

MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Date October 26, 2016

1) Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Airport Advisory Commission of the City of Hollister was called to order by Chairman Deane Judd on October 26, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 375 Fifth Street, Hollister, California.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

Recited.

3) Roll Call: Roll was answered as follows::

Present: Chairman Deane Judd, Commissioners Robert Scattini, Fred Meyer, Steve Huston, Marge Sunzeri, Gordon Machado, and Jose Martinez, and Executive Secretary Mike Chambless.

Absent: None.

4) Verification of Agenda Posting

The Agenda for the Airport Advisory Commission of the City of Hollister Regular meeting of October 26 was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall on October 17 at 10:00am per Government Code Section 54954.2

5) Consent

a) It was moved by Commissioner Scattini and seconded by Commissioner Huston to approve as presented the Minutes of the Airport Advisory Commission meeting of September 28, 2016. Motion carried 7-0.

6) Public Input

a) Ruth Erickson of the Hollister Airmen's Association expressed thanks to the airport staff who helped put on the ground-breaking ceremony for the new airport focal point. She noted that gophers actually did the ground breaking. She said the Airmen's Association would hold a bigger event when the site development is completed.

Ruth also announced the annual HAA Christmas party December 4th at Paines's Restaurant. All are invited. Contact Ruth for details.

b) Tim Burns expressed thanks to the Commission for its service. He also expressed concern about the possibility of discontinuing the annual airshow, stating his support for continuing to have the event and urging all to lobby their council members for the City to support its continuance.

7) Reports

a) AIP Phase I - Mike Chambless reminded the commission that further action on this subject is waiting for CalFire to end their fire season. Once they are done for the year, activity will recommence on this item.

b) CalFire - A meeting with local CalFire representatives, the City Manager, and the Airport Director is scheduled for November 7 to discuss their request for an on-going lease of their

present location. Mike also expects to elicit their future intentions for the other side of the airport. He noted that lease was signed 8 years ago, yet no action has been taken by the state to build a new base there. Commissioner Scattini asked about progress using the newly hired consultant to help lobby for state action on this subject. Mike reported that through the use of the consultant a meeting was held with state senator Monning's staff in Monterey. The staff members expressed concern that our airport is not in their district, but Mike pointed out that our CalFire base provides coverage for their area, and fire support for two recent fires in their district, including the Soberanes fire, came largely from Hollister and would have been enhanced had the new base been in operation. Mike also will be meeting next month with a former Santa Cruz supervisor, who is head of an aviation caucus, to help in this CalFire education effort.

- c) 2000 Aerostar - Construction has begun.
- d) New grant ALP - We've received an FAA grant of \$261,000 for the purpose of updating our Airport Layout Plan and the Master Plan narrative. An all-day meeting is scheduled for November 14 to begin the project(s).
- e) Glider Operation - A meeting was held with the glider operator about three weeks ago, and we are currently in negotiations with them for a new lease. In response to a query from Commissioner Scattini, Mike reported that we would be asking for an increase in rent since our costs have exceeded their current payments.
- f) Airport Marking Symposium - Steve Subia attended and reported that it was predominantly about machines and what to use to lay paint down for the various airport marking. Machines shown included a hydroblaster to clean the markings off, and a grinder that can be pulled behind a tractor. Steve now believes we will need a different paint machine in the future which will cost about \$30,000. This machine can lay down multiple colors and stripes as needed for hold bars, etc. Also it will pressure blast the reflective beads in place affording better adhesion to the paint. Steve learned about different types of beads - class 2 and class 3. Class 3 is the better bead and is more reflective. Steve felt it was a good symposium which has taught him many aspects of how to do a good job of painting airport markings.
- g) PAPI - The runway 13 PAPI has been out of service since the FAA determined it was out of specification many months ago. It has since been readjusted to within specifications, and staff is endeavoring to contact the FAA so it can be retested by them and returned to service.

