

**MINUTES
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of July 10, 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) *late arrival*, 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: None

GUESTS PRESENT: Nici Boon, Steve Nelson, Ray Richmond, Tom Ricotta, David Ryan, Nancy Vaughan

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

1. CALL TO ORDER – *Chairman Buzz Fink*

Chairman Fink called the meeting to order at 3:07 P.M. A quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 12 meeting were approved, as written, with Lisa Golden abstaining, due to her absence at that meeting.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

None

4. DISCUSSION – *Chairman Buzz Fink*

By-Laws

The Committee was asked to review a section of the By-Laws, as it applies to members who run for public office. Currently, Section 204 states, “*Any member, upon publicly announcing his candidacy for elective public office, or upon filing petitions pursuant to becoming a candidate for elective public office, shall forfeit membership prior to the next public meeting of the Committee.*” If a change in the By-Laws is sought by the Committee, that change would need to be discussed today, and then placed on the agenda for the next meeting to be voted on, and approved.

Chairman Fink brought forth the following questions: If a member is running for elected office in a non-City of San Diego entity, such as a school board in Imperial Beach or Coronado, should that member not be eligible to serve on the AAC while they are running (for office)? And, if the member does not win the election, can the member re-apply to be on the Committee; or if the member does win, can the member remain on the Committee?

A discussion ensued, centered on whether a change in the By-Laws was needed, and if the public office sought should be for the City of San Diego only, rendering the member ineligible to serve on the Committee.

Mr. Hitchcock presented a motion to place an item on the next agenda for the Committee to vote on a change to Paragraph 204 of the By-Laws, to reflect candidacies for public office within the City of San Diego only. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair McGill, followed by further discussion.

Chairman Fink, Vice-Chair McGill, Mr. Aldrich, Ms. Ander, and Mr. Hitchcock voted in favor of the motion; Ms. Golden and Mr. Martindell voted against. The motion passed.

August and October Meetings

The Committee was asked to discuss and decide whether to meet in August, and the location of the October meeting.

The Committee decided not to meet in August.

The location of the October meeting will be Montgomery Field, and the November meeting will be at Brown Field.

5. REPORTS

Vehicle Driver and Pedestrian Policy Sub-Committee – Buzz Gibbs

Moved to later in the meeting, to await the arrival of Buzz Gibbs.

June 20 County Board of Supervisor's Meeting – Rich Martindell

Mr. Martindell gave a briefing on the June 20 County Board of Supervisor's meeting, in which the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 70-acre redevelopment on Gillespie Field was up for approval. Five people spoke against the EIR and airport in general; while 40 people spoke in favor of the EIR, which was approved by the Board.

6. STAFF & DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT – *Airports Deputy Director Mike Tussey*

Mr. Tussey clarified a claim made at the previous meeting by an airport user: that tax dollars are used to support maintenance and operations at MYF and SDM. Tax money is not used for runways, taxiways, airport structures, or Airport staff wages and retirement. The Airport Enterprise Fund is not supported by General Fund monies – it is supported by revenue from airport leases and fees. FAA grant money, used for eligible airport capital improvement projects, comes primarily from fees added to airline passenger ticket purchases, which go into a trust fund. That money is released by Congress to the FAA, who distributes it to airports based on a priority system.

Vice-Chair McGill asked about an apparent decrease in landing fee revenue for FY12. Mr. Tussey replied there is less revenue in general, and less flying of commercial operators.

MYF General Update – MYF Airport Manager Ernie Gesell

- Recognized David Ryan's alma mater, the University of Arizona, which recently won the College World Series.
- The floor in the Terminal was recently replaced with new tile.
- Bill Dalby had wheels added to the remaining chairs in the conference room, making them easier to move for the AAC meetings.
- New signs being fabricated by the sign shop should be complete within the next two weeks.
- Gate codes were changed, as promised, on July 2.
- On June 20, Statewide Stripes re-painted the markings on Runway 28L, along with the

surface-painted signs on Taxiways Golf and Hotel, and non-movement area boundary markings.

- Ramona Paving will be repairing portions of the vehicle parking lots, aircraft ramp, Taxiway Golf near Hotel and India, Flattop and Marigold taxilanes, and streets.

MYF Tower Update – *Tower Manager Tom Dray*

- The status of contract tower funding is largely unknown. Whatever the outcome is, it will be decided by Congressional delegations.
- The Class D airspace near Hawthorne, LAX and Santa Monica has been modified. Pilots who intend to use the special flight rules area near LAX should check the latest aeronautical charts.
- There were two runway incursions within the last month, both at Taxiway Bravo and Runway 28L. The first involved a single-engine aircraft that taxied across the runway, having been instructed to taxi to Rwy 28L. The second involved a turbine aircraft that was assigned Rwy 28R via Hotel and Alpha, which instead taxied to Rwy 28R via Hotel and Bravo, crossing Rwy 28L in the process. Both incidents involved aircraft taxiing to the runway for departure and are being pursued as pilot deviations, and both pilots were from out of town. Statistics show 80% of runway incursions that involve pilot deviations occur while taxiing for departure.
- There will be a regional Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) meeting August 15-16, location to be determined. The meeting on the 15th will start at 1:00 P.M., and at 8:00 A.M. on the 16th.

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

- The Quarterly Noise Report for April – June was released today.
- The Flight Times Newsletter for Summer 2012 was released last week.
- Noise reminder letters were sent out to the flight schools and flying clubs based at MYF.

