

**MINUTES
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of March 13, 2012
Montgomery Field Terminal Building**

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. H. Aldrich (Montgomery Field Aviation Lessee), Jackie Ander (Serra Mesa Community), Tom Dray (Montgomery Field Tower), Buzz Gibbs (Kearny Mesa Community), Lisa Golden (Otay Mesa Community), Bob Hitchcock (Brown Field Aviation User Group), Chairman Buzz Fink (Special Expertise), Scott Hasson (Tierrasanta Community), Vice-Chair Chuck McGill (Montgomery Field Aviation User Group)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rich Martindell (Special Expertise) *excused*

GUESTS PRESENT: Harry Kelly, Ray Richmond, Tom Ricotta, David Ryan

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Barwick, Chris Cooper, Ernie Gesell, Roy Nail, Wayne Reiter, Andy Schwartz, Mike Tussey

1. CALL TO ORDER – *Chairman Buzz Fink*

Chairman Fink called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M. A quorum was present. Ms. Golden apologized for missing the Runway 10L/28R Rehabilitation Sub-Committee meeting, due to a prior engagement.

2. PUBLIC INPUT

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 14 meeting were approved unanimously, as written.

4. RECOGNITION

Airports Deputy Director Mike Tussey and Mr. Gibbs recognized Kevin O'Donnell for his seven years of service on the Committee, from which Mr. O'Donnell recently resigned. A signed Airports plaque will be presented to Mr. O'Donnell at a later date.

5. DISCUSSION

MYF Runway 10L/28R Rehabilitation Sub-Committee Report – *Vice-Chair Chuck McGill*

Vice-Chair McGill, Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Dray held a sub-committee meeting earlier this afternoon to discuss the operational limitations anticipated from the upcoming closure of MYF Runway 10L/28R. Mr. Tussey, MYF Airport Manager Ernie Gesell and Airport Noise Abatement Officer Wayne Reiter from airport staff also attended.

A member of the public requested the dirt/grass infields, parallel to the main runway, for use as a temporary runway. The infields will not be an option due to, among other things, environmental constraints, FAA and Division of Aeronautics operational and design standards.

Discussion topics and conclusions include:

- Construction is scheduled to begin on September 10, and will last for six weeks.
- Temporary lights used on Runway 10R/28L will be activated from sunset to sunrise, and will not be pilot controlled.
- Pilots flying the RNAV approach, sidestep to Rwy 28L will need to use the 880 ft Circling Minimums. The ILS and Localizer approaches will not be available.
- Night instrument approaches to Rwy 28L will be done with temporary runway lights, a sidestep maneuver, circling minimums, and no sequenced flashing approach lights (MALSR).
- A list of aviation-related organizations, along with their email information, who train at MYF is being compiled and will be provided to Mr. Reiter, who will be distributing the information.
- Helicopter operations on the approach end of Rwy 23 will be prohibited.
- Helicopter operations on the approach end of Rwy 5 will be at the discretion of ATC.
- Fixed-wing touch and goes on Rwy 10R/28L will also be at the discretion of ATC.
- Royal Highlands will be briefed by the noise officer concerning increased aircraft noise – aircraft taking off from Rwy 28L will be further south and have less distance to climb before reaching the residential area.

User Fees for General Aviation

This item occurred later in the meeting, to await the arrival of Mr. Hasson.

6. STAFF & DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MYF General Update – Airport Manager Ernie Gesell

Two hangars on Marigold were sold. Mr. Gibbs asked what the hangars sold for. Mr. Gesell replied that one sold for \$32,500 and the other for \$40,000.

MYF Tower Report – Tower Manager Tom Dray

Four near-midair collisions have been reported by pilots within the past six months. He does not see any particular pattern, but is soliciting input for suggestions on how to avoid these situations. All instances involved fixed-wing aircraft in or near MYF Class D airspace.

Mr. Aldrich asked if the criterion for a near-miss here is the same for Lindbergh Field. Mr. Dray stated the basic criterion is when a pilot believes there has been a collision hazard, which is subjective.

One of the incidents occurred over Mt. Soledad, when the pilot was still with SOCAL; another was over I-15, when a pilot overshot the final for Rwy 28L, and then turned east into the path of an aircraft inbound on the ILS; and another occurred when a pilot took off from Rwy 28R and made an early turn to crosswind, catching up to another aircraft that took off prior, but made a late turn to crosswind. Mr. Dray could not recall the fourth incident.

Mr. Gibbs asked if there was any correlation to the type, or types of aircraft involved. He believes pilots who fly aircraft with glass cockpits could become fixated on interior screens, at the expense of their external scans. Mr. Dray did not ask the type of aircraft flown when conducting pilot interviews, but will seek such a correlation, should there be future near-midair reports.

Noise/Special Projects – Airport Noise Abatement Officer Wayne Reiter

The latest Flight Times Newsletter has been released, and the next Quarterly Noise Report will be out next month.

MYF/SDM Property Issues – *Deputy Director Mike Tussey*

Interviews to fill the vacant Property Agent position will take place next Thursday, March 22.

