

MUNICIPAL AIRPORTS AVIATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 6, 2012  
Anchorage Fire Training Center  
1150 Airport Heights Road, Room 4B  
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Cieplak  
Don DeVoe  
Tony Follett  
Kimball Forrest  
Greg Pearce  
Jim Powell, Chair

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Dick Armstrong\*

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES

Elmendorf Airfield Operations, Kevin Cramer  
Bryant Army Airfield, Erik Johnson

AIRPORT STAFF PRESENT

David A. Lundeby, Airport Manager  
Darlene Sivyer, Commission Secretary (343-6303)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jim Powell, Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS

Airport Commissioners and meeting attendees introduced themselves.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the July 12, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

4. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

David Lundeby reported that there were three noise complaints over the past two months. Two of the complaints were generated from departures off Runway 25; one pilot was performing touch-and-goes at night and the other appeared to be a standard operation. One complaint referred to helicopter training at the helipad near the Anchorage Fire Training Center.

Dave reported that there were no unauthorized runway crossings since the Commission last met. Dave explained the difference in counting a Vehicle/Pedestrian Deviation on a taxiway opposed to a runway.

\* excused absence

4. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT (continued)

Two incidents of fuel being stolen from aircraft tied down on the north side of the field were reported to the Airport Manager's Office. The incidents were not reported to Anchorage police. Dave also noted that a pilot reported fuel contamination when he saw dark red liquid in his fuel. Dave expressed the importance of reporting incidents to APD and asked for airport users to watch for and report any odd behavior in the aprons.

The Airport Advisory Commission is scheduled to sunset in October unless the Municipal Assembly passes an ordinance reauthorizing the Commission. The Municipal Internal Audit department performed a sunset audit. The objective was to provide information to the Mayor and Assembly to assist them in determining if the Airport Commission should be reauthorized. Based on their review, it is recommended that the Municipal Airports Aviation Advisory Commission be reauthorized, and an ordinance for Assembly action is scheduled for October 23.

Three Commissioners' terms will expire in October. The seats are currently held by Dick Armstrong, Tony Follett and Kimball Forrest. Dave provided the criteria for filling each of the seats and asked that anyone interested in serving on the Commission submit a letter and application to the Mayor's office. Forms can be found online at [www.muni.org](http://www.muni.org).

The Taxiway Quebec rehabilitation project is nearing complete. The contractor is ready to pave the area and is expected to be done by the end of September.

The Security Improvement Phase II project is still in the bidding process. A contract has not yet been awarded; although, construction is expected to begin next spring. This project includes fiber optic installation, camera upgrades, and apron lighting upgrades.

A draft of the first chapters of the Master Plan is due in the next few weeks. The first phase of the Master Plan includes an inventory, a report of existing conditions, and an aviation demand forecast. The next Master Plan Airport Advisory Group meeting will be held in October.

Not much damage was sustained on the airport during the recent wind storm; however, one of the taxiway barrier gates now has stress fractures and is slightly bent. Some of the vehicle gates became inoperable and had to be reset due to the associated power outages. As of today, two gates are still in manual operation mode.

Kimball Forrest asked about different reporting for taxiway and runway VPDs. Dave replied that FAA reports all deviations in the movement area, and he provided the history of APD actions being taken on runway VPDs only.

Kimball asked Dave if there has been any more follow up with FAA regarding land use compliance. Dave answered that he responded to FAA and provided a corrective action plan, but he has not received any further communication on the subject from FAA. Jim Cieplak noted that the Alaska Airmen's Association has some concerns about land-use compliance at Merrill Field regarding fueling requirements. Dave responded that he is unaware of any Airmen's Association concerns.

Adam White informed the Commission that there is a new dye in octane fuel that will turn from blue to red when the fuel is contaminated with water.

5. ORGANIZATION REPORTS

A. MRI Air Traffic Control Tower  
None.

B. UAA Aviation Technology Division  
None.

C. Elmendorf Airfield Operations  
Kevin Cramer offered his thanks for Merrill Field's cooperation during the Elmendorf Open House this summer. Night flight training will be active for the next month.

D. Lake Hood Seaplane Base  
None.

E. Bryant Army Airfield  
Eric Johnson reported the proposed Bryant AAF Class D Airspace is now posted on the Federal Register, and comments will be accepted until October 9. It is anticipated that the airspace will be implemented in January 2013. Civilian aircraft can use the Bryant Airfield for pattern work, but wheels cannot touch down.

When asked how the flying public will be educated about this airspace, Eric responded that FAA may require public meetings and that they plan to have information printed in several local pilot and aviation publications.

6. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

7. OLD BUSINESS AND UNFINISHED ACTION

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AVIATION

Tom George, AOPA Regional Manager, noted that Governor Parnell has declared September as General Aviation Appreciation Month. The acting FAA Administrator is in Anchorage and on September 17 will attend a presentation showcasing the value of GA in Alaska.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AVIATION (continued)

Tom also noted that AOPA is asking pilots who have used the practice strips at Fairbanks International Airport, Goose Bay, Nenana, Palmer, Soldotna, and Wasilla to provide feedback by taking an [online survey](#) about the experimental program. A team of aviation industry and FAA participants came up with a set of markings that, when painted on a gravel runway, aim to help pilots get used to the narrower, shorter take-off and landing conditions generally available off-field. The markings were painted by volunteers at the local airports. If you used the marked practice strips, your feedback is important.

10. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Tony Follett noted that after nine years of service, this is his last official meeting on the Commission. He added that it has been a pleasure to work with the Commissioners and extended his congratulations to Dave and his staff for their professional work. Dave thanked Tony for his service on the Commission; Tony's contributions have been valuable to the administration and Merrill Field Airport.

Kimball Forrest also notified the Commission that his term expires in October, and due to his travel schedule, he will not seek reappointment to the Commission.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.