

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting of April 14, 2015**

**Montgomery Field Terminal, 3750 John J. Montgomery Drive, San Diego, CA 92123**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** J. H. Aldrich (Montgomery Field Aviation Lessee), Jackie Ander (Serra Mesa Community), Jim Demeaux (Clairemont Community), Buzz Gibbs (Kearny Mesa Community), Lisa Golden (Otay Mesa Community), Scott Hasson (Tierrasanta Community), Bob Hitchcock (Brown Field Aviation User Group), Rich Martindell (Special Expertise), Vice-Chair Chuck McGill (Montgomery Field Aviation User Group), Tom Ricotta (Brown Field Aviation Lessee)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** David Borcalli (MYF Tower), Chairman Buzz Fink (Special Expertise) *excused*, David Ryan (Special Expertise)

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Gerald Blank, Nici Boon, Bob Golo, Gary Keller, Ray Richmond, Kevin Slatnick, John Sutherland

**STAFF PRESENT:** Shaneisha Burton, Grace Chao, Kathy Chavez, Tait Galloway, Claudia Guardado, Paul Mehrlich, Rod Propst, Wayne Reiter, Andy Schwartz, Liz Saidkhanian, Cybele Thompson

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair McGill called the meeting to order at 3:02 P.M. A quorum was present.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 10, 2015 regular meeting were approved unanimously, as written.

**3. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Hitchcock expressed displeasure over an incident he had with the tower at SDM, where he was denied an instrument approach. Mr. Schwartz stated he would look into the matter.

Ms. Ander inquired about new water conservation laws and the impact on the work at Brown Field. Mr. Propst responded that he has been appointed to the Mayors City Reduction Team; airport managers are to work on reduction. Mr. Mehrlich is looking into drought resistant landscaping and placing the restaurant on a separate meter. The ADA projects will result in reduced water consumption with the installation of low-flow toilets and faucets. With bathroom ADA and new landscaping water reduction will be over 30%.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

AAC members were notified of a public notice of an addendum to the environmental impact report – amendment to the City of San Diego General Plan. Principal Planner for City of San Diego – Mr. Tait Galloway spoke regarding noise compatibility and reference to Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans (ALUCP's) and Land Development Code. The amendment essentially allows parks to be placed in noisier areas, outside the ALUCP boundary. Vice-Chairman Mr. McGill commented that the weight limitation is no longer relevant, and the Council resolution from 20 years ago, which imposed a weight restriction, needs to be revised.

## **5. STAFF REPORT**

### **MYF General Update – Acting Montgomery Field Airport Manager Paul Mehrlich**

- Closing the FATO at Midport, form submitted to FAA and will take up to 90 days.
- Temporary helicopter parking at Midport for air ambulance during construction of 5/23.
- Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) are to be installed at both airports and will be listed with County.
- Removed pilot computer in lobby, services are available at Gibbs and CrownAir, Wi-Fi still offered.
- Slurry Seal to start April 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, transient ramp will be available for free, tenants will be notified.
- Replacing faded signs along Taxiway Hotel along with gate signs.
- Design monument at Aero Drive/John J Montgomery, charge for advertising at fair market value-sponsorship.
- Proposed vehicle speed limit 15 – 25 depending on area, speed bumps.
- Aircraft insurance should be \$1 million general liability on aircraft, \$100k for bodily injury.
- Northrop Grumman to move vehicles to far east parking lot.
- Public viewing area – Mr. McGill to submit old plans to Mr. Mehrlich. Ms. Ander suggested Serra Mesa Community Council may like to promote or support.

### **SDM General Update – Brown Field Airport Manager Andy Schwartz**

- Mr. Schwartz – Hired new Operations Assistant at Brown Field, staff now 100% Operations will now be on site 7 days a week, M-F 7:00 – 7:00, S&S 9:00 – 5:00. Questions arose why MYF does not have staff available 7 days a week, per Mr. Propst replied there is not enough staff. Budget set for 2017 for another Ops person for MYF.
- Welcome new FBO Altitude Helicopter Flight School.
- Hangar inspections in May – letter to go out.
- 5010 inspection scheduled for tomorrow (with Caltrans).
- Customs/ Border Patrol – Mr. Propst – Modular unit, company from Texas to submit plans and estimates, will meet Customs requirements, budget available this July. Space inside the fence east of vehicle storage building.

### **Airport Property Update – Airports Deputy Director Rod Propst for Brandi Mulvey**

- Ms. Mulvey, who was not present per Mr. Propst, has hired a new Property Agent that will start April 27<sup>th</sup>, and will be one full day a week at Brown Field.
- Ms. Mulvey is currently working on getting Crown Air Lease to Council in May, then Coast Air RFP, and then NAC RFP.
- Mr. Propst and Mr. Reiter will meet with FAA regarding moving Corporate Helicopters to Spiders area.

Noise and Special Projects – *Airport Program Manager Wayne Reiter*

- Worked with U.S. Fish and Wildlife and FAA to get the CATEX for 5/23, which was received last Friday. Still waiting on Notice of Proposed Construction. Expect to start construction in May.
- John J. Montgomery and Aero Dr. adding pedestrian ramps in two weeks on each corner. Requires 33 working days while walls will be pushed back, restoration of two light poles and may cause lane closures. Work being done on Aero now is not related.

SDM Metro Airpark Update – *DPC Project Manager Nici Boon*

Project on track to break ground end of this year, with vertical construction 4-6 months after.

Ms. Ander inquired about the solar panels planned for the project. Ms. Boon replied they will be installed during phase I, which is the same time as the FBO. Panels will also be placed on the flat roofs and parking structures. The airport will become a net-generator of power.

Mr. Martindell asked about the impact of the solar array on birds. Ms. Boon replied technology has improved and the arrays will endure an intense scrutiny though a glare analysis by the FAA.

Deputy Director Remarks – *Deputy Director Rod Propst*

- Met with director of the San Diego Air and Space Museum to look at historic photos of MYF. The director, who is a retired Naval Aviator, would like to put on an air show at Brown Field. We need to determine the cost involved to Airports; if it and the return on investment are reasonable, we will proceed. The museum will aid in sponsorships.
- The \$4.8 million Airports budget will be presented to Council on May 8. Budget for personnel is 33%, which is in-line with local government. Revenue is projected to increase by 2.1%, while the CPI in 2014 was 1.6%.
- Meeting with FAA staff from Renton, WA to discuss increasing the height of the Miramar landfill and its impact to radar coverage. SOCAL TRACON (SCT) mentioned there are issues with aircraft talking to SCT at MYF when the tower is closed, an issue previously unknown to us. The FAA could install a remote RT site to remedy the problem. More to follow.
- Debrief with performance audit team: we have no master plan that has been approved since 1984 and no SOP's for operational procedures. SOP and operational manuals will be forthcoming from both airfields.

- We will aggressively pursue Caltrans Aeronautics grants for matching funds of ½ of current City matching funds which is 10%.

Mr. Ricotta asked what happened with the master plan update with Brown Field. Mr. Propst replied the 2010 Master Plan was never taken to Council, and therefore has no validity. Same thing for the 2004 MYF Master Plan, which also met environmental obstacles. We will add master plan updates for both airports to the ACIP for 2017 and go through the process to get them approved.

Mr. Gibbs inquired if based aircraft number has been updated. Mr. Mehrlich responded the official number is from the current FAA 5010 (Master Record), and those numbers have gone down. He is pursuing more current information with the tenants.

#### **5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 P.M.

Respectfully,  
Kathy Chavez