

MINUTES
AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
Wednesday, July 15, 2009
Fire Station 6, EMS Division, 2742 25th Street SE
6:00 PM

Members Present	Members Absent	Guests*
Tim Hay	James Nafziger	John Wales
Kindra Jordan	Major Mark Ulvin	John Holliday
Mark Renaud		Jim / Gwen Graham
Jim Harr		Ron Peters
Mary Ann Lebold	Staff Present	
	Alan Alexander	
	Air Traffic Control Staff	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tim Hay called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Tim Hay – Here
 Mark Renaud – Here
 Major Mark Ulvin - Absent
 Kindra Jordan - Here
 Mary Ann Lebold - Here
 Jim Harr – Here
 James Nafziger – Absent

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mark Renaud made a Motion to approve the June 17, 2009 Minutes. Kindra Jordan seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

No one appeared as an interested citizen.

5. REPORTS

Prior to starting the reports, Alan Alexander introduced John Wales, City of Salem Assistant Director of the Urban Development Department. As of July 1, 2009, the airport is now part of the Urban Development Department. Mr. Wales said that creating a business plan for the airport will be the first priority focusing on forecasting future costs, identifying revenue opportunities and developing an action plan for presentation to City Council. He believes the airport has tremendous potential and benefits from great leadership.

a. Tower Chief Report

Cindy Ford was not in attendance. A new controller has been hired and is in the process of becoming qualified. Alan Alexander reported that the traffic count for June 2009 was 5100, a slight increase of over June 2008 operations. The twelve running month total through June 2009 was 57,662. In June, the busy day was 298 operations.

b. Airport Noise Work Group

Alan reported that there were eleven complaints during June coming from three separate households. A representative of Life Flight-Aurora will be at the next work group meeting to discuss helicopter operations at the helipad at the Salem Hospital. One neighborhood representative has resigned with a replacement yet to be identified.

The residential development of the property formerly known as Fairview Training Center is of concern to the work group. Chair Hay mentioned the August 4, 2008 letter that the Airport Advisory Commission sent to the City of Salem Planning Commission recommending measures that could be taken to make citizens considering the purchase of property aware of the property's proximity to the airport prior to purchase. The Planning Commission responded to the letter on September 10, 2008, but there has been no further discussion or action on this matter. The work group will consider the issue. Mr. Alexander said that the Planning Department does not believe there is any way to enforce existing requirements for developers to give purchasers notice of a property's proximity to the airport. Although much of the property surrounding the airport is already subject to aviation easements, the Fairview Training Center property is not covered. Tom Franklin is working with one of the developers to acquire aviation easements.

c. Airport Construction

Crack sealing has been completed. In August, fog sealing will be done and runway markings will be replaced. Mr. Alexander asked that pilots pay special attention to NOTAMS during these projects. Other projects include installation of security fencing and extension of the taxiway at the south end of the airport.

The design for the terminal expansion is complete and work will start on developing construction plans and specifications.

d. Hot August Flights

Hot August Flights will be held on August 1, 2009 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Ron Peters reported that a substantial number of cars are expected to be displayed. There will be a static aircraft display and a radio controlled aircraft display. Individuals will display experimental aircraft building projects that are in process. Twelve or thirteen vendor booths are expected. There will be live music.

e. Other Reports

The proposed fueling regulations have been reviewed by the city's legal department and are ready to go before city council in August. Alan Alexander will inform interested parties regarding the fueling regulations of the meetings where fueling issues are to be considered.

Tim Hay inquired about the proposed changes to Chapter 9. Mr. Alexander said that the proposed changes to Chapter 9 are on a list of legal issues to be considered but he does not know when the city's legal department will considered the propose changes.

6. ITEMS FOR COMMISSION DISCUSSION

There were no items for commission discussion.

7. CHAIRS REPORT

The Chair had nothing to report.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Tim Hay **adjourned the meeting** at 6:40 P.M.

Date Approved: _____

Tim Hay, Chair
Airport Advisory Commission