

CITY OF REDLANDS AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

October 2, 2019 Minutes

The following information comprises the minutes of the regular meeting of the Airport Advisory Board held at **6:00 p.m.** on **October 2, 2019**, in the City Council Chambers in the Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, Suite 2.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Attendance, Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Pearce called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. All Board Members are present. Councilman Barich and City Staff Tricia Swope and Larry Alms are in attendance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cindy Gablin, of Redlands Airport Association reported that the Toys for Tots event at the Airport was approved by the City Council and the fees were also waived for the event. The event will take place November 16th between 10 AM and 3 PM.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of September 4, 2019, meeting were approved by a motion from Board Member Forthun, seconded from Board Member Pickens and carried.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Report from Staff

i. Updates on general operations and facilities maintenance:

Ms. Swope reported that Casey Ann Erickson moved out of the City which opens up a Board vacancy. Crack sealing is underway. A switch will be installed to quiet the music during events in the Airport Lobby. Hanger inspections are still ongoing with violation notices sent to the impacted parties.

As public comment, Cindy Gablin reported weeds were blocking the mile marker at the east end of the airport. She also reported the stadium light on the north-west corner of lobby patio is out and asked if the light could be replaced with LED.

Jim Ott reported that the 20' and 40' lights at Coyote gate were also out.

Ted Gablin reported that pilot guides are out of stock.

Staff responded that these reports would be addressed and that the Pilot Guides are currently reprinting and will be available soon.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Five Year Airport Capital Improvement Plan

i. Subcommittee Report:

There was discussion whether or not the 2010 Capital Plan reports would be addressed and were still viable due to its age and the Boards recent effort to update the short term planning horizon. If possible the Board will amend the short term plan and obtain Council approval rather than write a new AP PLAN. As public comment, Ted Gablin suggested the Board review the West End improvements being investigated by Director Boatman.

B. Discussion and Possible Action regarding update to Redlands Municipal Code Chapter 12.56:

i. Possible formation of subcommittee to review updates to rules and regulations :

Board Chair Pearce stated this project is on hold pending the review of other local city's codes. An AD Hoc committee consisting of Renea Wickman, Ron Gablin, and other RAA members (Phil Ensley had volunteered in a previous meeting to assist the review) will work on revising the Code. All FAA notations will be removed from the final document.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Action with Hangar 24 regarding potential projects to be supported by donation :

Staff was unable to confirm with H24 if their Board took action on the AAB request for a donation towards the west entrance signage.

As public comment, Ingrid Biglow addressed the Board regarding the Airfest intrusion into the Airport operations. She expressed her concern about the lost revenue incurred by the various businesses and the lost usage of the airport by the tenants during the 4 days of the Airfest. She was unaware of any ROI to the City for the waived fees for the charity event. The Board requested staff contact the businesses that use the Airport to determine what, if any, revenue is lost due to the Airfest. Councilman Barich indicated he will assist in this effort.

- B.** Review of Airport and new flight pattern to San Bernardino International Airport (SBD) by Amazon: Board Chair Pearce reported that UPS representatives met with the RAA to give a general overview of their plans. Current discussion only relates to the planned 26 UPS flights per week. These will be GPS approaches, dictated by the winds, into SBD. Environmental Impact Report is still needed.

The Board requested Staff to contact the FAA in Los Angeles directly to inform them that Redlands is an interested party and needs to be a player in the review process.

As public comment, Ron Van Dam noted that UPS is giving the impression that they want to keep the community informed of their intentions. Ted Gablin informed those present that notification of upcoming meetings on the top can be found at the FAA website, Air Traffic/Environmental Tab. and that the City must keep the air space above the airport open.

- C.** Discussion regarding Redlands Aviation operations:

Board Chair Pearce submitted a list of nine separate fuel outages during the past year as a follow up to the September 4, 2019 meeting discussion on this same topic. Jim Ott, of Redlands Aviation, informed the Board that he is taking a daily dip stick measurement of the fuel tank and not relying upon the electronic readouts. He stated that this proactive approach that he is now taking prevented an outage this past weekend.

Member Pickens noted that there is a large mobile firefighting apparatus covered in dust located near the pump in a shed. As public comment, Ted Gablin stated that the apparatus was donated by H24 Airfest a few years back and that the RFD did not want it used by untrained personnel. As public comment, Mr. Ott recounted that his training instructs him to evacuate the people in harm's way and then let the Fire Department fight the fire.

- D.** Discussion and possible action related to grant opportunities and recommendations on specific projects:

This topic was covered in the 5A discussion.

7. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

No additional items beyond current agenda topics.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board member Forthun brought up the Quiet Sky Legislation that would impact helicopter operations if allowed to go nationwide. Michael asked if anyone knew the status of the East Valley Water District's pond covering with the balls. Staff indicated an update will be provided at next meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT AT 7:45PM TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 6, 2019.