

**MINUTES
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of February 14, 2012
Montgomery Field Terminal Building**

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. H. Aldrich (Montgomery Field Aviation Lessee), Buzz Gibbs (Kearny Mesa Community), Lisa Golden (Otay Mesa Community), Buzz Fink (Special Expertise), Scott Hasson (Tierrasanta Community), Rich Martindell (Special Expertise), Chuck McGill (Montgomery Field Aviation User Group), Kathy Monsour (Clairemont Community)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jackie Ander (Serra Mesa Community), Tom Dray (Montgomery Field Tower) *excused*, Bob Hitchcock (Brown Field Aviation User Group)

GUESTS PRESENT: Lawrence Massaro, Ray Richmond, Tom Ricotta, Larry Rothrock, David Ryan

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Fink called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M. A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC INPUT

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 10, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously, as written.

4. RECOGNITION

Chairman Fink and Airports Deputy Director Mike Tussey recognized and thanked Clairemont Representative Kathy Monsour for her six-plus years of service on the Committee. Ms. Monsour recently resigned from the Committee; she was very popular with Committee members and guests for providing tasty treats for the meetings, as she did at this meeting.

5. DISCUSSION

Future Dialogs Regarding Aircraft Operations During MYF Runway 10L/28R Rehabilitation

Chairman Fink suggested forming a subcommittee composed of interested users to work with the City on this matter; the Committee agreed. Vice-Chair McGill, Mr. Aldrich, Mr. Gibbs, Ms. Golden, and Mr. Martindell volunteered to be on the Runway Subcommittee.

Mr. Tussey informed the Committee there was a meeting last week with the consultant who designed the project, Kimley-Horn, to discuss our options. MYF Tower Manager Tom Dray, Ray Richmond and David Ryan also attended the meeting. Among the options discussed were the use of Runway 5/23 and the Runway 28R run-up areas during construction to alleviate congestion in the Runway 28L run-up area.

Mr. Dray is researching tower procedures to be used for night operations while utilizing temporary runway lights, which are not FAA approved, but are approved for military airfields, on Runway 10R/28L; a request for sidestep minima on the RNAV approach, but is not optimistic FAA Flight

Procedures will fund said procedure; and will approve touch and goes on Runway 10R/28L during construction, traffic permitting.

User Fees for General Aviation

Committee members discussed the White House's proposal for General Aviation user fees.

6. STAFF & DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SDM General Update

Airport Manager Chris Cooper reported:

- Weed-spraying was suspended due to the rain.
- Staff, with support from Animal Control, is trapping wild dogs roaming the airfield. Seven dogs have been captured thus far.
- The Fence Project is nearing completion, with punch-list items remaining.

Mr. Tussey recognized Mr. Cooper's recent promotion to Airport Manager. Mr. Cooper had been the Acting Airport Manager for approximately one and a half years.

MYF General Update

Airport Manager Ernie Gesell reported:

- On February 1, there was a meeting with MYF helicopter operators to discuss proper/preferred arrival and departure procedures.
- On February 2, the Farmers Zeppelin operated out of MYF during the day, providing scenic tours. One of their ground crew took a runway-crossing clearance for another company vehicle as clearance for themselves, resulting in a Vehicle/Pedestrian Deviation. Mr. Gesell reminded tenants and users to give explicit instructions to visitors as to the proper airport driving procedures, and/or provide an escort, if necessary.

MYF Tower Report

Tower Manager Tom Dray was unable to attend the meeting.

Noise/Special Projects

Airport Noise Abatement Officer Wayne Reiter had nothing new to report.

MYF/SDM Property Issues

Mr. Tussey had nothing new to report.

SDM Development Update

Project Manager Roy Nail reported DPC continues to pursue entitlements, which includes an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Site Development Permit, vacating easements that need to be moved, and then once the entitlements have been obtained, the City will enter into a long-term ground lease for Phase 1.

Mr. Gibbs asked if the project included amendments to the General Plan. Mr. Nail replied the developer needs to get an Airport Layout Plan approved by the FAA, and that on-airport zoning is separate from off-airport zoning in the General Plan or Community Plan. Mr. Tussey added the Otay Community Plan Update is running in parallel to DPC, and DPC will likely go before Council prior to the Otay Community Plan Update. This may require an amendment to the Community Plan at a later date.

