

MINUTES

AVIATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
GLENDALE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
6801 N. GLEN HARBOR BLVD - SUITE 201
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85307
AIRPORT CONFERENCE ROOM
AUGUST 12, 2015
6:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair Quentin Tolby with the following Commissioners present: Vice Chair Walt Chaney, Leonard Escudero, Larry Rovey and Linda Yeager.

Also present were Walter Fix; Kenn Potts, Airport Administrator; James Gruber, Assistant City Attorney; Jack Friedline, Public Works Director; Bill Gillies, Luke Air Force Base; Basil Allen, Glendale Airport Tower

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Escudero motioned to approve the July 15, 2015 meeting minutes as written. Vice Chair Chaney made the second. The motion carried 5 – 0.

III. REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE OR WITHDRAWAL OF ITEMS.

None

IV. AIRPORT BUSINESS

1. Meeting with Peoria Residents

Mr. Fix and Mr. Potts gave a summary of a meeting with Peoria residents to be held on August 13, 2015 at Peoria Pines Clubhouse at 6:00 p.m. The meeting is in response to recent noise complaints and is intended to be informational in nature. Mr. Fix commented that after the Superbowl, complaints were received from Peoria residents who gathered signatures for a petition regarding noise from the Airport. Mr. Fix and Mr. Potts will provide a presentation at the meeting, including the following information:

- Airport Background
 - Present location since 1987
 - Glendale is a general aviation reliever airport for Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport and part of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems
 - 260-280 based aircraft, depending on the season
 - Primarily used for flight training and corporate jets during the winter and sports seasons
 - Air traffic continues to increase this year, but falls far below the 10-year average
- Excerpts from Federal Aviation Regulation Part 91.119
 - Minimum Safe Altitudes: General
 - Except when necessary for takeoff or landing, no person may operate an aircraft below the following altitudes

- (b) Over congested areas: Over any congested area of a city, town, or settlement, or over any open air assembly of persons, an altitude of 1,000 feet above the highest obstacle within a horizontal radius of 2,000 feet of the aircraft.
 - (1) A helicopter may be operated at less than the minimums prescribed in paragraph (b) of this section, provided each person operating the helicopter complies with any routes or altitudes specifically prescribed for helicopters by the FAA.
- What We Can Do to Address Your Concerns Regarding Overflights and Noise
 - Listen to and follow up on your calls and emails
 - Continue to advise the air traffic controllers and flight schools of specific complaints we receive
 - Keep you advised on all noise and flight path issues in the valley
 - Plan ahead for the next Part 150 Noise Study in 2017

Mr. Fix displayed the following diagrams: Public Airport Disclosure Maps, Traffic Patterns Segments, Consolidated Flight Tracks Maps, GEU Flight Tracks from October 21-27, 2012 and GEU Flight Tracks from July 2015 Tracks.

Mr. Fix noted that representatives from TransPac, ATCA in Goodyear, and Airwest Helicopters will be at the meeting as well.

Mr. Potts distributed a list of “Frequently Asked Questions” regarding Airport Noise Abatement, which will be provided at the meeting.

Mr. Allen commented that in the summer, most operations are before noon; therefore, aircraft noise is more consolidated. Mr. Allen noted that today, of 300 operations, 270 took place before noon. Mr. Allen explained that in the winter, operations are spread out over the day versus the summer which can impact noise perception.

Mr. Fix added that the Goodyear Airport is undergoing a construction project and is closed at night. Therefore, there has been an increase in nightly operations at the Airport, which should decrease in October when the project at Goodyear is concluded.

Commissioner Rovey inquired as to any expected resolution from the meeting. Mr. Fix commented that it is important to listen and respond to public concerns and to provide education and information regarding Airport operations.

Chair Tolby commented that as neighborhoods transition from older to younger residents, noise complaints can change as well.

Mr. Gillies agreed that listening to the public is very important as well as not promising what cannot be changed. Mr. Gillies added that wind and weather can affect aircraft noise as well. Mr. Gillies stated that safety is paramount for all Airport operations.

Chair Tolby commented that it is challenging because increase operations are financially beneficial for the Airport but must be balanced with being a good neighbor.

2. Aviation Advisory Commission Bylaws

Chair Tolby requested the item be tabled until next month. All agreed.

V. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mr. Fix reported on current airport activities:

1. Construction Projects/Grants Status

- Apron and Lighting Project: This project has been completed. There is one light pole which is causing a line of sight issue and needs to be modified. The contractor will resolve the issue. Mr. Potts reported that on August 11th, Council approved the ADOT matching grant.
- Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP): Mr. Potts reported that that the FY2017-2021 ACIP is still underway and must be submitted by August 28th.
- Airport Layout Plan: Mr. Potts reported that Staff recently held a kick-off meeting and the update to the plan is moving forward.

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2. Operating Budget/Expenses/Revenues/Rates & Charges

- Mr. Fix commented that last fiscal year, the Airport ended over budget by \$14,983.77 due to unexpected expenses from the Superbowl, the cost of moving/parking planes during the construction project and installation of the restaurant natural gas sub meter. At the next Council meeting, an override should be approved.
- Rates and Charges: The 30-day comment period is underway and ends the second week in September. As of yet, no comments have been received. Approval will go before Council in the fall.
- The City Engineering Materials Lab vacated from the Airport location a few years ago due to issues with a proposed lease price and the FAA requirement for fair market rent. The Lab was vacated; however, talks are underway regarding a return to the Airport. A fair market rent rate is being determined and negotiated, which should result in \$14,000 - \$15,000 in annual revenue plus the Lab's share for utilities.

3. Airport Business Activity/Lease Updates

- The Commission Year-End Report has been submitted and all Commissioners will receive a formal copy. All input from Commissioners was greatly appreciated.
- Cox Communications has all access agreements signed. Cox will be on site to review and resolve and issue with the installation of cabling on hangars this Friday.
- Staff has been negotiating with the south box hangar owners on lease modifications.
- Mr. Potts reported meeting with an aerospace company regarding the potential lease of 10-14 acres at the south end of the Airport. Further updates will be provided if the discussions approach fruition.
- Valley Aviation Services has sold approximately 30% of their hangars since January 2015. Marketing efforts continue.

4. Land Use Planning/Zoning/Development:

- Mr. Fix reported that the Airport runway was closed for 3 hours for a new air conditioner installation by a 280-foot crane at the Conair campus.

- Commissioner Rovey attended a citizens meeting at which a developer proposed a 60-home development at the Camelback Ranch parcel near the Airport. Commissioner Rovey noted that the developer only pulled its application for the original, larger development, not that the plan was struck down by Phoenix City Council. Commissioner Rovey commented that this land would eventually be developed and noted the importance of a better concept than residential housing.
- Mr. Potts distributed “Airport” Magazine which has a featured article on hosting special events at airports and runway marathon concepts.

5. College Football Championship Game Planning

- The game is scheduled for January 11, 2016.
- The Prior Permission Required aircraft reservation system will be the protocol for corporate jets.
- Regular meetings are held by City staff.

6. Air Traffic Operations/Airspace/Community Relations

- Mr. Allen reported over 7,000 operations for July 2015, which was up over July 2014 by approximately 2,500. Mr. Allen attributed the increase to training operations. Mr. Potts displayed a graph showing 2014 Valley Airport Operations of which Glendale ranked 12 out of 14 and Based Aircraft for the Valley from 2007-2015 of which Glendale ranked 5 out of 6.

7. Luke Air Force Base Operations

- Mr. Gillies reported that LAFB just activated the second F35 squadron, which is the 61st and 62nd Squadron. This equates to 26 F35’s at LAFB.
- Mr. Gillies noted that the LAFB Air Show is scheduled for March 19th and 20th of 2016. The jets will practice on March 17th and 18th. In January/February 2016, a briefing will be held in regards to the impact on the Airport.
- Recently, five aircraft reported lasers pointing at the cockpit. The perpetrators were found and consequences are being pursued. The FAA takes this type of activity very seriously.

VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No comments.

VII. NEW BUSINESS REQUESTS (Future Agenda Items)

None

VIII. NEXT MEETING TIME

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the second floor Conference Room of the Airport terminal building on Wednesday, September 9, 2015.

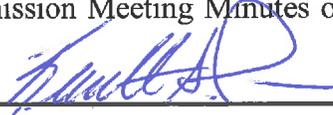
IX. COMMISSION COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Commissioners were offered the opportunity for additional comments at this time.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:17 p.m.

The Aviation Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2015 were approved at the Commission Meeting of October 14, 2015.



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