

**MINUTES  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Meeting of September 10, 2013  
Montgomery Field Terminal Building**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** J. H. Aldrich (Montgomery Field Aviation Lessee), Jackie Ander (Serra Mesa Community), Scott Hasson (Tierrasanta Community), Chairman Buzz Fink (Special Expertise), Rich Martindell (Special Expertise), Vice-Chair Chuck McGill (Montgomery Field Aviation User Group)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tom Dray (Montgomery Field Tower) *excused*, Buzz Gibbs (Kearny Mesa Community), Lisa Golden (Otay Mesa Community), Bob Hitchcock (Brown Field Aviation User Group), David Ryan (Brown Field Aviation Lessee) *excused*

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Nici Boon, Sean Ellis, Keith Hartz, Ray Richmond, Tom Ricotta, Larry Rothrock

**STAFF PRESENT:** Chris Cooper, Ernie Gesell, Brandi Mulvey, Roy Nail, Ernie Navarro (CD-6), Wayne Reiter, Mike Tussey

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Fink called the meeting to order at 3:03 P.M. A quorum was present.

**2. IN MEMORIAM**

For Jim Moore, AAC member circa 1999 – 2006. *This item was trailed.*

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the July 9, 2013 regular meeting were approved unanimously, with the following corrections: Larry Rothrock attended the meeting, but was not shown in the guests present; Ernie Gesell pointed out a grammatical error in the last sentence of the first paragraph on page 2.

Mr. Aldrich did not recall Bob Golo's comments made during public input, regarding methods of recording the minutes. Mr. Reiter stated Mr. Golo did make the comments.

**4. PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**5. STAFF & DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

MYF General Update – *MYF Airport Manager Ernie Gesell*

- There have been a couple of failures of the lighting control computer, related to the tower refurbishment project, resulting in the lights being left on during the day. Those issues have been resolved.
- Installation of the access control hardware is nearing completion. The new keypads look different than the ones used previously, but will continue to use the current gate codes, save for the universal discrete code, which has been disabled. A work station has been set up in the Operations office, which includes dual displays to view the vehicle gates.

Approximately 90% of the access card request forms for Flattop, Marigold, Police and Fire have been submitted for review. Gate access assignment will be evaluated and granted, as appropriate, or turned over to the FBO who utilizes the gate(s) for approval.

- Cannon Pacific completed a sweep of the airside portion of the airport on August 29<sup>th</sup>. City General Services will take over the landside sweeping once an agreement with Airports is reached.

Mr. Martindell asked when a list of which FBO you have to contact for access to a particular gate will be available. Mr. Gesell replied each FBO controls access to those gates associated with their leasehold. I.E., Gates 4 and 5 accesses Gibbs, gate 11 accesses National Air College, gate 12 accesses Spiders, and gate 14 accesses SDPD. Gates 8, 9 and 10 provide access to Flattop and Marigold, where access will be approved by Mr. Gesell. Anyone requesting access to a gate directly accessing an FBO will need to contact that FBO for approval. For example, if access to gate 5 is requested, Gibbs would need to be contacted.

Ray Richmond asked for an implementation date of the access control system. Mr. Gesell replied the exact date is unknown, but it should be the first part of October. Siemens still needs to finish the hardware installation, and create the cards and database. Then, the cards will need to be distributed prior to the system going live. Mr. Richmond was concerned about access to gate 7. The gate is not on Crownair's leasehold, but many of its tenants use it. At the same time, the gate provides access to the transient and cargo ramp. Mr. Gesell replied the details of gate 7 access approval have not been finalized.

Mr. Richmond asked if the gate loops will be modified to prevent tailgating. Mr. Gesell replied the loops will not be changed as part of this project. Mr. Tussey added there are physical limitations to the gates, but if someone enters the gate illegally, cameras will capture the perpetrator.

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

Mr. Dray was not able to attend the meeting. Mr. Martindell commented MYF is presently not reporting METAR data. Mr. Tussey said that he would look into it.

#### Noise and Special Projects – Airport Noise Abatement Officer Wayne Reiter

- Last week, NBC 7 news ran a story about the F/A-18's at Brown Field. The story did not reveal anything new on the topic.
- During July and August, Serra Mesa residents expressed anger and annoyance related to helicopter noise. During that time, there was an increase in helicopter pattern work using the south pattern, due to the north pattern being full. So far in September, helicopter pattern work appears to have diminished, resulting in fewer complaints.
- The noise sign located on John J. Montgomery in the Gibbs parking lot was removed this afternoon, after having been vandalized.
- The AAC Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for December 10 from 1130 – 1300 at the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron. Members are requested to contact Mr. Reiter with their attendance

intentions, *prior to September 30*. An accurate head-count is needed soon.

