

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, March 3, 2014

Present: Dave Bayouth, Charles Fletcher, U.L. Gooch, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy, Richard Kerschen, Carl Koster, Karyn Page, Thomas Pryor, Bill Ward, Brent Wooten

Absent: Dr. Thom Rosenberg, Kurt Yowell

Airport Staff: Victor White, Brad Christopher, Kathryn Keathley, John Oswald, Valerie Wise, Jean Zoglman

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney

Others: Pat McCollom, ACT 3 Project Manager, AECOM
Brian Youngers, Signature Flight Support

Chairman Greenlee called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Fletcher, second by Bayouth, to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2014 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Victor White, Director of Airports

On Saturday, March 1st, at noon, a Beechcraft Duke aircraft made a short landing at Mid-Continent Airport on Runway 1R, causing damage to the plane and some of the runway approach lighting. The pilot and passenger were not injured. The pilot's report stated that there was ice accumulation on the wings and windshield of the plane.

At the City Council meeting on March 4th, Council will consider the recommendation of the Airport Advisory Naming Committee to change the name of the Airport to "Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport." If the City Council approves the recommendation, the next step will be adoption of a resolution by the Wichita Airport Authority to change the name. The resolution will then be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which will make the name change in federal records. The earliest that all of these steps might be completed would be late June. If the name change is approved, the Airport plans to move forward with the process as quickly as possible, since the additional work associated with the change (e.g., new logo, branding campaign, signage, badges) would need to be completed to coincide with the new terminal opening, approximately one year from now.

Dave Bayouth stated that he continues to be opposed to a name change, as he feels there is not a reason to change the name, the cost estimates provided are not accurate, and the full impact of

such a change has not been realized. He stated that he would like to request that a study be done on the impact of the change before action is taken.

Chairman Greenlee asked John Hennessy if he had any comments on the issue, since he was on the Airport Advisory Naming Committee. Mr. Hennessy stated that the Committee discussed how the proposed name would be a positive change, and that part of the recommendation is that, if the change is approved, some type of statue or display honoring Eisenhower would also be required. Mr. Hennessy stated that he was not in agreement with the conclusions of the majority of the other Committee members and did not feel that his objections were given consideration, and noted that the objections were not in the report given to the City Council. Brent Wooten asked if other names were considered, as he understood that was part of the Committee's charge. Mr. Hennessy replied that other names were not discussed and that one of his objections was that he did not believe the proposed name met the criteria of City Council Policy #13. The majority of the Committee reasoned that Eisenhower's name could be considered, because there are several other City facilities that have been named after individuals that did not have a direct contribution to the area. Mr. White added that the Committee's recommendation states that, of the members that voted for a name change, Eisenhower was unanimously chosen as the new name.

Bill Ward stated that the Committee's recommendation seems to dismiss the cost concerns raised by the Airport Advisory Board (Board). Mr. Hennessy stated that consideration of costs was not part of the direction given to the Committee. Chairman Greenlee stated that the Board gave its recommendation to the Wichita Airport Authority, which is sufficient for the level of action the Airport Advisory Board can take. Additional discussion continued among Board members about the value of additional study on the issue. Karyn Page stated that she was asked by some business people she recently met with to make it known to the Board that, while they were not opposed to changing the name of the Airport in principle, they were not in favor of the proposed name.

Mr. White re-stated that a name change would happen in two steps: First, the Airport Advisory Naming Committee's recommendation would have to be approved by the City Council, which would signal to Airport staff to begin the re-naming process; and second, adoption of a resolution by the Wichita Airport Authority that would formally change the name. The earliest a resolution might be adopted would be March 18th.

Motion by Dave Bayouth, second by Hennessy, that the WAAB recommends to the City Council that it request Wichita State University to prepare an independent economic impact study of costs and benefits before making a final decision on changing the name of the Airport. Motion passed, 10 in favor (8 voting in favor; 2 abstaining) and 1 opposed.

Parking and Rental Car Facilities Project Update – John Oswald, Engineering & Planning Manager

In the last month, the main work efforts were continued construction on the foundations, columns, and walls of the structure, as well as underground utility installation. The second floor

beam forms are being put in place. Chairman Greenlee asked if work was still progressing according to the projected schedule. Mr. Oswald replied that the contractor has requested a 30-day extension for delays caused by rains over the summer, which is expected to be approved. If the winter weather is measured to have been abnormally inclement, it is possible the contractor may request an additional extension for delays caused by the extended cold temperatures and snow conditions.

ACT 3 Project Update – Pat McCollom, ACT 3 Project Manager

The terminal is on schedule to be complete in 393 days. Last month, JBT was selected as the supplier of the passenger loading bridges. A change order increase of \$1.7 million for the system integrator project will be submitted to the Airport Authority, which is the difference between the original allowance amount for the project and the bid that was accepted from Leidos. The Police & Fire Building remodel design has been provided to Key Walbridge, which will return pricing for the project. Chairman Greenlee asked for further information on the purpose of the Police & Fire Building remodel. Mr. McCollom replied that part of the system integrator project is a new control console to manage the new security network. The Police & Fire Building must be reconfigured to accommodate the control console, as it does not fit in the existing room used for that purpose. The Tenant Construction and Alteration Process (TCAP) manual for the Rental Car Facility was completed and has been distributed to stakeholders. The food and beverage concessionaire TCAP was completed and will be distributed with the RFP, which is expected to happen next week.

Apron Phase III work began last week, including demolition of the old apron that is close to the southeast end of the new terminal. The escalators from the ground floor to the second floor have been put in place. In the coming weeks, the glazing and exterior wall installation will continue, with the goal of having the building enclosed and locked by the end of the month. New work in the coming month includes interior painting, framing for the crosswalk canopy, construction of the loading dock, and apron paving (i.e., the airline staging area extending approximately 10-20 feet from the terminal building on the airside). The transformer for the terminal is operational, so the interior spaces have power.

Mr. White stated that the Greteman Group is finalizing the aviation history displays for the new terminal and meeting with executives of the aviation manufacturers to get confirmation that the displays are appropriate.

Executive Session

Motion by Fletcher, second by Koster, that the Wichita Airport Advisory Board recess into executive session for consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney-client relationship relating to legal advice, and that the Board return from executive session no earlier than 15 minutes, and reconvene in this Board room. Motion carried unanimously.

The Airport Advisory Board recessed for Executive Session at 3:35 p.m.

The Airport Advisory Board reconvened at 3:56 p.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, April 7, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Kathryn Keathley, Clerk