

MINUTES
AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
Wednesday January 16, 2008
Fire Station 6, EMS Division, 2742 25th Street SE
6:00 PM

Members Present	Members Absent	Guests
Mark Renaud	Kindra Jordan	Tim Hay
Mary Ann Lebold		Gwen Graham
James Nafziger		Jim Graham
LTC Todd Farmer		Brent DeHart
Dennis Thompson	Staff Present	Clint Scovill
Jim Harr	Alan Alexander	Ron Peters
	Kathy Sime	Jim Wall
		Ron Sterba
		Jim Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dennis Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Dennis Thompson – Here
 Mark Renaud - Here
 LTC Todd Farmer - Here
 Kindra Jordan - Absent
 Mary Ann Lebold - Here
 Jim Harr – Here
 James Nafziger – Here

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim Harr **made a Motion** to approve the December 19, 2007 Minutes. Mark Renaud **seconded the Motion** and the **Motion passed unanimously**.

4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

Ron Sterba stated that he received samples of easements from the Scottsdale Airport pursuant to his statement at last months' meeting and provided the information to Alan Alexander.

Ron Sterba asked about access for ambulances to the airfield pursuant to Part 139. Alan stated that emergency vehicles have access to the power gates as well as the gates with standard locks. Alan stated that all emergency personnel have keys to the

standard locks. Ron Peters asked if Rural Metro had the necessary information for codes. Alan stated that the information is provided to the Fire Department and it is disseminated to the appropriate persons.

5. REPORTS

a. Tower Chief Report

Tower chief Cindy Ford was unable to attend. Alan Alexander gave the following report: Traffic count for December 2007 was 6459, an increase of 514 operations over December 2006. Total 12 month total through December 2007 was 100,627. The busy day was 451 operations. No accidents or incidents were reported.

b. Airline Update

Alan Alexander reported that there were 1,682 arrivals and 1675 departures for a total of 3,357 passengers.

Alan stated that Airport staff would report to Council on January 28, 2008 with regard to expanding direct service to LAX. Alan stated that Eugene Airport added service to LAX and it has been successful. The existing terminal is not large enough to accommodate another airline at this time.

Jim Wall asked what the competition is for SLE for the LAX service. Alan stated that PDX, Redmond, Eugene, and Medford provide direct service to LAX.

c. Task Force Updates

Jim Hall reported that the Not for Profit Task Force will meet after the AAC meeting. The March 2nd event at Northern Lights is fully sponsored at this time and admission will be free.

Tim Hay reported that the Rules and Regulation Task Force is meeting on January 29th. Comments were received from the FAA with regard to the proposed Rules and Regulations and those suggested changes have been sent to the task force. Tim stated that they plan to go through the suggestions and bring the changes back to the AAC for a recommendation to be sent to City Council for consideration.

Dennis Thompson stated that the Friends of the Airport street cleanup would take place as soon as the weather improves.

d. Entek Hangar Expansion

Alan stated that Entek purchased the hangar previously owned by Mr. and Mrs. Springer. Alan stated that he met with the officers of the corporation and they indicated that they would like to expand the hangar. The hangar would house their aircraft as well as be used as an office for research and development for the company.

Ron Sterba asked if the existing ramp would accommodate their aircraft. Alan stated that the only restriction in that area would be the restricted wingspan.

Alan stated that the hangar expansion would be the same color scheme as the original hangar and extension will look just like the original building.

Mark Renaud **made a Motion** to approve the proposed expansion. Jim Harr **seconded the Motion** and the **Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

e. Hangar Inspections

Alan provided an update from last month's meeting. Alan stated that of the five hangars in question, only one hangar has not followed the schedule and that matter is being handled by the City Attorney's Office.

Alan stated that any time a hangar is sold or assigned, it is inspected. This procedure provides an opportunity for airport staff to meet the new owner and provide the proposed owner with Chapter 9 and the current Rules and Regulations

Alan stated that as a requirement for the Part 139 certificate, a daily inspection is done 7 days a week. Alan stated that by having a greater presence on the airfield, situations are brought to his attention. Alan stated that airport staff planned to send out periodic newsletters to tenants and the neighborhood associations with updated information.