Mr. Hasson asked who will be paying for the Otay Mesa Community Plan Update (OMCPU), since he had the impression that the City was unable to currently fund community planning. Mr. Nail indicated property owners located within the footprint of the OMCPU pay for the update through the permitting process. Mr. Nail will be meeting with Development Services tomorrow and will ask the question of who pays for the Community Plan Update, and will report his findings at the next AAC meeting.

Chairman Fink asked about a projected timeline when DPC expects to go to Council for approval. Mr. Nail replied the timeline moves based on the reactions of certain agencies, such as CA Fish and Game and US Fish and Wildlife. DPC hopes to go before Council later this year.

Mr. Tussey gave an update of the following Airport Capital Improvement/Consultant Projects:

SDM Capital/Consultant Projects

- Perimeter Fence Phase II Construction: Completed.
- Rwy 8L/26R Design: Dec 6, 2011 Council approval; \$1.1 million total; \$656,010 awarded to HNTB; anticipate \$731,500 FAA Grant in April 2012.

MYF Capital/Consultant Projects

- Access Control: Electronic card readers for existing gates; putting together Scope of Work; \$475,000 FAA Grant.
- Rwy 10L/28R Rehab Construction: Awarded to Granite Construction; \$3.8 million grant; post-Labor Day, 2012 start, due to Burrowing Owl nesting season.
- Rwy 5/23, Twy G Rehab Design: Complete, awaiting \$4.75 million construction grant-2013.
- Twy C and Runup Design: Complete, expecting construction grant-2013.

Tom Ricotta asked if there are any plans to fix the surface streets at Brown Field. Mr. Tussey replied the Airport is planning to spend approximately \$100-200k on street repairs to Curran St. and Pogo Row. Mr. Ricotta requested Continental St. be added to the list.

Mr. Hasson asked if the Airports' street maintenance plans are included in the overall City's street maintenance plan. Mr. Tussey replied on-airport street repairs do not fall under the responsibility of City Streets Division; the airport pays for its own repairs, whether it uses Streets Division or a private contractor.

Mr. Hasson asked if there are any future plans to extend Runway 10L/28R, or more specifically, relocate the landing threshold from its current location east 600 feet into the current displaced threshold, as proposed in the never-adopted MYF Master Plan Update. Mr. Gesell indicated moving the landing threshold would require Runway Safety Area improvements, which would be difficult due to environmental constraints. Chairman Fink pointed out the Council Resolution (R-280194) that authorized the runway extension prohibited the use of the extension for landings. Furthermore, the FAA would need to relocate the glide slope and approach lights, which would meet financial and environmental challenges.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Tussey announced Kevin O'Donnell's resignation from the Committee, due to health issues.

Mr. Tussey announced the possible future construction and/or reconfiguration of office buildings and parking structures by Cubic, just beyond the Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) of Runway 23. Mr. Gibbs added the project falls within ALUCP Zones 2 and 3, which will figure into the configuration and use of the structures.

Mr. Martindell announced a Runway Incursion presentation by the FAA Western-Pacific Region Runway Safety Team at the Landing Strip restaurant, Brown Field, tomorrow, February 15 from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M., Happy Hour at 5:00 P.M.

Mr. Gibbs asked about the procedure for filling the two vacancies on the Committee. Mr. Tussey replied nominees must fill out an application and complete a background check before going to Council for approval. Mr. Gibbs suggested, if appropriate, someone from Crownair, either Ray Richmond or David Ryan, fill the vacancy left by Mr. O'Donnell.

Mr. Hasson asked if Crownair's project was still moving forward. David Ryan replied it is moving forward.

Mr. Hasson suggested the Committee consider taking on more airport outreach/advocate projects. Possible subjects mentioned include: relocation of the fire helicopter to the west side of the airport, preservation of the historic Spiders hangar, and a public viewing area.

The next meeting of the AAC will be Tuesday, March 13 at Montgomery Field.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne J. Reiter