

**MINUTES
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of April 10, 2012
Montgomery Field Terminal Building**

MEMBERS PRESENT: 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), Rich Martindell (Special Expertise), Vice-Chair Chuck McGill (Montgomery Field Aviation User Group)

MEMBERS ABSENT: J. H. Aldrich (Montgomery Field Aviation Lessee) *excused*, Scott Hasson (Tierrasanta Community) *excused*

GUESTS PRESENT: Nici Boon, Pat Brault, Kay Imhof, Steve Nelson, Ray Richmond, Tom Ricotta, David Ryan, Richard Vernon

STAFF PRESENT: Brock Ladewig, Roy Nail, Wayne Reiter, Mike Tussey

1. CALL TO ORDER – *Chairman Buzz Fink*

Chairman Fink called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M. A quorum was present. Chairman Fink placed Tower Manager Tom Dray's report at the beginning of the meeting to allow him to return to the control tower to address an urgent matter.

MYF Tower Report – *Tower Manager Tom Dray*

The RNAV approach for Palomar airport is NOTAM'ed "Not Authorized," due to the approach being revised. It is unknown when the approach will be certified and resumed; pilots are reminded that there is an RNAV approach at Montgomery Field, and are encouraged to use it.

There is a perception, by some, that control towers are now being mandated to report events that were not previously reported. Apparently, there is a new reporting system that is being viewed by more people, and items previously logged without a separate report are now becoming public knowledge. As a result, pilots may be discouraged from asking for help from tower staff, out of fear of potential enforcement action taken against them. Mr. Dray encouraged pilots to contact the control tower to clarify any questions or concerns they may have.

Mr. Dray clarified a question Mr. Aldrich asked at the last meeting concerning the criterion for classifying an incident as a near mid-air collision. For an incident to qualify, it must meet one of two criteria: a pilot believes there has been a collision hazard, or there is a collision hazard due to two aircraft within less than 500 feet separation. The runway centerlines of 28R and 28L are separated by approximately 500 feet; however, aircraft landing on both runways simultaneously are not considered to be a collision hazard.

Brown Field Tower is asking how the upcoming runway closure at Montgomery Field will effect operations at Brown Field. Brown Tower has limited staffing and will need to be prepared to meet an increased demand, should aircraft re-locate or use Brown Field for flight training.

There was runway incursion/pilot deviation at Montgomery Field a couple of weeks ago. A pilot landed on Rwy 28R, rolled to the end, acknowledged an instruction to hold short of Rwy 28L, and then rolled past the hold line onto Rwy 28L. Realizing the error, the pilot accelerated across the runway without further incident. The pilot had apparently been looking at a recently-purchased iPad with an airport diagram application, instead of looking at the airfield signs and markings.

Mr. Dray needed to leave the meeting, due to a pilot having taken off from Rwy 23 without clearance this afternoon.

2. PUBLIC INPUT

Royal Highlands resident Pat Brault asked several questions about the upcoming Rwy 10L/28R Rehab Project. She asked how long the runway would be closed, and the reasons for re-doing Rwy 28R; specifically, if the runway was being lengthened and strengthened for use by larger, heavier aircraft. Airports Deputy Director Mike Tussey replied the runway closure is expected to last six weeks, starting September 10, and the project will involve repaving the main runway, 10L/28R, for the purpose of enhancing safety and meeting current design standards. The runway will not be lengthened beyond its current length, and the weight-bearing capacity will not deviate from the existing 20,000 pound limitation, which was set by Council Resolution.

Royal Highlands resident Richard Vernon asked about a particular black or blue biplane that flew low over his house approximately 4-5 months ago. He called twice previously, concerning the same aircraft, and spoke with Barnstormers to confirm it was not their blue and orange biplane. Committee members discussed it, but could not immediately identify the offending aircraft. However, the matter will be investigated, and a follow up with Mr. Vernon will be forthcoming.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 13 meeting were approved, as written, with Rich Martindell abstaining, due to his absence at that meeting.

4. INTRODUCTION

Airports Deputy Director Mike Tussey introduced the new Property Agent, Brock Ladewig. Mr. Ladewig started with Airports last week and worked previously in the City Attorney's office advising Real Estate Assets, and will manage property at Brown and Montgomery Airports.

5. DISCUSSION

Kaiser Hospital Project-Kearny Mesa – Buzz Gibbs

Last month, Kaiser Hospital gave its first public presentation for their plans to build a new hospital complex at the southeast corner of Ruffin Road and Clairemont Mesa Blvd. It is the 20-acre site currently occupied by the County Operations facility, and will be Kaiser's third hospital in San Diego. The main facility will be six-seven stories tall and contain a total of 450 beds. The project is expected to be done in two phases with a planned move-in date of 2018. This will give them approximately six years for entitlements, design and construction. The project appears to be located within the ALUCP Zone 6 – Traffic Pattern Zone for Montgomery Field, which is compatible with a hospital.