8) Old Business

- a) Trailer Parking - No report.
- b) Restaurant - We have one bid to get the roof replaced and sealed, and Mike is working to get a couple more and then he will move forward. Once the roof is replaced, we will be looking at replacing the electrical and plumbing in the building and at replacing the exterior refrigerator.
- c) Bylaws - Mike reported that we cannot fix the problem of potentially having less than a quorum following the November election of city council members and mayor, as state law prohibits commissioners from remaining in place beyond the term of the person who appointed them. However we can change the timing of electing a chairman. Based on a show of hands, a majority of the commission was in favor of making that in February, so Mike will have a bylaw change prepared for the next meeting.

- d) Airshow - Mike reported having a meeting with the airshow committee earlier this month. The committee was shown the portion of the city council meeting where the Mayor said the committee should find additional funding sources. After discussion, the committee's consensus was that fund raising was not what they were signed up for.

Based on the airshow committee's statements, Mike said that at the November 7 city council meeting he will be recommending the city cancel the airshow, since he cannot guarantee not having a financial loss from the show. He has informed the council before each show of the potential loss of the cost of the show, approximately \$65,000, although experience has shown that revenues reduce the loss to about \$20,000 which comes out of the airport enterprise fund budget.

The Mayor's earlier statement about the committee doing fundraising was made notwithstanding Mike's having reported to the council the commission's nearly unanimous advice: continue the airshow with the airport making up the loss, that the benefit to the community and the airport was believed to be worth the expense. Also, there were no comments from the members of the council that contradicted the Mayor's position of having the committee raise the funds to cover the deficit.

Mike solicited additional comments from the commission to be included in his report to the council on November 7, and the commissioners comments follow.

Commissioner Meyer suggested cancelling the airshow in light of the Mayor's statement.

Chairman Judd commented that he was the commissioner who has in the past voted against continuing the airshow, and that his only reason for doing so has been the \$20,000 loss of airport funds. He noted that Mike Chambliss has produced an outstanding professional airshow each year, and he would like it communicated to the council that a major sponsor is needed, but that it is not the job of the airshow committee to obtain such a sponsor. He noted that Ruth Erickson has been doing a great job of getting smaller sponsors, but he believes the city council itself should take on the task of finding a major (\$25,000 level) sponsor.

Commissioner Scattini wondered if Ruth had approached major aircraft manufacturers such as Cessna or Piper. He believes we need to try harder to get aviation related companies to sponsor the airshow.

Commissioner Huston opined that he felt the Mayor and council will be making a mistake if they cancel the airshow, that the ~\$20,000 loss is worth the good public relations for the airport that the airshow provides.

Commissioner Sunzeri stated she agreed with Commissioner Huston.

Commissioner Martinez reiterated his position that the public relations effect of the airshow has been well worth the cost, and that if the council does cancel it he hopes they will soon rethink it and bring it back.

Commissioner Machado noted that the stated loss due to the airshow does not come from the City's general fund, so he feels the council and Mayor should respect the decision/advice of the Advisory Commission and let the airshow continue.

Several commissioners noted that since the airport has been operating within its budget and

has covered prior losses (costs) within its operating funds and there has been no financial support required from the city for many years, the Council and Mayor should not prevent the airshow from continuing.

At this point, Director Chambless agreed that he had the sense of the commission to include in his report and recommendation to the council and Mayor, although given their stated position he still expects to recommend cancelling the airshow.

9) New Business

- a) Elect Chairman - This item was provided to allow electing a new chairman tonight if the commission so desired, since it was supposed to have done so last June. Commissioner Scattini moved to wait until February to elect a new chairman, seconded by commissioner Huston. Motion carried 7-0. Commissioner Judd will remain chairman until February 2017.

10) Items for Next Agenda

1. AIP Phase I update
2. Trailer parking
3. Cal Fire
4. Glider Operation
5. New grant ALP
6. Restaurant
7. NBAA 2016 Orlando
8. Runway 13 PAPI status
9. Airshow
10. Bylaws change

11) Next Meeting Date: November 16, 2016

12) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Airport Advisory Commission, Commissioner Machado moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sunzeri. The motion passed 7-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Chambless, Executive Secretary