

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**Meeting of August 11, 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), Chairman Buzz Fink (Special Expertise), Buzz Gibbs (Kearny Mesa Community), Lisa Golden (Otay Mesa Community) *Late*, Rich Martindell (Special Expertise), Vice-Chair Chuck McGill (Montgomery Field Aviation User Group)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Scott Hasson (Tierrasanta Community) *excused*, Bob Hitchcock (Brown Field Aviation User Group), Ron Nang (MYF Tower), David Ryan (Special Expertise) *excused*

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Bob Basso, Gerald Blank, Nici Boon, Frank Curry, Billy Davis, Gary Drean, David Eddo, David Friedmann, Bob Golo, Walt Harrison, Jim Henry, Alecs Hotaling, Harry Kelly, Darin Larson, Erich Moulder, Gary Mullen, Steve Prentice, Ralph Redman, Ray Richmond, Larry Rothrock, Bill Schenkel, Jack Wilkerson, Nancy Vaughan

**STAFF PRESENT:** Shaneisha Burton, Grace Chao, Kathy Chavez, Paul Mehrlich, Rod Propst, Wayne Reiter, Pierre Saladin, Liz Saidkhanian (CD7-Sherman), Andy Schwartz

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the July 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were approved unanimously, as written. Ms. Ander abstained, due to her absence at that meeting.

**3. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Bob Basso spoke on behalf of Fred Sorbi of Sorbi Aircraft Maintenance located at the end of Rwy 23 which is land-locked, currently there is no access for customers to get in and out and Mr. Sorbi is seeking a solution in order for his business to continue its normal operations. Mr. Basso asked if there is any way for Mr. Sorbi to rent another hangar to conduct his business. Mr. Propst replied there are several ways to answer that question, asking if the hangar meets safety codes and guidelines then the City would entertain Mr. Sorbi's request.

Mr. Mehrlich commented the City anticipated that Taxiway Golf at some point during construction would be affected; however was not expecting it to fail during the first week of construction, causing the businesses at Spiders to become land-locked. The City is working with the contractor to add base material which would allow towing of aircraft at the end of September.

Mr. Bob Turner asked if there is any possibility using the dirt road that leads from Spiders over to Able Base and onto Rwy 10R. Mr. Mehrlich indicated the road is in an environmentally sensitive area and cannot be used for aircraft movement. Chairman Fink added that the area is included in the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP). Mr. Propst stated that staff is working hard to adjust the environmentally sensitive area boundaries to have that parcel, as well

as the 17 acres next to the hotel and runway safety areas removed from the MSCP.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

##### Montgomery Field Name Change

Mr. Mehrlich presented an opportunity for the Committee to comment on a proposal to rebrand the airport, as well as honor the Gibbs family by changing the name of Montgomery Field, and provided three suggestions: *San Diego Executive Airport*, *Gibbs Executive Airport* and *Gibbs Executive Airport of San Diego*. The three-letter MYF identifier would not change.

Ms. Ander asked what would be done if none of the suggested names are liked. Mr. Propst indicated that other names could be suggested. Mr. Mehrlich stated that he visited with business owners on the airport, including Bill and Buzz Gibbs, who seemed open to a name change. The Committee discussed the issue and will place it on the next agenda for further discussion and possible action.

#### **5. OLD BUSINESS**

##### AAC Meeting Times

Chairman Fink stated he is open to the idea, however changing meeting times to a later time has been done in the past and it actually resulted in lower attendance. Vice-Chair McGill agreed and believes the current time is adequate for this group of stakeholders, and that pilot representatives should be utilized.

#### **6. STAFF & DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

- FAA mandated the removal of hold short markings on runway 5/23, which were determined to be non-standard.
- Paving of the first section of Rwy 5 and grinding on Twy G will begin on Wednesday.
- Worn-out non-skid surface outside terminal entrance to be replaced.
- Gate code for all pedestrian gates is scheduled to be changed September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Helicopter/fixed-wing operator meeting scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in MYF conference room.

##### MYF Tower Update – *MYF Tower Manager Ronald Nang*

No representative from the tower present.

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

ADA bathroom tentative notice to proceed date of August 13<sup>th</sup>, two phases 100 day project. Ms. Golden asked what will be done for bathrooms in the meantime. Mr. Schwartz replied there will be temporary, self-contained bathroom trailers that will be ADA accessible.

Mr. Bob Golo asked for an update on the Customs building. Mr. Propst replied Airports placed this item in the budget, and has requested a sole source agreement with Texas-based Modular Concepts, Inc (MCI). MCI provided a preliminary design and cost estimate of the 1,800 square foot structure, which CBP agreed to via letter. In addition, Public Works will install utilities to the structure, which will be placed on the east side of the existing garage adjacent to the Customs inspection box in the ramp.

##### Airport Property Update – *Supervising Property Agent Brandi Mulvey*

- FAA building (former FSS) and Metro Airpark solar lease approved by Council.

- Currently working on Minimum Standards; contemplating the use of a consultant to assist. Currently behind with RFP's. Mr. Ricotta inquired about RFP's being processed effectively without Minimum Standards. Ms. Mulvey replied they could be used as a draft to be finalized at a later date.
- Met with Fish and Wildlife agencies to discuss MHPA boundary adjustment maps. Mr. Gibbs asked about using a portion of the 17 acre parcel for non-aviation. Mr. Propst replied the FAA seemed open to allowing non-aviation use along Aero Drive. Airports will place that request on the next ALP update.

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

- As suggested by Mr. Propst, agenda letters will be used to bring forward requests for action by the Committee. Agenda letters are modeled after 1472 used for Council.
- Interviews for as-needed airport consulting services will take place August 20. Services will include analyzing removing the displaced threshold for Rwy 28R and options for Spiders.
- Working on a contract with Helix to complete the vernal pool restoration project, which was a requirement of the runway extension 20 years ago.

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

Still expect to start grading at the end of the year.

Deputy Director Remarks – *Deputy Director Rod Propst*

Congress has adjourned and will not return until September 8<sup>th</sup>, giving Congress 3 weeks to pass a FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) reauthorization. Mr. Propst suspects that another continuing resolution is forthcoming, which makes it difficult for the FAA to program grants.

Mr. Basso asked when the Tactical and Strategic Plan draft will be ready for review. Mr. Propst replied the drafts have been submitted to the Department and Branch for review. After their review, the plan will be submitted to the AAC for review and comment.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the AAC is scheduled for September 8, 2015 at the MYF terminal.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 P.M.

Respectfully,  
Shaneisha Burton