

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, February 02, 2015

Present: Charles Fletcher, U.L. Gooch, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy, Richard Kerschen, Carl Koster, Thomas Pryor, Karyn Page, Brent Wooten, Ron Ryan, Thom Rosenberg

Absent: Dave Bayouth, Bill Ward

Airport Staff: Victor White, Brad Christopher, Susan Hale, Belinda Witt, Traci Nichols, John Oswald, Jean Zogelman,

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney, Brandan Hall, City Budget Office

Others: Pat McCollom, ACT 3 Project Manager, AECOM
Doug Van Mosch, Signature Flight Service
Jim Armour, AECOM
Lonny Wright, Guest

Chairman Hennessy called the meeting to order at 2:34 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 Mr. Koster, to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Victor White

Mr. White announced the meeting would be shorter due to the plan to tour the parking garage and the terminal, and distributed lapel pins depicting the new logo for Wichita Eisenhower Airport to the board members.

Mr. White introduced Brad Christopher to advise the board about lease negotiations for Hangar No. 10.

Mr. Christopher addressed the board advising of the invitation for proposals for Hangar No. 10 earlier this summer. WAA received a proposal from Yingling Aviation. Traci Nichols, Mr. Christopher, and Mr. Hinkel have been working through the proposal with Yingling and their part time attorney Tom Wakefield, former Cessna Chief Counsel, and are finishing up final items and final draft for them to look at. Their intention is to have the signed contract back to us and ready to submit to City Council on either the 14th or the 21st of April, with the contract commencing May 1st.

Mr. Christopher believes Yingling will commence with demolition of the old facilities and construction this spring or early summer with new hangar/office space of 14,000 sq. ft.

Mr. White also addressed projects on the General Aviation side. Aviation Dynamics will be building a hangar for the Steven companies on the east side of Taxi Way Hotel. Lease Corp will build a hangar at the north end on the east side of the taxi way hotel. Aviation Dynamics is also representing Les Eck to possibly build a private non-commercial hangar adjacent to Hangar 19 and the island acre or so that has never been built on to maximize every inch of ground that is shovel ready.

Mr. White reported that the staff is continuing to work with Flight Safety on plans for what they want to do to rebuild the building that got damaged in the plane crash. Staff has made a proposal to them in conjunction with the city, county, and economic development coalition. Ron Ryan commented on concerns that Textron is building their own simulator facilities. Hesitation on Flight Safety's side may be in part waiting to see where Cessna will take their business. Textron has already identified one of their existing buildings on airport property to use for the maintenance training center.

Discussion about different day for a tour of the terminal for WAA board members due to inclement weather. Tour will be February 12th at 3:30 p.m.

Additional office space for the TSA on the second floor of the new terminal is being planned based on federal requirements and in accord with a new lease agreement negotiated with the General Services Administration.

Art installation progression: Ed Carpenter will be on site first week of March to begin installation of his signature public piece. Wichita Art Museum contacted Mr. McCollom to see about a meet the artist event with a preview of the building at that time.

May 6th will be the tentative target date for first flight, with a mid-morning flight arrival ceremony. This is pending the installation of all airline and TSA and other tenant facilities and equipment, and the actual date is subject to change.

Mr. Gooch asked about the construction of the concession build-out and how bids get circulated. Mr. White explained that MSE (food & beverage) and Paradies (retail) is obtaining their own construction bids, but that the airport is not involved with private bidding and has no control over it.

Parking and Rental Car Facilities Project Update – John Oswald

Mr. Oswald addressed the Board. Significant progress has been made in the rental car customer service facility and wrapping up the structural pours on the garage ramp. Contractors are cleaning up things, setting the light poles, and finishing elevator towers. Framing is up and concrete placed for exit plaza.

Crossland would like to keep traffic in the south lane of traffic to hug the building with their fence and have phasing in the north lane. Photos shown of terminal view from the building (architect's rendering.) Mr. Oswald explained the outer side walls of the two elevators would have glass walls with a view of the terminal outside the facility.

Photo shown of the exit plaza with five lanes, three will be cashier lanes and the other two will be non-cashier lanes. Inside the garage, repairs being done to Change Order specifications. Previous surface tears being fixed and repaired.

Counters are being built inside the rental car agency with partitions between the actual rental car agency spaces. ADA supports being installed at counters. Expectations are to turn over to rental car agency contractors on Monday February 23, 2015. Car agency contractors then have sixty (60) days to complete the project.

Karyn Page joined the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

Mr. Oswald opened the floor for questions. Dr. Rosenberg asked about the sealing process for the concrete.

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

All nine jet bridges are on site and ready to be installed. Ceiling tiles in the passenger checkpoint area are going in, with a quarter of the tiles installed in just half a day. Terrazzo stair cases, going up to security, are being polished.

Food and beverage were bid last month, and then rebid. Expecting bids to come in tomorrow with potentially the pre-construction meeting for food and beverage next week. Retail is done with his design and will be bidding out work this week. Expected ten day –two week turn around to receive bids.

ClearChannel looking to start actual installation of advertising media in approximately one month.

Passenger furniture is in production, expecting first shipment of furniture the first week of March.

Baggage handling system testing has passed the last test prior to TSA coming in, ready for third step in certification testing.

Implementation plan with stakeholders, TSA, the airlines, and both design teams coordination meetings to organize events between now and first flight. Early May is scheduled date for first flight with a middle of the night move from the existing terminal to the new one. Dedication Week planning is in progress for open house for employees & families, media, a VIP Gala Dedication event, and the community open house preview event. Mr. White will email event details to board members when the dates and times are firmed up.

Numerous tours have been given to various groups and continue to rise in number.

Terrazzo finishing: about 65 percent of all the terrazzo is finished, covered, polished, and protected. Gate counters system mock up, sizing and spacing are being completed. Signage is about a month to six weeks out right now. New security system continues to be major activity. The challenge being to re-card every airport ID holder. Building commissioning testing and balancing air handling system.

Other Business

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

Motion to adjourn at 3:14 p.m. by Mr. Greenlee, 2nd by Mr. Koster.

Belinda Witt, Clerk