MYF/SDM Property – *Supervising Property Agent Brandi Mulvey*

- Last month, Corporate Helicopters signed an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) to develop the Spiders location.
- Clean up of the Pacific Wings area is in progress; it will be completed by airport staff.
- Preparations are being made to RFP the Coast property.

Mr. Hasson noted some ‘sneaky things’ occurring at National Air College, post hangar inspections. The two-week inspection notice allowed aircraft to be relocated to hangars to give the appearance of lease compliance to City inspectors. After the inspections, aircraft were moved out to allow non-aviation hangar uses to resume – in four hangars that he was aware of. Mr. Hasson suggested surprise hangar inspections without notice to catch non-compliant uses. Ms. Mulvey replied non-compliant issues can be addressed, if reported and/or known. Such uses, if observed, should be reported immediately. Access to hangars can be difficult during surprise inspections, which are authorized.

Vice-Chair McGill asked if the National Air College lease was up for RFP. Ms. Mulvey replied it will be in the future, but staff is not prepared to issue the RFP at this time.

Chairman Fink commented that it was good news to hear the ENA with Corporate Helicopters was signed.

SDM General Update – *SDM Airport Manager Chris Cooper*

- The ASOS is one step closer to being relocated to the tower, which will eventually allow automated weather information to be broadcast on a discrete frequency. Currently, the only way to access the information is over the phone or internet. The FAA and National Weather Service have been working on this project for years. Last week, FAA technical staff was on-site to look at the ASOS computer and get it ready to move.
- The Grumman Lynx used by First Flight for training crashed at Hemet airport. The occupants walked away, but the aircraft is probably totaled.
- Cannon Pacific completed a sweep of the airside areas.
- Staff is removing tumbleweeds. Over seven 40-yard dumpsters have been filled with this invasive weed.

Brown Field Development Update – *Project Manager Roy Nail*

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Site Development Permit (SDP) and Leasehold Development Agreement (LDA) were scheduled to be heard at Council yesterday, September 9. However, at the request of Councilmember Alvarez, the item has been rescheduled for October 7.

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

- MYF Rwy 5/23, Twy G project will go out to bid, soon after the Airport Layout Plan is completed, submitted to, and approved by the FAA, later this week. The bid process, which includes advertising, selection, and City review for bonding and insurance, etc., will take at least six months. In addition, the Burrowing Owl nesting and breeding season will influence the construction start date, which is expected to be in 6-9 months, contingent on processing, administration and environmental issues.
- SDM Rwy 8L/26R Design is in progress. A report is expected next week, which will present three design concepts for rehabilitating the runway: combinations of concrete/asphalt, all asphalt, and a concrete keel with asphalt edges.
- SDM ADA Design at 90%; sewer pipe replacement between the restrooms and the parking lot will need to be added, due to the condition of the pipe. Final set of plans should be received by the October AAC meeting.

Mr. Tussey addressed a previous question about the status of vacancies on the AAC. There are two positions vacant, one for Clairemont and one for Brown Field. Applications previously sent have apparently gone missing with the departure of the former mayor and much of his staff. As a result, the Airports Director re-submitted several applications; a new one of which will likely be turned in today for the Clairemont position. The current interim mayor, with the encouragement of councilmembers, has promised “to break the logjam at City Hall”, regarding several issues, including the filling of vacant committee positions.

Vice-Chair McGill heard that the FAA is scheduling the closure of ILS approaches, due to National Airspace design changes, and asked if the MYF ILS is projected to close. Mr. Tussey replied he is unaware of such a plan. Mr. Tussey added a precision-like, Localizer Performance with Vertical guidance (LPV) approach, [*also known as an RNAV (GPS) approach*] will soon be activated for Runway 8L at Brown Field, providing minimums which compare favorably to the ILS at SAN; plus, there are runway length limitations at SAN, due to declared distances, where Brown Field’s runway length also compares favorably.

Mr. Tussey, Chairman Fink and Mr. Rothrock made a few heart-felt comments about Jim Moore and his passing.

### **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Fink announced the next meeting of the AAC will be at the EAA Hangar at Brown Field on October 8, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. and encouraged everybody to attend, if possible. Ms. Ander stated she would not be able to attend.

Mr. Rothrock insisted several years ago that the AAC meet at Brown Field at least once a year, due to his belief Brown Field did not get its fair share of attention. He noted Brown Field representation on the Committee was absent today, and during the last four years, attendance by members during Brown Field meetings has been dismal. Mr. Rothrock felt that if members cannot, or will not, show up to meetings at Brown Field, they should not be able to vote on Brown Field issues. He encouraged everyone to go to Brown Field, where members will be treated to a good time, and re-acquaint themselves with Brown Field issues.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne J. Reiter