Mr. Hitchcock asked what Mr. Gibbs' relationship was with Kaiser Hospital. Mr. Gibbs replied he is the Kearny Mesa Planning Group (KMPG) Chair. The KMPG makes land-use recommendations to the City for projects located in Kearny Mesa. It is also a public forum for developers to present new projects to the local community and stakeholders, and meet the public outreach requirements.

6. STAFF & DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MYF General Update – *Sr. Airport Operations Assistant Bill Dalby for Airport Manager Ernie Gesell*

- Airfield mowing, spraying and sweeping were completed recently.
- Gate #9 near Advanced Aircraft is not functioning properly, parts have been ordered.

Noise/Special Projects – *Airport Noise Abatement Officer Wayne Reiter*

- The Quarterly Noise Report for January – March 2012 has been released.
- Airport Bulletins announcing the Runway 10L/28R closure were distributed yesterday.

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

Brock Ladewig is the new Property Agent for Airports, who started last week.

SDM General Update – *Deputy Director Mike Tussey for Airport Manager Chris Cooper*

- Airfield mowing and spraying were completed.
- Tactical Air Operations completed the foundation of their new 12,000 sq. ft. hangar.

SDM Development Update – *Project Manager Roy Nail*

DPC continues to diligently pursue and obtain entitlements for Phase 1.

Mr. Tussey gave an update on upcoming Capital Improvement/Consultant and Self-Funded Projects:

SDM Capital Improvement/Consultant Projects

- Rwy 8L/26R Rehab Design: Awaiting \$731,500 FAA Grant – 2012.

SDM Self-Funded Projects

- Street repairs to Continental, Curran and Sikorsky Streets ~ \$500,000
- Terminal asbestos abatement and roof repair – TBD.
- ADA improvements to the restrooms, entry doors and parking lot ~ \$135,000.

MYF Capital Improvement/Consultant Projects

- Rwy 10L/28R Construction: Awarded to Granite Construction; \$3.8 million grant; Sept 2012 start.
- Access Control: Electronic card readers for existing gates, awaiting \$475,000 grant – 2012.
- Rwy 5/23, Twy G Design: Complete, awaiting \$4.75 million construction grant – 2013.
- Twy C and Runup Design: Complete, expecting construction grant – 2014.

MYF Self-Funded Projects

- ADA assessment and improvements to the terminal building and parking lot – TBD.
- Street repairs to Glen Curtiss Road and Gibbs Drive ~ \$500,000 each.
- Repairs to Twys Lima, India, Golf and the ramp around the fuel island ~ \$135,000.
- Terminal fluorescent light replacement ~ \$10,000.
- Localizer site mitigation ~ \$300,000.

Ms. Golden asked why the ADA improvements to the restrooms at SDM are so expensive. Mr. Tussey replied the restrooms will need a major overhaul in order to meet ADA clearance standards, including widening of doors, removal and/or relocation of sinks and toilets, re-doing plumbing, and removing walls.

Mr. Hitchcock asked how the new gates are working out at Brown Field. Mr. Tussey indicated they seem to be working fine. Tom Ricotta added that the system is better and, overall, working well.

Mr. Tussey reiterated the purpose of the fence project, which was to diminish the possibility of incursions, with the added benefit of improving security. Plans to enhance the gates with card readers at Montgomery Field were hatched due to an increase in the number of incursions, despite the construction of the fence several years ago. The new card readers will allow airport personnel the option of denying access to the airport for those individuals who choose to utilize the taxiways and runways as a shortcut, rather than use the surface streets.

Vice-Chair McGill asked about the status of the southwest development at Montgomery Field. Mr. Tussey replied we are still waiting for Corporate Helicopters to sign the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA).

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Gibbs gave the signed plaque from the March meeting to former Committee member Kevin O'Donnell's daughter, who presented Kevin with the plaque on Sunday. Mr. O'Donnell was said to be deeply moved by the gesture.

Mr. Martindell announced an FAA-sponsored Safety Stand Down will take place at Solar Turbines, Kearny Mesa from 9:00 AM. – 12:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 14. Four accidents will be reviewed from three different perspectives to see how they could have been avoided.

Ray Richmond announced a Crownair-sponsored barbeque will take place Friday, April 13, from 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Everyone is invited.

The next meeting of the AAC will be Tuesday, May 8 at Montgomery Field.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne J. Reiter