

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO**  
**AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Meeting of March 9, 2021**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
 Chairman Reid called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

**2. ROLL CALL**  
 A quorum was present.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>
Buzz Gibbs Kearny Mesa Community	J.H. Aldrich Montgomery Field Aviation Lessee Community
Lisa Golden Otay Mesa Community	Jackie Ander Serra Mesa Community
David Gordon Special Expertise	
Ron Lee Brown Field Aviation User Group	
Gary List Brown Field Aviation User Group	
Rich Martindell Special Expertise	
Vice-Chairman Chuck McGill Montgomery Gibbs Aviation User Group	
Mike Ogilvie Tierrasanta Community Council	
Chairman Tom Reid Clairemont Community	
Tom Ricotta Brown Field Aviation Lessee	
Joel Ryan FAA Air Traffic Control Tower	

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**  
 Jorge Rubio, Charlie Broadbent, Enza Charles, Thurman Hodges, Millie Moore, David Reed, Andy Schwartz, Debbie Shauger.

**3. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Reid requested any comments, changes, or deletions to the meeting notes from the January 12, 2021 and February 9, 2021.

Mr. Reid stated one correction to be made on the spelling of his last name Reid on last paragraph of February meeting notes.

Mr. Martindell made a motion to approve minutes as corrected, Mr. Gordon seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

#### **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No public comment.

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Received and File a Proposed Parachuting Drop Zone North of Brown Field Municipal Airport Presentation by the U.S. NAVY

Ms. Shepherd and Mr. Sojourner gave a presentation on the Navy Drop Zone at Brown Field Airport (SDM)

A discussion took place regarding the presentation.

Chairman Reid requested a motion to accept and file the presentation, Mr. Gordon moved to motion, Mr. Martindell seconded the motion, all in favor and motion passed unanimously.

#### **7. STAFF REPORTS**

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

- There were over 24,000 operations in February 2021 , a 7.5% increase from last year month-over-month.
- The airport will be closed for Hazmat cleanup on the departure end of 28R from 9:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. on Sunday nights through Thursday nights weather permitting until the site is clean. NOTAMS have been filed and airport users notified.
- The Localizer antenna is out of service due to the runway overrun of the jet aircraft
- Replacement signage for runways 5/23 has been ordered.
- Coast Air Center has permanent power as of March 5, 2021, Gate 11, 11A and 11B are being installed.
- The fiber pull box for airfield lighting was relocated without incident as part of the San Diego Fire Rescue (SDFR) Helicopter Parking Pad project.

Mr. Martindell inquired about the GPS being the only approach available. Mr. Broadbent confirmed that the GPS approach is the only one available until further notice.

##### Brown Field Municipal Airport (SDM)- Mr. Schwartz, SDM Airport Manager

- Aircraft operations at the airport were approximately 20% higher in February 2021 than the previous month . Aircraft operations for the fiscal year 21 are 30% than the previous year.
- Currently working on general maintenance items such as crack repair on pavement on taxiways and runways.
- A Storm Water sample was collected in March 2021 and sent out for testing. Currently waiting on results.

#### Airports Real Estate – Ms. Charles, Airports Asset Manager

- The Gibbs Leasehold Project is scheduled for Housing and Land Use Committee on March 12, 2021.
- Corporate Helicopters is finalizing its environmental study by the end of this month. and will be resubmitting the project to DSD. The scheduled follow-up meeting is to discuss any environmental concerns.
- The City exercised option for Crownair to lease Option Area 1 and add 1.4 acres to the leasehold effective November 1, 2020. The lease amendment is currently with the City Attorney office for review.
- Currently working on Phase 1 of maintenance and repairs at Montgomery Field Office/Retail Complex. For Engineering and Capital Projects (E&CP) to move into 8525 Gibbs building.
- Finalizing the FAA lease with the real estate office. An additional ADA survey is being performed. The expected FAA lease approval is set for April 2021.
- There is a tentative offer on the ARC of San Diego and Airports' tenants in common property for 9575 Aero Drive.
- There are no vacancies at Lot 8A for hangars and tie-downs.
- Currently in first Phase of the electrical project for Lot 8A. The second phase will be in May 2021.

