

MUNICIPAL AIRPORTS AVIATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Anchorage Fire Training Center, 1140 Airport Heights Road, Building "A" Room 2

Anchorage, Alaska 99508

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT – QUORUM NOT PRESENT

Jamie Patterson-Simes, Chair

Sharon Chamard

Chet Harris

Corey Hester, Telephonically

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

\*Terry Pena

\*Terry Cartee

AIRPORT STAFF PRESENT

Paul Bowers A.A.E., Airport Manager

Linda Luebke, Commission Secretary (343-6309)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Jamie Patterson-Simes called the meeting to order at 12:00PM.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS

Jamie asked all attendees to introduce themselves.

- Jamie publicly apologized for her disrespectful and unprofessional treatment of UAA Aviation Technology Director Ralph Gibbs at the previous January 11, meeting.
- Sharon stated she was changing the order of the meeting for the convenience of Fairview resident Paul Benson to state his concerns re demo of 1535 Orca Street property.
- Paul Benson introduced himself as a neighbor (directly across the street) from the 1535 Orca Street property MRI purchased in 2017 that is anticipated for demolition when FAA AIP funds become available. Benson gave a 15 minute presentation regarding what he envisions the property should look like after MRI demolishes the house; he would like to see benches, fruit trees, fruit bushes and large rocks that will create aesthetic value, noting neighbors would like to be able to sit on the benches and watch the sunset over the mountains, and noted residents would help organize funding for such a project. There was a very brief discussion on the steep slope of the property, the liability to the Municipality of Anchorage and what type of persons such features might attract.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Approvals of the September 7, November 2, 2017 and January 11, minutes were postponed due to no quorum.

4. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

Airport Manager Paul Bowers provided a report on the following topics.

A. Noise

Paul noted most noise complaints have seasonally tapered off except for rotorcraft operations. Most of those complaints are generated from a specific Rogers Park resident when the wind is blowing from the north.

**B. Vehicle/Pedestrian Deviations (VPD)**

Paul reported there have been thirteen VPD's in 2017, plus one this February when a snow plow truck entered TWY November without authorization. Airport management is working on better communication between all parties to help minimize incursions and to require mandatory MRI Driver Training for all contractors (and sub-contractors) working on field.

Jim Mullin complimented airport maintenance on their snow removal efforts.

**C. User Group Meeting**

A reminder that the first-Wednesday-of-each-calendar-quarter is scheduled for Airport Manager-User Group Meetings (April 4, 2018, 3-5PM at the Airport Manager's Office; July 11 is next meeting date thereafter). Immediately thereafter, the FAA-RSAT (Runway Safety Action Team) will meet at UAA on April 4 from 5-7PM.

**E. Leasing Update**

**Port-A-Port T-Hangar** leases expire June 30, 2018. A new current language twenty year lease with no options to renew that benefits both the airport and the owners to commence 7/1/18 through 6/30/28 is planned. Details remain.

**Aero Tech Rotor Park** plans are being pursued as the Aero Tech Airpark Hangar development is being held up by previously explained Line of Sight (LOS) issues from FAA, which the developer stated has cost him ~\$500,000 to try to rectify the issue with FAA in order to build the hangars. FAA's current ruling appears arbitrary and capricious as FAA has rejected CCTV (which option was specifically listed as allowable if needed in its 2004 non-objection documentation pertaining to Northern Lights Avionics and Executive Hangars which determined there were no LOS objections). Potential resolution is a property exchange/swap with the lessee-developer to enable development of a LOS conflict-free rotor-craft complex w/ fueling operation east of MFD, south of TWY Q.

**New Lease Lot 5, Block 5** - SkyTrek Flight Training was selected as the developer for lease the commercial and non-commercial Golf West apron. SkyTrek's proposed development will hold a flight school, hangar and aircraft shelters.

**New Lease Lot 4, Block 4** – Lake Clark Air was selected as the developer for the approximate 31,500sf, 100'x315' lot on the westernmost UAA's Lot 4, Block 4. Lake Clark's proposed development is a building to accommodate their air taxi operation plus an aircraft hangar on this commercial site.

**H. Project Updates**

**Phase 4 Security Improvements**; only fencing with barbed wire and testing of installed equipment to complete this \$3.5M project AIP funded project to add fiber optic cable to the west side of the airport to support data transfer for security cameras and gate systems and security fencing improvements.

The **Taxiway Q Dynamic Compaction Phase 6** project is a \$8M+ project which phase started on the east end of Phase 5 and continues to near the east end of Taxiway Quebec. Project is essentially complete except for a portion of TWY Q that will be paved in the spring.

**New 2018 Project** Phase 7-Dynamic Compaction of Quebec will also include three FAA mandated Runway Incursion Mitigation Plan (RIMP) projects:

- \*Reconfiguration of Taxiway Golf at the entrance of Whiskey/RWY 5/23.
- \*TWY Quebec-TWY Charlie intersection, improved signage.
- \*TWY M east of TWY C, minor width reduction and improved signage.

Projects to be primarily funded with an estimated \$7-9 Million FAA AIP grant. We anticipate putting the project to bid in mid-March.

5. ORGANIZATION REPORTS

A. MRI Air Traffic Control Tower

ATCT supervisor Delbert Cox informed the commission that the ATCT manager Clarissa Conley and Airport Manager Paul Bowers signed a Letter of Agreement on snow removal priorities and procedures. Delbert informed the commission the Runway Safety Action Team meeting will be April 4 from 5-7PM at UAA.

B. Civil Air Patrol

Chet Harris noted a graded Emergency Response exercise planned March 15-17.

6. OLD BUSINESS AND UNFINISHED ACTION [No Discussion]

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion on the ATCT recommendation of Traffic Pattern Altitude (TPA) be changed to standardize the MRI TPA, as ATCT adjusts aircraft speeds as needed to accommodate the mix of smaller aircraft (students, touch-and-go's, in slower planes, doing pattern work for training) with larger aircraft arrivals and departures (not training).

Accordingly, the. The current MRI TPA is 750'. The tower manager thinks the TPA should be 1,000 feet above the runway and does not think it would really affect the commercial operators coming in if the TPA changed.

Much discussion; further review tabled until the next MAAAC meeting.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AVIATION

9. COMMISSION COMMENTS

One Commission seat has been filled by Terry Cartee a long time pilot and MRI hangar owner. The other anticipated appointee Caleb Newville declined his appointment due to a 'conflict of interest' as being a FAA Tower Supervisor prohibited his acceptance.

There was discussion amongst the present MAAAC Commissioners on the attendance policy, as there has not been a quorum of the past six months. Jamie had a handout of the MAAAC attendance rules, Jamie and Sharon decided to send a letter to Terry Pena advising him of the policy and to ask him to resign.

Paul noted Rich Van Allman is acting FAA Alaska Regional Administrator while AK RA Kerry Long is the Acting New England Regional Administrator for six months.

10. OTHER

11. ADJOURNMENT at 1:01 p.m.