

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, May 7, 2018

Present: Robert Benton, Tim Bonnell, Paul Davis, Joey Ellzey, David Eslinger, Charles Fletcher, Randy Frazer, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy, Jr., Karyn Page, Dr. Thom Rosenberg, Ron Ryan, Brent Wooten

Airport Staff: Victor White, Director; Brad Christopher, Assistant Director; Jean Zoglman, Finance Manager; John Oswald, Engineering and Planning Manager; Traci Nichols, Properties and Contracts Manager; Valerie Wise, Air Service and Marketing Manager; Jordan Leonard, Clerk

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney

Guests: Jerry Siebenmark, Wichita Eagle
Lonny Wright
Kurt Yowell

Chairman Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and asked if anyone was present to speak on the public agenda. No one came forward to speak.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Fletcher and second by Mr. Greenlee to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2018 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting (WAAB). Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Victor White

Randy Frazer was welcomed by all as a new WAAB member. Mr. Frazer is the new representative for Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP).

On May 18th the third Kansas Honor Flight will be returning from Washington DC., and will include 6 Korean War and 31 Vietnam War Veterans.

Tomorrow, May 8th, there will be an important Air Service announcement. A press conference will be held at 1:00 P.M. in the terminal media room.

Victor White and Andrew Crane have been working with one other to get a contract and donor to bring in the service with Aira. Aira provides video-equipped smart glasses to help assist legally blind or visually impaired customers. This company also provides a smartphone app and a one-click button to a network of trained professional agents. The professionally trained agents' help customers engage, explore, and experience the world in a different and beneficial way. Customers can get help visually, without needing a sighted person nearby. The process now is finding a

sponsor to donate the \$5,000 it would cost to purchase the initial 2,500 minutes for Aira customers to use when they are at the Airport.

The family restroom that is near Gate 1 inside the terminal is being constructed into an indoor service animal relief area (SARA).

Another customer service feature that is being discussed is a mother's nursing station. A company out of Vermont called Mamava, Inc. produces lactation pods and suites used in work and public spaces. The lactation pods can vary on pricing, depending on size and if ADA compatible.

Interviews with the finalist broker firms took place a few weeks ago. The selection committee has chosen a firm and for the first time the Airport will have a real estate marketing and listing agent. The broker firm that has been chosen is NAI Martens Commercial Real Estate.

Next week the lease agreement with LifeTeam, out at Colonel James Jabara Airport, will be brought before the City Council for approval. LifeTeam will renovate the former Wichita Police Department hangar and facilities, and later will build a new hangar next door.

Also being brought before the City Council, are five grant applications that have been submitted to receive reimbursement for several projects.

A new project will be coming to expand Taxiway H-2 will also construct expanded ramp adjacent to the U.S Customs & Border Protection facilities at Hangar 16. The reasoning for the expansion is Bombardier's urgent need to accommodate larger international aircraft due to new programs for the Global series of business jet aircraft. Both projects are eligible for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant funding.

The U.S. House of Representatives voted a few weeks ago to authorize the FAA for a five year period of funding. It's not official until the Senate signs off, which could be a few more weeks.

Allegiant Airlines will begin their seasonal flights to Orlando-Sanford on May 16th. Their seasonal flights to LAX will begin on June 6th.

Project Updates

John Oswald presented a PowerPoint presentation on a pending project that will begin either summer or fall of 2019. This project will rehabilitate both parallel runways. Most of the airfield electrical systems have reached their last reliable service life. The airfield electrical systems will need to be updated for both parallel runways. During the replacement of these electrical systems, the three runways will also begin the designation project. Funding will be available for two of the three runway designation project, due to the fact that two runways also require pavement construction.

Last year the FAA and Airport staff came together for the Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT), to recommend the removal of part of a taxiway that was causing confusion that would become a

safety concern. Both areas connection the runways are planned to be removed and rehabilitated during the pavement and designation projects.

Other Business.

The Board decided to hold the election of officers at the end of the June meeting.

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, June 4, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 3:58 p.m.by Mr. Page, 2nd by Mr. Fletcher.

Jordan Leonard, Clerk