#### Airports Program Manager - David Reed, Airports Program Manager

- The Request For Proposal (RFP) for Runway 10L/28R proposals are due on March 18<sup>th</sup>
- The regenerative airport sweeper Invitation To Bid (ITB) will go out this month. In response to Committee Member's comments during the February meeting Mr. Reed provided a detailed explanation on how a regenerative sweeper works.
- The Airports Master Plan informed us that there will be some informal changes made to the Airport layout Plan.
- The painting at the hangars on Lot 8A are postponed as it may interfere with the electrical upgrade timing. Additionally, staff is taking working on properly appropriating funds for this project.
- Currently working with Customs and Border Patrol design team on the temporary facility at SDM.
- May 2021 SDM it receive delivery of one (1) generative airport sweeper.
- The project intake form for Taxiway Golf east rehabilitation was submitted and kick off meeting with Engineering and Capital Projects (E&CP) is to take place soon.

Mr. Gordon inquired about the painting project on Lot 8A, and if that will include the interior of the hangars. Mr. Rubio responded that the painting will include the outside of the hangars only.

#### Deputy Director Report – Jorge Rubio

- Mr. Rubio expressed his appreciation for all the hard work to all responders to the aircraft accident that took place at MYF last in February.
- Regenerative airport sweepers are easier to maintain and more efficient.
- The airport staff has been in communication with residents from North County regarding noise levels and encouraged pilots to fly friendly. In an effort to achieve that, will be resuming the Pilot's briefings online. The first meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on April 1 via Zoom.
- The FAA recently completed a Neighborhood Environmental Survey, which is their attempt to

learn more about noise . The results have been posted on the Federal Registry and Public comments are due by March 15, 2021.

- Airports is looking at alternative aviation unleaded fuels. There is one manufacturer (Swift Fuels) that produces UL94 fuel in Indiana. The manufacturer claims that this fuel is compatible with many aircraft and better for the engines.

Chairman Reid concurred with the communication regarding the noise complaints in North County. He suggested talking with flight school to change their flight patterns which could make a big difference in the noise levels.

Mr. Gordon inquired about the UL94 fuel compatibility. Mr. Rubio responded that watched a workshop and spoke with the manufacturers and that, both the manufacturer and the pilots mentioned that approved aircraft mentioned that the fuel compatible with regular AvGas.

Mr. Gibbs commented Swift Fuels is not compatible with Avgas, and that ,The Philips fuel which would be coming out in two years is magnesium based and will be compatible.

Ms. Golden inquired about the damage done by Falcon. Mr. Rubio responded about 3400 gallons of fuel was spilled and 600 gallons were retrieved. Currently coordinating with agencies to clean up the area.

#### **8. AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER REPORT**

- The Hold Short Line Letter of Agreement (LOA) is being revised and once ready will send to Mr. Broadbent to review, once Mr. Broadbent signs it they can proceed with the markings.
- A noise study has been complete for the Visual Flight Rules (VFR) Helicopter Operations LOA and the next phase is to finetune the before it is sent out.
- The Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) meeting is scheduled for May 11 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and is open to all pilots to attend.
- Staffing levels are unchanged at the Tower.

Chairman Reid expressed his appreciation to Mr. Ryan and his staff for all the hard work done at the Tower.

#### **9. OPERATIONS AND AIRCRAFT NOISE REPORT**

Mr. Rubio stated that the noise reports were updated and that are now color coded by community. The noise reports will be printed monthly and will be posted on the airport's website.

Mr. Gordon commented about the noise complaints in north county. Mr. Rubio responded the aircraft activity can now be more easily tracked with software, and that we have to properly respond to all noise inquiries.

#### **10. COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Ms. Golden requested a ZOOM invite for the Pilot meetings.

Mr. Rubio responded the Pilot meetings will be set up on ZOOM.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 PM.

Next meeting will be held April 13, 2021

Respectfully,  
Millie Moore