

CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

Monday, March 4, 2002 - 2:00 p.m.

Present: Tim Austin, Dion Avello, Charles Bouilly, Bill Calloway, Mitch Faroh, Carl Harris, Dave Murfin, Don Slawson, Jay Swanson, Carrie Williams

Absent: Beth Garrison, Dorothy McKay

City Staff: Doug Moshier

Airport Staff: Bailis Bell, Jean Zoglman, Valerie Wise

Chairman Avello called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Austin moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2001 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Avello commended Bailis Bell and Steve Flesher for their efforts in attracting AirTran Airways to Wichita Mid-Continent Airport. Avello also commended Carl Harris for his involvement in this marketing effort. Discussion followed regarding the terms of the contract with AirTran. Bell pointed out that AirTran has an interline agreement with ATA.

Board Evaluation

In lieu of an annual report, an evaluation form of Wichita Airport Advisory Board activities must be completed and submitted to City Council. The Board reviewed the items and provided input.

December – February City Council/Wichita Airport Authority Actions

Bell reviewed Airport Agenda items on which the City Council took action from December through March 5, 2002. There was discussion regarding the status of the master plan update project. Also, there was discussion regarding the payment of condemnation award to acquire the Phillippi property. The airlines and the FAA have approved this land acquisition, and passenger facility charges will be used for payment.

2002 Work Program

Avello suggested that the board become more active and tackle more projects than it has in the past. It was requested that the members think about projects to improve the airport and be prepared to discuss them at the next meeting. When the master plan project gets underway, the consultant will make multiple presentations to the board as well as user groups. The primary purpose of the master plan is to support the airport and not industrial parks. It will try to forecast the activity and determine the size of the facilities to manage that activity. The community is interested in industrial parks in the vicinity of the airport. The master plan will be helpful in developing the perimeter of the airport. Avello stated that it is this board's priority to make sure that the master plan is expedited. The board requested that the master plan project be placed on each WAAB agenda.

Bell stated that by the end of 2002, Federal law will require that every suitcase be searched. It is necessary that the airport provide the facilities to comply. The master plan consultant, HNTB, is studying the technology to fulfill the Federal requirements.

Avello stated that airport conferences are educational and beneficial to the board and will discuss the funding of these trips with the City Manager. Williams attended an ACI-NA conference last year and felt it was beneficial. Williams stated that people across the country have a great deal of respect not only for Wichita but also for our Airport Director.

December 2001/January 2002 Statistical/Project Reports

December passengers were down 14% and January passengers were down 15%. Mail was down considerably due to loading mail on passenger airlines that the Post Office was not able to do for some time. The Post Office was shipping mail on trucks. There also has been an increase in express mail, which is reflected in the cargo increases.

2001 Annual Project Report

This 2001 Annual Project Report outlined the projects that were completed and those that are underway at Mid-Continent Airport and Col. James Jabara Airport in 2001.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Valerie Wise, Clerk