

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, August 2, 2010

Present: Charles Fletcher, Ron Estes, U.L. Gooch, Dwight Greenlee, Willis Heck, John Hennessy, Kevin Myles, Rebecca Pilshaw, Thomas Pryor, Dr. Thom Rosenberg, Bill Ward, Brent Wooten

Absent: David Murfin

Airport Staff: Brad Christopher, Kelly Fabrizius, Traci Nichols, Valerie Wise, Jean Zoglman

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney
Branden Hall, Budget Analyst

Others: Michael Carter, AECOM

Chairman Fletcher called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Pilshaw to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2010 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report

Brad Christopher, Assistant Director of Airports, advised the Board of several upcoming activities and projects.

Mr. Christopher introduced Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney, who will be representing the Department of Airports as well as the Wichita Airport Advisory Board, and he said we look forward to working with him.

Mr. Christopher advised that the Mid-Continent Drive project is close to being completed. The project is estimated to continue for 30 more days and should be wrapped up by the beginning of September. Also, the new Taxiway Alpha at Jabara Airport is two to three weeks from completion.

The Airport is submitting an updated Airport Emergency plan. Staff has put in almost a year's worth of time getting the new plan finalized.

FlightSafety's upcoming project is still ongoing, the property work has been completed and staff is in the process of beginning lease negotiations.

Staff is also in discussions with the FAA on leasing the old National Weather Service building. The FAA is looking into it for possible expansion of their Manufacturing Industrial District Office (MIDO).

Bombardier recently announced that Wichita will be the location for the final assembly of the new Lear 85's. It is estimated to create approximately 300 new jobs.

Mr. Christopher announced that next week the Airport Authority will undergo its annual Part 139 Safety and Certification Inspection by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Dr. Rosenberg asked what the status was regarding David Dewhirst from Sabris Corporation who spoke on the Public Agenda at the last meeting regarding finding a suitable training room. Mr. Christopher said that Mr. White may have more updated information, although he can report that both the Telco Building and the old Administration Building were considered for possible training room locations, although neither appear to be a good fit. Also, after a preliminary review of the Lease Agreement with Midwest Corporate Aviation, it appears that the Airport Authority does not have any means to force improvements on the leasehold.

Mr. Estes asked if that meant there is nothing we can do for Mr. Dewhirst. Mr. Christopher said he is not aware of any options at this point in time. It is assumed that Midwest Corporate would not wish to expand their operations to allow for such a meeting location unless they can show some sort of return on investment.

Chairman Fletcher suggested the Airport Authority may have office space available for rent or possibly Mr. Dewhirst could contact K-State Salina and do something in conjunction with their upcoming pilot training program.

Air Service Update

Valerie Wise, Air Service Manager, advised the Board that there is additional air service information included in their Agenda Packet this month. Mrs. Wise stated that traffic has been rather flat for the last two months, although Wichita is up 2% for the year.

Mr. Christopher stated that if he understood the report correctly that on some routes Wichita's fares are actually cheaper than Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Mrs. Wise said that was correct.

Financial Update

Jean Zogman, Finance Manager, provided the Board an update on the financing for the Air Capital Terminal 3 (ACT 3) Project. At the beginning of February a PFC application was submitted to the FAA for the ACT 3 Project. Last week we received the official notice that the application was approved in full.

Mrs. Zoglman reported that Jacobs Consultancy, now known as LeighFisher, has drafted a response to the Risk Assessment that was prepared by the City of Wichita Finance Department. The report is in the process of being finalized and should be given to the City Manager for his review later this week. The City Manager has also indicated his desire to meet with this Board regarding the matter.

Mr. Christopher congratulated Mrs. Zoglman on her hard work going through the PFC application process and getting it approved.

Election of Officers

Chairman Fletcher stated his interest in continuing his role in the Chairman position. Dr. Rosenberg suggested Dwight Greenlee, the current Chair Pro Tem, move up to the Chairman position and he would be willing to serve as Chair Pro Tem. Dwight Greenlee said he would be interested in serving in the Chairman position. The Board voted by written ballots and the outcome was with seven (7) votes in his favor Dwight Greenlee was elected as Chairman and also with seven (7) votes in his favor, Dr. Thom Rosenberg was elected as Chair Pro Tem (Vice Chair).

Meeting Schedule for Forthcoming Year

It was the consensus of the Board to continue its meeting schedule of the first Monday of each month at 2:30 p.m. If that Monday is a holiday, the meeting will be held on the following Monday.

ACT 3 Project Update

Michael Carter, AECOM, presented to the Board a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the current schedule, upcoming meetings and photos to reflect the recent changes from construction.

Other Business

It was determined that in order to better accommodate the City Manager's schedule, next month the WAAB meeting will be held on the Monday before the Labor Day holiday instead of the Monday after. Therefore, the next WAAB meeting will be Monday, August 30, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Kelly Fabrizious, Clerk