Ron Sterba asked if it is going to become a requirement for all tenants to have badges. Alan stated that he wants to keep change to a minimum if possible. Alan stated that TSA, airline employees and Airport staff are required to wear badges. The airport office has a current list of all fuel handlers. Alan stated that periodic audits are done for badges and the airport is accountable for all badges.

f. Underground Storage Tanks

Alan Alexander stated that issue of underground storage tanks was discussed last month. Alan stated that both underground tanks and above ground tanks are regulated though DEQ.

Dennis stated that the issue of additional tanks on the airfield has brought a lot of discussion and Dennis asked if there were any experts on the AAC to make the decision. Dennis stated that Sunwest has gone through the process of obtaining DEQ approval. Dennis asked all AAC members to speak out and to see if they can come to a consensus and if there is no decision, then the matter can be discussed again next month.

Mark Renaud stated that there are many rules and regulations from the DEQ and the FAA, as well as fire marshal regulation and building codes.

Mary Ann Lebold asked if the tanks were part of the original request for approval of the proposed hangar. Alan stated that the original plans did include the tanks, but they were not specific. Mary Ann quoted the Chapter 9 regulation pertaining to fuel tanks and stated that she did not feel the AAC should deny the request.

James Nafziger asked if this was an issue at different airports. Dennis stated that different airports handle these situations differently. Dennis gave Mr. Nafziger some background on the issue since he was not in attendance at last month's meeting.

Todd stated that he has been on the commission for several years. He stated that DEQ has very strict guidelines as well as restrictions by the fire marshal. He further stated that Chapter 9 and the leases speak to the validity of a fuel station. Todd stated that there are enough perimeters established and DEQ and the fire marshal have already done the research. Todd stated that in the past 12 years there have been no requests for new fuel tanks and he doesn't feel it is something that is going to happen with every new lease.

Jim Harr stated that the decision made at this meeting would set a precedence of what will happen in the future. Jim stated that he didn't feel the airport could "ban" additional tanks on the field. Jim stated that it is quite an investment to put in a tank and the training should be the same as the commercial fuel vendors. Jim stated that his recommendation would be as follows: If additional tanks on the airfield are approved, the tanks should be above ground tanks as opposed to underground tanks.

Brent DeHart stated that he would like the AAC to regulate the tanks. Mr. DeHart stated that 15% of his fuel is sold to Sunwest and he feels it would jeopardize his ability to sell fuel to others without the business from Sunwest. Mr. DeHart stated many reasons why he opposes the proposed installation by Sunwest.

Dennis stated that this matter is very important. Dennis pointed out that the matter is very technical and should be carried over to the next meeting so the commission members can further research the issue to formulate their ideas to present to Council.

Clint Scovill spoke on behalf of Sunwest regarding their pending hangar. He stated that Sunwest feels it is a wise business decision for the company to install their own fuel tank.

Jim Harr stated that this is a big decision for the AAC and there has been lots of discussion. Jim stated that he thought the AAC should come up with a reasonable recommendation within the next 30 days and be prepared to make a decision at the next AAC meeting.

Mark Renaud **made a Motion** to further discuss this matter at the February 20, 2008 AAC meeting. Mary Ann **seconded the Motion** and the **Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

g. **Other Reports**

Alan Alexander stated that there was an increase of complaints in the month of December. There were 9 complaints from 5 individuals. A report / PowerPoint will be presented at City Council next Tuesday, January 22, 2008 with regard to Noise Mitigation.

Alan stated that Val Avionics at one time did aircraft maintenance and had a license to provide the service. Val Avionics would like to reinstate the license to do maintenance.

Mark Renaud **made a Motion** that the AAC authorize Val Avionics to do maintenance, upholstery repair and replacement as part of their operating license. Mary Ann **seconded the Motion**. The **Motion passed with a unanimous vote**. Jim Harr abstained from the vote.

Jeff Knapp who is the AOPA representative sent an email to Mr. Alexander stating that he could no longer continue as the liaison for the AOPA due to personal reasons. Jim Graham stated that the AAC should send a letter to Jeff Knapp and the AOPA for his service.

6. ITEMS FOR COMMISSION DISCUSSION

None

7. CHAIRS REPORT

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dennis Thompson **adjourned the meeting** 8:13 P.M.

Date Approved: _____

Dennis Thompson, Chair
Airport Advisory Commission