

Minutes of the Redlands Airport Advisory Board
June 4th 2014, 5:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers, 35 Cajon Street, Suite 2
Redlands, California

Members Present:

Ingrid Biglow, Chairperson
John Caton, Vice Chair
Miles Miller
John Oros

Members Absent:

Ron Klinkebiel
James Caley
John Loy

City Representatives:

Patricia Gilbreath, Councilwoman
Christopher Boatman, Karina Smit, Tim Sullivan, Erik Reeves, Quality of Life - Staff

Guests:

Gil Brown
Carol Brown
Nick Costa, Former AAB Member
Robert Pearce, Former AAB Member
Lloyd Janzen
Bill Cheesman
Barry Neumayer
Steve Willer
Dennis Bell
Jim Ott, Redlands Aviation

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Biglow called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed guests, Councilwoman Gilbreath, staff and Board members and asked for public comment.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Nick Costa expressed gratitude having served two terms and thereby retiring from the Airport Advisory Board. Mr. Costa handed over the Master Plan document to new Board Member Mr. John Oros. Mr. Costa was asked to return for the August meeting.

Mr. Robert Pearce expressed continued concern that the Walton project is in violation of FAA directives, additionally in the Land Use Permit he stated there is to be a sign, to read: "These homes are built in the vicinity of an airport."

The second item Mr. Pearce discussed, The Water Storage project "Citrus Reservoir," that it is now in its final stage of completion. He recommended that a new evaluation be initiated, due to hazards of water fowl, a safety issue in the close vicinity of the Redlands airport.

At this time Mr. Boatman introduced Ms. Karina Smit who will be working closely on administrative matters with the board. Also, Mr. Tim Sullivan was introduced as Mr. Boatman's counterpart; Mr. Sullivan will directly manage airport operations. Staff member Mr. Erik Reeves was also introduced to the Board.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the March 19, 2014 were available but not approved due to only three bona fide voting members present at this time. These minutes will be presented for review and approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. AirFest 2014 Debrief

There had been an internal debriefing with City and Hangar24 on June 3rd, regarding thoughts and lessons learned. Mr. Boatman will have a more comprehensive debriefing for the board at the August meeting. Generally, all the significant features of concerns last year were addressed, e.g. conduct, safety, traffic, parking, fencing for FAA required crowd line preparations and tenants issues were resolved. There were no intoxication arrests; there were no car break-ins, it was felt due to large police presence.

B. Use of Airport Improvement Project (AIP) grant monies

Mr. Boatman advised the board that the various projects scheduled with grant monies have been diligently monitored, but due to very limited staff resources and time restraint the process was inadequate. However, at the end of this calendar year, a new application will be forthcoming for environmental clearance, taxiway upgrade and then take the project to design work and thereafter proceed with the lighting upgrades. The subject on solar lighting and other energy saving partnerships was briefly discussed.

In addition the unfinished section of paving area west of the airport lobby is still not completed but is on the schedule for completion, jointly with area of taxiway.

A question on the efficiency of cameras and upgrade was brought up. Apparently the camera surveillance system upgrade will NOT be covered with grant money.

C. Chair's recommendations on AAB decorum were reviewed.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Update of the 399 acre-feet storage reservoir (Citrus Reservoir) relative to the State Department of Water Resources East Branch Water Pipeline Extension Project located on the northeast corner of Opal Avenue and San Bernardino Avenue within an unincorporated area of San Bernardino County.

This item of business was brought up during the public comments of Mr. Robert Pearce earlier in the meeting as well as previously. Mr. Pearce's concerns and some of the AAB's concerns are the waterfowl that the reservoir will attract and the danger of bird strikes by local aircraft.

Ms. Biglow requested that Mr. Boatman and staff continue to monitor the project on the stockpile, which is still a temporary area of dirt. Vice-Chair Caton inquired what recourse City has for a permanent design.

B. Update on development projects within the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Influence area.

Mr. Boatman reported that several housing projects are in progress in the local area. The AAB is concerned that developers must adhere closely to the plans that were submitted.

Mr. Caton said that, based on his observation of projects that currently have been built, he does not believe that those directives were followed. (Note: The AAB had previously recommended to City Council that such projects, as the formerly named Walton Project, not be approved for safety and noise abatement reasons. However, the City Council approved the project.)

C. Report by staff on the status of routine airport maintenance items.

Mr. Boatman discussed the various items of concern, weed abatement, fences in need of repairs brought by AAB's recommendations. Stripes, reflectors and painted area by steps and west taxiway entry is completed.

D. State water quality regulations concerning onsite aircraft washing

NPDES staff has requested additional time to prepare this presentation. Staff recommends that this item 5D be continued to the meeting of August 6th 2014, to allow additional time for staff to prepare the requested information.

E. Tenant hangar code enforcement violations

Mr. Boatman stated that requests to correct routine discrepancies, tenant hangar eyesores, have been brought to the attention of City code enforcement.

6. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Continued de-briefing on Hangar 24 Charities air show
- State water quality regulations concerning onsite aircraft washing
- Master Plan update, Grant funding, Itemized timely projects
- Status of routine airport maintenance
- Updates on development projects within the airport influence area
- Other items deemed necessary

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned, a motion by Mr. Caton, second by Mr. Oros, motion carried unanimously at 6:36 P.M.
- Next regular AAB meeting: August 6th 2014 in Council Chambers at 5:00 P.M.

Submitted by
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AAB Member