SDM General Update – *Airport Manager Chris Cooper*

- Staff is working closely with Deputy City Attorney Clay Welsh to facilitate evictions of two Right of Entry (ROE) tenants on the north side of the airport. One ROE has been served and is locked out.
- Staff is working hard to clean up trash and tires, and clearing out squatters on the north side.
- Equipment Operator Jonathan Smith worked with tire recycling vendor, Reliable Tire Company, to remove over 400 abandoned tires.
- Grounds Maintenance Worker Paulette Wilson worked with Powerland to complete weed spraying.
- Airport Operations Assistant Andy Schwartz worked with Crouse Hinds and Select Electric to track down and fix airfield lighting discrepancies.

Tom Ricotta asked if the airport considered establishing a central site on the airport for collecting waste oil. Illegal dumping and abandonment of waste oil on the airport is a major problem, and has been for a long time. Mr. Tussey replied the airport has considered it, but is concerned about such a site becoming a magnet for additional illegal dumping. Ms. Ander suggested posting flyers and sending out formal letters with information on where legitimate collection sites are located.

SDM Development Update – *Project Manager Roy Nail*

Last week he, Real Estate Assets Director Jim Barwick, DPC Project Manager Nici Boon, and Mr. Tussey met with planning staff at the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (SDCRAA) to give a presentation on the project. SDCRAA staff was supportive of the project.

Mr. Tussey recognized the presence of Mr. Barwick at the meeting, and expressed his appreciation for Mr. Barwick's high-level assistance in moving airport projects forward in a timely manner.

User Fees for General Aviation – *Scott Hasson (out of agenda sequence)*

Mr. Hasson spoke to Congressman Duncan Hunter concerning his opposition to General Aviation user fees proposed in President Obama's 2013 budget. Mr. Hasson received a written reply from the congressman, a copy of which was forwarded to Committee members and AAC attendees. Mr. Hasson believes the budget will not be approved by the House of Representatives. The current proposal only applies to turbine-powered aircraft, but the concern is once user fees are applied to one segment of General Aviation, it will eventually grow to encompass more or all General Aviation aircraft.

Chairman Fink asked if there was any update on the avgas lawsuit. Mr. Gibbs indicated a new lawsuit has been filed recently against the EPA over why leaded avgas hasn't been banned. This is separate from the California Prop 65 lawsuit.

Ray Richmond added the Prop 65 lawsuit will be growing – a new round of 60-day notices will be sent out to additional FBO's and distributors. The proposal will be to have the distributors be the funding mechanism for whatever resolution there is, through an increase in fuel price. Chairman Fink asked if avgas distributors would stop serving California, due to the liability. Mr. Richmond mentioned the obligation of operators to meet certain minimum standards, and that not meeting those standards could result in further lawsuits. Crownair has spent about \$20k defending itself as part of the coalition,

which is in addition to the increased wholesale cost of fuel they are paying. Mr. Gibbs indicated he spent \$10k to get out of this lawsuit, due to a previous lawsuit he endured 17 years ago, regarding the same issue.

Mr. Tussey gave a report on upcoming self-funded projects:

- Total of \$2 – 2.5 million.
- SDM street repairs to Continental, Curran and Sikorsky Streets.
- SDM Terminal asbestos abatement, roof repair, and ADA improvements to the restrooms.
- MYF street repairs to Glen Curtiss Road and Gibbs Drive.
- MYF spot repairs to Twys Lima, India, Golf and the ramp around the fuel island.
- MYF Terminal fluorescent light replacement – one night closure, due to presence of asbestos.
- Some work likely to be phased, and will continue into the next fiscal year. The current fiscal year ends June 30.

Vice-Chair McGill asked about the status of the proposed development from Corporate Helicopters. Mr. Tussey replied the airport is waiting for action from Corporate Helicopters, who has been occupied with the SDG&E project. There will be a meeting with Corporate Helicopters next week to discuss the City's requirements for moving forward with negotiations.

Mr. Hasson asked Mr. Gesell to look at the conditions of the dirt road behind National Air College leading to Spiders, and possibly improve those conditions. Mr. Gesell replied the road is not an airport-sanctioned route, and as such, is not maintained to be. However, airport users continue to use it as a shortcut. It is difficult to close it off completely, since any barricades or signs installed may induce drivers and pedestrians to enter the movement area. Mr. Tussey added he would rather spend airport funds on improving existing paved roads, along with runway and taxiways, rather than improving the dirt road. Mr. Hasson requested the parking bumpers be removed and the ruts graded to be made level.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interviews to fill the vacant Airport Operations Assistant position at MYF will take place March 27 - 28.

Mr. Gibbs announced one of Crownair's customers is hosting a Citation owners group gathering this weekend at MYF; expect a dozen Citations to be here this Friday – Sunday.

Mr. Gibbs announced a presentation by Kaiser Permanente will be given at the next Kearny Mesa Planning Group next Wednesday, March 21 at noon, regarding the new hospital complex proposed to be built at Ruffin Road/Clairemont Mesa Blvd. It will be the first public presentation of this project by Kaiser.

The next meeting of the AAC will be Tuesday, April 10 at Montgomery Field.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne J. Reiter