Mr. Hitchcock complimented Mr. Reiter on the newsletter, specifically the Albatross photo on the front page, which was the selfsame aircraft previously flown by Mr. Hitchcock on Midway.

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

Mr. Tussey announced Brock Ladewig's promotion to Asset Manager at Real Estate Assets. He will be replaced by Brandi Mulvey, who was present.

Ms. Golden conveyed a concern by Otay Mesa Planning Group Chair Rob Hixon, concerning signage for property rental on Brown Field.

SDM General Update – *SDM Airport Manager Chris Cooper*

- Airfield mowing was completed last week.
- Two and a half weeks ago, the REIL's for Runway 8L/26R started malfunctioning, due to blown circuit boards and relays. Dialogue with the manufacturer is ongoing to determine why the circuit boards and relays are failing. There are enough spare parts on-hand to keep the REIL's working, for now.
- Due to persistent radio interference on the primary tower frequency, 126.5, the control tower has been using the back-up frequency of 128.25 as the primary. An effort is underway to make 128.25 the permanent primary frequency. This requires coordination with publication release dates, and a switchover of the pilot controlled lighting frequency.

The switchover is expected to take place at the end of the month.

- Cleanup on the north side of the airport continues, along with evictions of non-paying and/or non-compliant Right of Entries (ROE's).

SDM Development Update – Project Manager Roy Nail

- DPC is in their second round of screen check, and expect comments from Development Services next week.
- There were meetings with the Otay Mesa Property Owners Association and at the CB Richard Ellis' offices to give updates on the project.

Chairman Fink asked if there are any projected dates for going to Council. DPC Project Manager Nici Boon replied by the end of the first quarter.

Mr. Hitchcock asked what a screen check is. Mr. Nail replied it is the submission of the project to Development Services for review and comment. Ms. Boon added it is the City's internal review of the EIR.

Capital Improvement/Consultant Project Update – Airports Deputy Director Mike Tussey

- SDM Runway 8L/26R Design: *Received \$731,500 FAA Grant, Fall 2012 start, est. 1-2 years to complete.*
- MYF Access Control: Card readers and cameras for existing vehicle gates: *\$475,000 FAA Grant received September 2011.*
- MYF Rwy 10L/28R Construction: *\$3.8 million grant, Sept. 10 start, pre-construction meetings planned for early-mid August.*
- MYF Rwy 5/23, Twy G Design: *Awaiting \$4.75 million construction grant - Oct. 2012.*
- MYF Twy C and Runup Design: *Expecting construction grant-2014.*

Self-Funded Projects: Estimated \$1.56 million (FY 12)

SDM

- Continental, Fairchild, Sikorsky Streets \$363,000
- Curran Street \$336,000
- Terminal asbestos abatement, roof repair, rest rooms TBD-FY 2013

MYF

- John J. Montgomery Drive, East Gibbs Drive \$485,000
- Glen Curtiss Road, West Gibbs Drive \$374,000
- Taxiways L, I, G, and Fuel Island Repair TBD-FY 2013
- Change of fluorescent lights Terminal lobby TBD-FY 2013

Tom Ricotta asked if there would be a tenant meeting prior to the street repairs at SDM. Mr. Tussey replied there could be a meeting, once the project details are established.

Ms. Golden asked if the vehicle lane markings on Sikorsky St. near the west vehicle gate at SDM were going to be modified. Mr. Tussey replied the lanes would be re-configured, as necessary.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ray Richmond announced a BBQ will be held this Friday, July 13 from 4:00-6:00 P.M. at the Crownair maintenance ramp; it will be a Mexican Fiesta theme.

The meeting was suspended to await the arrival of Buzz Gibbs.

Vehicle Driver and Pedestrian Policy Sub-Committee – Buzz Gibbs

Mr. Gibbs gave a report on behalf of a sub-committee created to review the Vehicle Driver and Pedestrian Policy. The sub-committee consisted of Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Aldrich, Mr. Martindell, and Nancy Vaughn.

The first part of the report conveyed the concern and perceived effectiveness of the proposed card reader system for the existing vehicle gates. It is believed that a card reader system would not have prevented most of the Vehicle and Pedestrian Deviations (V/PD's) that have occurred recently. Similarly, the existing gate code system requires airport tenants to give out the code to visitors and vendors while conducting normal business. What is needed is a way to let people in a gate without giving out the code – a call box, which allows visitors to call a business, who can open the gate remotely and give directions and/or instructions to the visitor. The call box would also serve as a backup, in case a user or tenant forgot their card.

Ray Richmond suggested re-locating gate 7, along with the associated fencing, to place the Crownair line service parking area on the landside, rather than the airside.

The second part of the report focused on the policy document, which was reviewed and commented on by the sub-committee members. Most of the comments were related to how policy language compared to the language in the Municipal Code, which in some instances seems dated or disconnected from current vernacular. Other comments were related to a paragraph on denial of use, which sub-committee members felt was overly strict and unenforceable, as written; the vehicle speed limit of 30 MPH; and certain vehicle operations.

Mr. Tussey complimented the sub-committee on their time and effort, and ensured their comments will be considered when editing the policy and Municipal Code, if appropriate. Mr. Tussey explained the necessity to consult with the City Attorney for any policy language that may diverge from the current Municipal Code.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne J. Reiter