

MUNICIPAL AIRPORTS AVIATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 4, 2007
Anchorage Fire Department Training Center
1140 Airport Heights
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Dick Armstrong
Rick Davis
Tony Follett
Allen Kemplen
Erin Marston
Paul Palinski

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Jason Evans

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES

UAA Aviation Technology Division, Jim Bridwell
Elmendorf Airfield Operations, Kevin Cramer

AIRPORT STAFF PRESENT

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Erin Marston, Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the December 7, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

3. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

Dave Lundeby reported that there was a total of six (6) Vehicle/Pedestrian Deviations (VPD) in 2006, which was one more than reported in 2005. Of the six VPDs in 2006 five were caused by pedestrians and one was vehicle related. Keeping the gates closed has had a direct impact on the reduction of these deviations.

The robbery of an aircraft maintenance facility located on the field occurred last month. The incident took place mid-day in the middle of the week. Anchorage Police Department is investigating.

Airport maintenance has been very busy with snow removal. They have been able to keep the runway lights uncovered and are working vigorously to keep the runways and taxiways open. They will be clearing the aircraft aprons today, and they should be able to start removing snow stockpiles in a couple days, if it does not snow again. The immense amount of snowfall has impacted the overtime labor expense.

* excused absence

3. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT (continued)

Tony Follett asked if the security camera web site has been unavailable. Dave explained that the site was down for about two weeks and added that of the 60 cameras in the system about 30 are available to the public. He added that the contractor is working on clarity and resolution issues. Karl Kisser asked what determines public access to cameras. Dave responded that the leaseholders will determine who can access the cameras on their lot; this access is password protected. The cameras located in the airport common areas are available to for public viewing. Steven King inquired about the contract delays. Dave provided some information about the contract specifications and the compatibility problems between the wireless equipment and software.

Erin Martson asked Dave how long it takes to clear snow off the main runway. Dave provided a review of the snow removal process. After a large snowfall, maintenance personnel start removing snow the runways, then taxiways. It usually takes two days before they can get to the aprons, and four days before they can start removing snow berms and stockpiles. Ester Alsworth asked Dave if he knows when the existing snow piles will be moved. Dave indicated that the maintenance crew may get to the piles along the taxiways this weekend. Tony asked if Merrill Field's snow removal equipment is ever used by the Municipal Street Maintenance department. Dave responded that airport snow removal equipment is purchased with FAA grant funds; therefore, this equipment is used for airport purposes only. Allen Kemplen asked Dave how this large amount of snowfall will affect the Airport budget. Dave provided details about staffing, shifts and the allocation of overtime; he added that overtime expenses are included in the budget.

4. ORGANIZATION REPORTS

A. MRI Air Traffic Control Tower
None.

B. UAA Aviation Technology Division
None.

C. Elmendorf Airfield Operations
Kevin Cramer reported that the C-130s will be gone from the air base by the end of March. He added that two F-22s will be arriving in May for training and maintenance. In early June, the C-17 aircraft will officially be used in place of the C-130, and in August additional F-22s will be arriving. Runway 16/34 will be closed May 7 through May 28 for surface maintenance; later in the summer, a 60-day closure of Runway 06/24 is planned.

D. Lake Hood Seaplane Base
None.

5. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

6. OLD BUSINESS AND UNFINISHED ACTION

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Commission Officers and Monthly Stipend

Dave mentioned that boards and commission shall annually elect a chairman and a vice chairman, and that the Commission should consider holding an election for these positions. Erin opened the floor for nominations. Dick Armstrong nominated Erin Marston for commission chairman; Rick Davis seconded the nomination. Erin then nominated Dick Armstrong for vice-chairman; Tony Follett seconded the nomination. Hearing no additional nominations, the nominations were closed. Erin was unanimously elected for the position of commission chair and Dick was unanimously elected for the position of commission vice-chair.

Paul mentioned that in the past, Commissioners have elected to be served lunch during the mid-day meetings rather than receive the \$20 stipend. Paul then made a motion that the members waive their right to the stipend and continue being provided lunch at the meetings. Dick seconded the motion which was unanimously passed.

Tony Follett noted that when the Commission changed the meeting frequency from monthly to bi-monthly they agreed to revisit the issue to make sure the reduced number of meetings serves the Commissions needs. During the discussion, Dave added that if an issue arises, a special meeting can be called. Hearing no opposition, Erin announced that the Commission will continue meeting every other month; the next meeting will be March 1.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AVIATION

None.

9. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Allen Kemplen reported that the Fairview neighborhood has been selected as a focus area for the United Way Day of Caring. The event will be held the later part of May and should result in a significant makeover for the neighborhood. This would be a good opportunity for those interested in being a good neighbor to show their support. The organization committee is still finalizing the details for the Day of Caring; more information may be available at the next meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.