###### MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA

# WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

## Monday, May 4, 2015

Present: Charles Fletcher, U.L. Gooch, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy, Richard Kerschen, Carl Koster, Dave Bayouth, Brent Wooten, Ron Ryan, Thom Rosenberg, Bill Ward

Airport Staff: Victor White, Valerie Wise, Belinda Witt, Leah Gisick, Traci Nichols, John Oswald, Jean Zoglman, Brad Christopher, Ty Richardson, Roger Xanders, Jason Jones

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney

 Stephen Banks, Senior Planner, Wichita, Sedgwick County Planning Department

Others: Pat McCollom, ACT 3 Project Manager, AECOM

 Lonnie Wright, Guest

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

if anyone was present to speak on the public agenda. No one came forward to speak.

**Approval of Minutes**

*Motion by Mr. Greenlee, second by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve the minutes of the April 6th, 2015 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Director’s Report – Victor White**

Russell Meyer, former chairman and CEO of Cessna, would like to lead a public fund raising effort to get a statue of President Eisenhower built and installed inside the new terminal. Mr. White emailed Mr. Meyer the policy of adopting public art that the WAA Board adopted in March. Jan Harrison has also volunteered to assist. Russ Meyer led the effort a few years ago at Lake Forest University to install a statue of Arnold Palmer, and has an artist in mind and process to make the same thing happen here with a statue of Eisenhower. The Eisenhower family have told Mr. White that they wish to have approval rights over selection of artist and image that is actually portrayed.

An official Wichita Airport Advisory Board photo will be taken to be displayed in the new terminal. Wichita Mayor and City Council will also have a photo displayed just before the security checkpoint. The photographer will contact each member of the Board to arrange time in his studio for the shoot.

Mr. White updated the board on the status of the Dreamlifter aircraft. That project is entirely dead, Boeing will not be bringing the Dreamlifter to Eisenhower Airport, since it is staying at the Air Force base with the new owners of the former Boeing facility.

Mr. Christopher addressed the board and introduced Keith Osborn and presented a resolution to Mr. Osborne acknowledging the many years of service with Wichita Airport as the Federal Security Director for the State of Kansas. Mr. Osborn has retired as of May 1st, after 13 years of service with the Transportation Security Administration. Resolution adopted on May 4th, 2015 by the Wichita Airport Advisory Board.

Mr. Osborn relayed his long history with aviation, in particular his time in the Air Force, and his plans for retirement, along with thanks to the WAA for support as well as thanks for the 9-1-1 memorial cooperation and respect.

Mr. White presented Mr. Osborn with a commemorative wooden propeller adorned with the Eisenhower National Airport emblem in appreciation for his service.

**Community Investments Plan 2015-2035**

Wichita –Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department presentation.

Stephen Banks presented his community investments plan for the next 20 years.

Items discussed with the plan handout reviewed new policy guidance for land use development, growth, and infrastructure spending. The 2035 vision statement builds on aviation and entrepreneurship heritage of the Wichita area. Development committees expect to see an increase of 105,000 people by the year 2035, with approximately 66,000 new housing units.

Other areas looked at include long term transportation needs, art culture and quality of life investment needs. Public safety is a high priority. The planning department is laying the framework for infrastructure investment and decision making process. They would like to get finalization of the plan approved in 2015 and are doing outreach to district advisory boards, city council and the Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Koster inquired as to if the downtown Wichita area is well defined, and Mr. Banks let him know that established central areas are there, just too confusing to add to the map. Mr. Koster also asked about busing from the airport to the central downtown area. There was a bus route previously that made the route, but was discontinued due to lack of passenger use. A west side connector that is available that would detour to the airport if necessary. Discussion about city and county downtown tax bases, as well as regulations and code enforcement with city and county cooperation.

**Dedication Week Event Coverage**

Ms. Wise presented a slideshow of the dedication week events and commented that more than enough money was raised to cover the cost of the gala with sponsorships and ticket sales.

The media preview kicked off the events starting on April 9th. The next day brought the Employee Event, with over 500 kids attending with their families. April 11th brought the Dedication Gala with over 650 attendees. The community open house was on the 18th with an estimated 7500 attending from the Wichita community.

**Parking and Rental Car Facilities Project Update – John Oswald**

Rental car agencies are continuing to work on rental car counters and signs being installed. Irrigation landscaping is occurring. Much of the new Close-In Automated lot was paved Friday. Contractor continuing to work on the exit plaza, still working on the roofing on the canopy. Photos of rest areas. Space count signs are installed and being tested. Parking garage and rental car counters scheduled to be opened the end of May, then work will begin on the surface lots. Weekly goal dates are being set for operation.

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

Passenger bridges have been technically accepted. Training this week for airport maintenance and the airlines. Concession construction still continues. ClearChannel have about half to two-thirds of their advertising in right now, including a lot of the monitors. Most of the airline spaces are nearly complete with United Airlines fitting out their space today. Hold room seating is completed. Other furniture to arrive on site in the next couple weeks.

Still holding weekly coordination meetings. Tours have included IESNA, a lighting professional society, and RMA (Risk Management Association), composed of the different banks in the area.

The Terminal Implementation Plan with the Airlines, rental car agencies, TSA, and FAA, met to define the first flight date. All stakeholders except one commented back that risks would be associated with opening on May 20, comfort with the new facility, training, and testing of own operations within the facility being the main concerns. The airlines want to open on a Wednesday morning. Since the following week is Memorial Day, the opening has been rescheduled for June 3rd.

One of the largest pushes is the rebadging process. Coordination with TSA and Airport Police and Fire is very important to insure the building is up to merit. Building security live date is being addressed with two sweeps being done before public events, with a similar plan to be implemented for the going live date.

The tension on the Ed Carpenter art piece cable is being tested to raise the piece up further and reset.

Masonite is coming up off the floor and floor being cleaned and polished. Smoke alarm being tested. Fire check with familiarity and how to respond in case of an incident. All monitors are up in concourse for advertising. Photos shown of interior of new terminal. Southwest gate area is finished. CNBC store is almost done. Air Capital Market shelves installed. Grab-N-Fly coolers being installed. The raised floor is 80 percent installed. Waiting on last shipment of panels.

On June 2nd, all flights will come in to existing terminal. Planes will be moved to the new terminal overnight. The first flight out of new terminal will be a departure going out at 5:30 am. Celebration will be of first arriving flight that comes in at 9:45 a.m., June 3rd. All four airlines have an arrival within about an hour.

No construction items are being questioned at this time as far as being ready for June 3rd date. Operational items are only concern as far as badging, food operations and checkpoints being certified.

**Other Business**

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, June 1st, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 4:20 p.m.by Mr. Wooten, 2nd by Mr. Ward.

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Belinda Witt, Clerk