

.MUNICIPAL AIRPORTS AVIATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 4, 2017
Anchorage Fire Training Center
1140 Airport Heights Road, Building "A" Room 3
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Powell, Chair
Sharon Chamard, Vice Chair
Jamie Patterson-Simes

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

*Corey Hester (via proxy AK Airmens Assoc Gvt Affairs staffer Alternate Adam White)
*Terry Pena
Greg Pearce
Chet Harris

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES

AIRPORT STAFF PRESENT

Paul Bowers A.A.E., Airport Manager
Linda Luebke, Acting Commission Secretary (343-6309)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Jim Powell called the meeting to order at 12:03PM and found there was NOT a quorum. As only Commissioner Pena had notified his absence, Chairman Powell continued in case other members arrived late.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the March 2, 2017 and the April 5, 2017 meetings were not approved as there was no quorum.

4. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

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

A. Noise

Paul noted that noise complaints are primarily due to rotorcraft operations. Current protocol is to use RWY 16-34 when RWY 7-25 and Bryant Army Airfield are not suitable. Even though proper protocol is being followed, Rogers Park residents are concerned pilots are not following proper protocol, as variable winds at MRI are different than that at Rogers Park.

B. Vehicle/Pedestrian Deviations (VPD)

Paul reported there have been five VPD's this year to date; with the latest one going through an open leaseholder gate. On behalf of ACE Hangars, Mike Schoder said they contacted all tenants to be more vigilant. Maintenance has also shortened the gate closing time.

C. User Group Meeting

The next quarterly scheduled User Group Meeting, normally held the first Wednesday of each calendar quarter, 3:00 – 5:00PM at the Airport Manager's Office, will be held on Wednesday, July 12, to avoid a July 4 date conflict.

D. Ongoing Bird Control

MRI Maintenance staff have been directed to focus on taking birds Ravens and Sea Gulls when possible where hazing doesn't work.

E. Leasing Update

- **Chaz Aero**, the new aircraft painting facility at 5th Avenue and Ardaiz Circle, plans to open for business May 8, 2017.
- Construction of the 60' x 60' hangar on the **Jay Hawk** lot has begun. Steel is up, with exterior siding in place. The building is expected to be substantially complete by end of May.
- Construction of the new hangar facility on the **North Edge** lot is complete. The addition adds two 6000sf units to the existing 4500sf building. New siding was applied to the existing structure to match the addition, giving the appearance of one new building.
- Plans are underway for construction of a 70' X 90' (6300 sf) hangar on the **Aero Twin** lot, adjacent to the existing building.
- **Aero Tech Airpark** plans to proceed with a new hangar development concept for four separate, multi-unit hangars for business and aircraft storage use.
- **Alaska Airframes** still anticipates 2017 development of a Super Cub Center on their 5th Avenue facing lot, to be used to manufacture and showcase aircraft superstructure components that they manufacture.

H. Project Updates

The **Taxiway Q Dynamic Compaction Phase 5 Project** area that included compaction of the landfill underlayment of portions of TWY Q and Golf apron is 3/4 complete. Work resumed on this project as it came in under budget so we are now completing Phase F.

The winter construction suspended **Runway 5/23 Lighting Project** (RWY lights and lighted windsock) will re-start in late May. This project is anticipated to take approximately 6 weeks to finish. Notices to Airmen with schedules/impacts will be sent as soon as defined.

The **Merrill Field Airport Master Plan Phase 2 Project** is complete and on the MRI Website.

The project area for **Taxiway Q Dynamic Compaction Phase 6 Project** will begin east of the Phase 5 project area and is a continuation of the Taxiway Q Rehabilitation program depending on AIP funding. Bids were opened May 3; apparent low bidder will be determined based on AIP funding levels.

Phase 4 Security Improvements will add fiber optic cable to the west side of the airport, inside the fence that runs along Orca Street, to support data transfer for security cameras and gate systems, which will also be part of the project. Alcan Electric is the apparent low bidder; start date will depend on AIP funding.

5. ORGANIZATION REPORTS

A. MRI Air Traffic Control Tower

ATCT Supervisor Delbert Cox explained the tower will get a new controller June 11 and a second Front Line Supervisor soon (following Ryan Gould transfer to Cen-

ter). Delbert asked that all comments, complaints or praise be called into 271-3047; noted the tower needs 24 hours' notice to obtain clearance on individuals.

B. UAA Aviation Technology Division

No report.

