

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO**  
**AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**ADOPTED MINUTES**  
**Meeting of November 14, 2017**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Buzz Fink (Special Expertise), Buzz Gibbs (Kearny Mesa Community), Chairman Scott Hasson (Tierrasanta Community), Rich Martindell (Special Expertise), Vice-Chair Chuck McGill (Montgomery Field Aviation User Group), Tom Reid (Clairemont Community), Tom Ricotta (Brown Field Aviation Lessee), David Ryan (Special Expertise)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jim Aldrich (Montgomery Field Aviation Lessee) *excused*, Jackie Ander (Serra Mesa Community) *excused*, Lisa Golden (Otay Mesa Community), Tom Dray (MYF Tower) *excused*.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kathy Chavez, Thurman Hodges, Michele King, Rod Propst, Rodel Riego, Wayne Reiter, Matt Schmitzer, Andy Schwartz, Debbie Shauger

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Hasson called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. A quorum was present.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Hasson requested any comments, changes or deletions to the meeting notes from October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Mr. McGill made motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Reid, abstention by Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Martindell and Mr. Ryan. Approved as written.

**3. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Gordon inquired about the RFP for National Air College.

Chairman Hasson responded Mr. Hodges will discuss when he presents during his report.

Mr. Keller from Serra Mesa read a prepared statement regarding the noise and pollution from MYF aircraft. He gave an overview of the history of noise complaints and lead pollution.

Ms. Badilla from Royal Highlands requested to see a show of hands who have been affected by airports within a mile radius. Ms. Badilla and Mr. Keller responded as the only two people being affected.

Mr. Fink welcomed accomplished parachute jumper Duffy Fainer to the meeting.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## 6. STAFF REPORT

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

- Mow at Brown Field was completed.
- Hangar inspections went well and keep making progress.
- The 50<sup>th</sup> Baja 1000 will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> and traffic will increase during that time.
- Pilot user meeting scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the SDM conference room.

### MYF General Update – Matt Schmitzer, Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport Manager

- The Master Plan Waste Audit at Montgomery Field was completed on October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Airport mow has been completed.
- The Coast striping and Marigold seal and striping was completed on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Catherine Johnson who is an Airport Operations Assistant has accepted a position with the County of San Diego as the Assistant Airport Manager at Gillespie Field.
- Pilot user meeting will be on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at MYF conference room.

### MYFTower Update – Tom Dray, MYF Tower Manager

None, Mr. Dray was not at the meeting.

### Real Estate Update – Thurman Hodges, Supervising Property Agent

- Received a strong response for the National Air site RFP and currently it is with the selection committee.
- Very close to making the Smart Growth & Land Use Committee for the Corporate Helicopters and Parcel 3 and currently waiting for Corporate Helicopters to execute the agreement.
- On November 8<sup>th</sup> took the minimum standards to the Smart Growth & Land Use Committee for approval and will be taking it to the next City Council meeting in December.
- Mr. Schwartz is working on marking of the lease holds for Brown Field tenants.
- Received a proposal from Sheraton Hotel tenant to get back to the Airport approximately 10.5 acres. Ms. King is working with that tenant to renegotiate the terms of the lease.
- There is an agreement with the Federal government on extending the easements on Metro Air Park and waiting on MAP to provide detailed specifications and a legal description of the easement to incorporate into the agreement. Once evaluation has been made of both easements, Mr. Thurman stated that can move forward in January of 2018.
- MAP is doing a wildlife hazard assessment, which is part of requirement to get the FAA approval for grading on project and working on other activities to review the project.

Mr. Gibbs inquired regarding the good response for the RFP.

Mr. Hodges responded that he can't state how many, but received a good response.

Mr. Gibbs inquired regarding the Four Points as Kearny Mesa has a shortage of hotels.

Mr. Gibbs stated there are three new apartment complexes coming soon on Aero Drive.

Mr. Rothrock asked about MAP's groundbreaking.

Mr. Hodges responded it will not occur this year, as the NEPA process needs to be completed first.

Mr. Fink asked if MAP received an extension on their grading permit. Mr. Hodges responded not yet.

Mr. Gordon asked if the Fire Department employees are paying to park on airport property near Spiders. Mr. Propst replied no.

### Noise and Special Projects – Wayne Reiter, Airport Program Manager

- Mr. Reiter gave an overview of the Customer Experience Survey using lessons learned from the last one. There were 38 participants and most were from Montgomery-Gibbs.

- In October was the last Master Plan Advisory Committee meeting for both airports. The topic was facility requirements. The public meetings will be tomorrow for Montgomery-Gibbs at 5:30 p.m. at the same location as last time. Brown Field's will be on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the same locations as last time. Mr. Reiter has flyers for those who are interested.
- Last month Mr. Reiter attended the Airport Authority Noise Advisory Committee meeting regarding the noise complaints over La Jolla. The Airport Authority hired a consultant to do a noise study over La Jolla. The community response was not about Montgomery noise, but it was mainly on airliners.
- Last week airports went to Council for a grant from CALTRANS to help with the Brown Field runway project for \$285,000 and it passed. After the Resolution has been signed will apply for the money.

Deputy Director Report – Rod Propst, Deputy Director

- Mr. Schmitzer was recognized as he was mentioned twice in the survey.
- Hangar inspections are in process to make all hangars safe and eliminate fire hazards in one to two years.
- Food drive red can is outside OPS and all donations are appreciated.
- Congratulations to the Airport Advisory Committee on their efforts with the Minimum Standards and Tom Reid. The intent is to get it approved before the calendar year end.
- FY 19 budget will be a \$5,000,000 operating budget, which is spread between both airports. Mr. Propst will prepare a budget presentation.

Discussion took place regarding the operating budget over the years, hangar safety including fire extinguisher inspections and City promoting recycling centers for hazardous materials.

Mr. Ricotta inquired about an aircraft incident at Brown Field.

Mr. Propst responded that he is not aware of it.

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The AAC Luncheon is on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. at 4 Points. The speaker is Chief Operating Officer.

There will be no AAC meeting in December and will resume on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The election of a new Chair and Vice Chair will be January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Mr. Rothrock inquired about the Brown Field vacancy on the AAC.

Mr. Reiter responded he will keep trying with the Mayor's office.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully,  
Millie Moore