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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2023, 10 a.m.

Whiteman Airport

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IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Christina Pascucci
Vice-Chair Ryan Antoon
Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Dennis Lord

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Secretary Forouzan Golshani
Commissioner Curt Castagna
Commissioner Jeff Mort
Commissioner Gabriel Perez

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Paul Maselbas, Assistant Deputy Director
Mr. Jason Morgan, Assistant Chief, Aviation Division
Ms. Van Tran, Staff Assistant

GUESTS

Mr. Clyde Carpenter, Experimental Aircraft Association
Mr. Matthew Stone, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. Don Hagopian, Whiteman Airport Association
Ms. Shellie Hagopian, Whiteman Airport Association
Dr. David Lunt, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. James Miller, Civil Air Patrol
Ms. Yehouda Hagouel, Whiteman Airport Association
Mr. Eduardo Pabon, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. Michael Gurnam, Whiteman Airport Guest
Ms. Teodora Reyes, Pacoima Beautiful
Mr. David Kolstad, Experimental Aircraft Association
Mr. James Arias, Whiteman Airport Guest

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Christina Pascucci called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Harvey Holloway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes for the August 30, 2023, and September 27, 2023, meetings were unanimously approved on a motion from Commissioner Dennis Lord and seconded by Vice-Chair Ryan Antoon.

B. Los Angeles County Public Works Aviation Division – General Report

Mr. Maselbas provided to the Commission a summary of the Expense and Revenue Report and provided a detailed explanation on the expenditures and revenues.

Mr. Morgan provided to the Commission a brief overview of Whiteman Airport and a summary of the hangar occupancy quarterly report for all five County airports.

Commissioners engaged in a brief discussion regarding the information presented.

Aircraft Operations (Takeoffs and Landings) and Fuel Sales

The overall aircraft operations for all five County airports were up 14 percent in the month of September 2023, as compared to the same month last year.

The overall fuel sales for all five County airports in the month of September 2023, were down 22 percent from the previous month, as compared to the same month last year.

The Eliminate Aviation Gasoline Lead Emissions initiative will host a webinar on October 26, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Eastern Time Zone) regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's endangerment finding.

C. Los Angeles County Public Works Aviation Division – Airport Management Update

Airport Projects (including Grant Funding)

No major projects are taking place at the airports.

The annual Airport Capital Improvement Plan meeting with the Federal Aviation Administration is tentatively scheduled for next month.

A task authorization was issued to the on-call consultant to begin the design of the runway/taxiway pavement reconstruction project for San Gabriel Valley Airport.

The on-call consultant is working on the final report regarding the programming element of the new terminal building at Compton/Woodley Airport.

Airport Property Management

A brief power outage occurred at Brackett Field Airport on October 24, 2023. Power was restored by the electrical company. There was no impact on aircraft operations.

At Compton/Woodley Airport, repairs are scheduled for the Precision Approach Path Indicator lights.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, the County self-serve Avgas fuel dispensers are out of service. Fuels continue to be provided by Billion Air Aviation. Next month, the runway will be closed on several days during the nighttime hours to conduct surveys for the runway/taxiway pavement rehabilitation design project.

The Request for Proposals for an aeronautical development lease at San Gabriel Valley Airport was advertised on October 11, 2023.

At Whiteman Airport, repairs are underway to the Orbital Way vehicle access gate. The Automated Weather Observing System is temporarily out of service and will be repaired soon.

The Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures will continue to conduct weed abatement at all five County airports.

Airport Events and Activities

The Annual Taste of La Verne Food Festival event was held at Brackett Field Airport on October 18, 2023.

El Dia Del Ranchero event was held on October 15, 2023, at Compton/Woodley Airport. The airport will host the Annual Air Fair on October 28, 2023, and the Compton Food Drive event on November 11, 2023.

The Porsche Club of America's San Gabriel Valley Region event was held at San Gabriel Valley Airport on October 15, 2023.

The annual Air Fair and Career Day was held at Whiteman Airport on October 7, 2023.

Airport Marketing and Public Relations

An Airport Strategic Communications and Marketing Plan is being developed. The consultant completed the individual and group meetings with various airport tenants,

businesses, users, and the aviation non-profit organizations. Notices of the online survey were mailed, emailed, and hand-delivered to various stakeholders.

D. Airport Rents Study

Mr. Maselbas informed the Commission that the aeronautical rent study report is being finalized and will be shared with the Commission. Public Works is planning to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors in January 2024, if possible, to increase the non-aeronautical hangar storage rents to match fair market value.

E. Update from Aviation Commission Subcommittee – Neighborhood Outreach and Airport Stakeholder Engagement

Vice-Chair Antoon shared with the Commission that a community group is interested in a countywide outreach event to host movie nights at the 5 airports. Information will be forwarded to Public Works to coordinate the event.

F. Proposal to have Future Aviation Commission Meetings in a Hybrid Meeting Format

Mr. Maselbas presented to the Commission the requirements and cost estimates for the potential hybrid meeting format.

Commissioner Lord presented to the Commission a motion to oppose hybrid meetings at this time; for the Commission to reconsider the option of holding hybrid meetings at a later date; and for the Commission to retain the current in person meeting format of day and evening meetings held at each airport twice a year.

Commissioner Lord's motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Antoon. The Commission held a brief discussion. One speaker commented on the agenda item. The motion was then unanimously approved by the Commission.

G. Briefing on “Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport – A Community-driven Process” Report to Board of Supervisors

Mr. Maselbas informed the Commission that the report was provided to the Board of Supervisors on September 25, 2023. The Board of Supervisors is expected to make a motion on this item in the next few weeks and all Commissioners will be notified. This agenda item will be deferred to next month's meeting.

Commissioners shared comments, suggested adding an amendment to the report by the subcommittee and to contact their Supervisorial District representative. Mr. Maselbas suggested two options for the Commissioners. One option is to have the Commission, as a whole, send a letter to the Board of Supervisors and the second option is to have each Commissioner contact their respective Board offices to share their thoughts.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Eight speakers commented on the operation, maintenance, and activities at the airports.

Following public comment, Agenda Item G was reopened to allow for continued discussion and a related motion.

Commissioner Amundson presented to the Commission a motion, which was read aloud by Vice-Chair Antoon, to have the Aviation Commission subcommittee prepare a letter to the Board of Supervisors to be signed by Aviation Commissioners who desire to do so, recommending to the Board of Supervisors that they take no action on the report provided to the Board of Supervisors on September 25, 2023, until the Aviation Commission has had an opportunity to review and respond to it in full.

Commissioner Amundson's motion was seconded by Commissioner Holloway. The Commission held a brief discussion. Five speakers commented on the motion. The motion was then unanimously approved by the Commission.

IV. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

**Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 10 a.m.
at San Gabriel Valley Airport
4233 Santa Anita Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731-1670**

Chair Pascucci adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Forouzan Golshani, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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