C. Civil Air Patrol

No report.

D. Elmendorf Airfield Operations

No report.

E. Lake Hood Seaplane Base

No report.

F. Bryant Army Airfield

No report.

G. Alaska Airmen's

No report.

6. OLD BUSINESS AND UNFINISHED ACTION

A. Taxiway Segregation Project

Paul, explained there were about 45 people who showed up to the April 5, 2017 Taxiway Segregation Project meeting. After much discussion it was explained this proposed project is to better segregate the existing taxiways (effectively apron-edge taxi-lanes) from the apron edge and reduce Pedestrian-Vehicle-deviations. The proposed concept was to create an apron-edge ~10' side vehicle lane, plus 4-5' wide elongated painted islands with taxiway lights created on the taxiway side of the vehicle drive lane. The final plan is still to be determined; however, the likely scenario on Taxiway Alpha will be a drive lane/separation configuration with a driving-parallel-lane along Taxiway Alpha. Taxiway November will have a vehicle driving prohibition. In addition we are also working on better gate controls.

There was general discussion on islands for the segregation of driving and taxiway and lights for the project, which will be green paint on the asphalt surface, not cut into-the-asphalt. . Paul explained that initially no driving on Taxiway November to see if that cuts down on the incursions works: if not, taxiway width and drive lanes will be pursued. He reiterated that vehicles restrictions on the Taxiway Alpha side will also be pursued, but because of very restricted gate/business access points, there is no good alternative for that side other than restricted lanes.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Without a quorum, none raised.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AVIATION

Alaska Airmen's representative Adam White informed us Fairbanks is going to implement a Driver Training Program based on MRI's. Fairbanks it going to have persons retake the Driver Training every 5 years, MRI recently began using the 5 year mark for taking the test as a course refresher and it will become a requirement.

Commissioner Jamie Patterson-Simes notified us that she will not be able to attend the scheduled 2017 SWPPP training as her business is taking up all of her time. She did inquire where was the correct place to install a Fire Extinguisher on her

portable fuel tank. She was informed that Asst. Manager Alex Jumao-as will provide the correct information and get her the current materials.

9. COMMISSION COMMENTS

10. OTHER

A. Late night Touch & Go Operations at MRI

Paul led a discussion on late night touch & go operations at MRI and how they generate noise complaints. FAR PART 61 § 61.57 b) Night takeoff and landing experience requires a PIC carrying passengers to have at least three takeoffs and three landings to a full stop during the period beginning 1 hour after sunset and ending 1 hour before sunrise within the preceding 90 days to operate at night.

However, Alaska exemptions allow at least a partial variance from this requirement, as defined in 61.110 Night flying exceptions:

(a) A 'PIC is not required to comply with the night flight training requirements of this subpart if the person receives flight training in and resides in the State of Alaska,' except such PIC who does not meet the night flight training requirements of this section is restricted with a night flying prohibited limitation (which can of course be readily removed by completing the requisite recurrent training in §61.57 b).

Hence there is no urgency in conducting such training in April and May at MRI.

MRI intent is to implement a **MRI Quiet Hours and Night Operations protocol** wherein takeoffs and landings be limited to one each, per aircraft, between the hours of 2200-0600(local) and use of ANC or another location be recommended for late night Touch & Go ops.

Mike Schoder suggested putting it in the supplement, which all agreed is a good idea. Delbert said the tower is now open until midnight and will recommend that there should be no Touch & Go ops late at night and all agreed we need to be a good neighbor noise-wise.

B. Whiskey Area RV 'watchman' question

Paul explained someone had inquired to be a part-time watchman on the Whiskey Apron. MRI has no specific process implemented at this time so until we can research and implement a policy this might create more questions than we have answers for at this time. It was agreed this might be a good idea, we should research what others do and implement a standard protocol.

C. Long time MAAAC Secretary Darlene Sivyer Retire

Paul explained MAAAC Secretary Darlene Sivyer retired April 30, 2017. Darlene was a 26 year municipal employee. This seemed like a sudden decision as she gave only one week notice; therefore, no arrangements were made for any going away appreciation gathering. Jim suggested a certificate of appreciation was in order and he would prepare one for signatures.

- The next MAAAC meeting will be **Thursday, July 13, 2017**, at the Anchorage Fire Training Center, 1140 Airport Heights Road. The change of date is to avoid a 4th of July holiday conflict.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The informal (lack-of-quorum) meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.