23rd regarding CBP Access Agreement.
- RFP for the development of 9.4 acres at Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport is scheduled for Smart Growth & Land Use Committee (SG&LU Committee) approval on May 21st.
- Currently waiting to schedule a kick-off meeting with Corporate Helicopters-Lease development of Parcel 3.
- There is an agreement with Four Points by Sheraton to hire an auditor after April 15th to provide financial statements.
- Plans are to be reviewed with San Diego Fire Department and will start lease negotiations when plans are finalized.
- A draft lease with the San Diego Community College (SDCC) is being reviewed by SDCC.
- A meeting will be scheduled with the Development Services Department to introduce them to Storm Water Pollution and Prevention Plan and respond to their request from DSD related to development regulations for building areas, building height restrictions, floor area ratios, parking ratios and building setbacks at the Airport.

Mr. Gordon inquired about time line for Coast Lease to go into effect.

Mr. Hodges responded on May 23rd will be going to the SG&LU Committee and they approve it, then it will go to City Council for approval. Currently working with City Attorney's office.

Mr. Ricotta inquired about Brown Field runway closure.

Mr. Propst responded last time was finished on schedule under budget and anticipate finishing within the 7-week schedule.

Noise and Special Projects – Airport Program Manager Wayne Reiter

- A Quarterly Noise Report (January thru March) was included in packet passed out at the meeting. Clairemont had 99 complaints, 79 from one person. Serra Mesa had 32 complaints, 25 from one person.

Chairman Hasson commented on complaints from Tierrasanta.

- The Master Plan Advisory Committee for Montgomery is on April 24th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Water Utility facility and Brown Field is on April 25th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Otay-Nestor Library. The topic will be recommended alternative.

Chairman Hasson encouraged participation for any input on the Master Plan.

Deputy Director Remarks – Rod Propst, Airports Deputy Director

- There was a total of 136 noise complaints from 15 households at Montgomery-Gibbs Airport and 0 at Brown Field in a 3-month period, which is remarkable as some airports get 136 complaints a day.
- Mr. Broadbent is on his second day as the new Airport Manager for Montgomery-Gibbs Airport.
- Mr. Riego was recognized for successfully negotiating the contract to get the terminal building at Montgomery-Gibbs Airport be repainted and refurbished. The project process was arduous and Mr. Riego has brought us to a point that Airports is talking to a contractor. Mr. Riego has done a great job! Mr. Riego will develop a new job order contract for Brown Field to repair and repaint the building.
- A meeting was held with the Mayor and the Field Director of Operations of Customs Border Protection as a result the Mayor and Director Flores agreed on the following:
 - CBP will not withdraw their landing rights at Brown Field.
 - The City will provide at no cost to CBP a modular building of at least 1,200 square-feet meeting all the requirements of the CBP airport technical designs standards.
 - CBP agreed that the City can charge a facilities charge for aircraft using Brown Field to clear Customs, which can hopefully help to recover some of the cost of investment.

Mr. Reiter is working to bring the modular building back on line.

Mr. Ricotta inquired about the building size doubling.

Mr. Propst responded the building was always around 2,200 square-feet and the Director of CBP stated he would be happy with a 1,200 square-foot building, but we are not able to fit all that CBP needs in 1,200 square-feet.

Mr. Propst stated that the new terminal will be pushed out at least 10 years due to the need to build a modular building for CBP.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Gibbs stated at the last Kearny Mesa Community Plan Update subcommittee meeting the City proposed a draft map with new zones and land use intensities for Kearny Mesa. Montgomery Field safety zones effect the potential land uses and restrict intensity. Some of the major land owners, particularly one on the north side of Balboa Ave. wants the same intensity as everyone else along Convoy in case the safety zones change or disappear in the future.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on May 8th, 2018.

Respectfully,
Millie Moore