

MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Date February 22, 2017

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 February 22, 2017 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 Fred Meyer, Steve Huston, Gordon Machado, Jose Martinez, and Marge Sunzeri, and Acting Executive Secretary Steve Subia.

Absent: Commissioner Scattini and Executive Secretary Chambless

4) Verification of Agenda Posting

The Agenda for the Airport Advisory Commission of the City of Hollister Regular meeting of February 22 was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall on February 15 at 10:00am per Government Code Section 54954.2

5) Consent

a) It was moved by Commissioner Machado and seconded by Commissioner Huston to approve as presented the minutes of the Airport Advisory Commission meeting of January 25, 2017. Motion carried 6-0.

6) Public Input

a) There were no public comments.

7) Reports

a) AIP Phase I - No report.

b) CalFire - No report.

c) AIP 18 - ALP Update - No report.

d) PAPI - Runway 13 Status - Steve Subia determined that the PAPI tilt switches were preventing the 13 PAPI from operating, indicating that the PAPI was beyond its alignment limits. After realigning the 13 PAPI, it was operating normally.

e) Budget - No report.

f) NBAA - Schedulers and Dispatchers Conference (Feb 7 - 10) Texas. Given the absence of Mike Chambless today, Dave Leonardo of the Hollister Jet Center, who attended the conference along with Mike, presented an informal report on his experience. Dave reported that the event was interesting. He related that recently a Global Express Gulfstream G550 jet came in to Hollister, and the pilots reported that their dispatcher had received a Hollister

giveaway at the conference, so apparently our presence did some good in getting our airport's name out there. Dave felt it was worthwhile to attend and participate.

- g) AIP 19 ALP - Chairman Judd opined that he thought this topic might refer to the proposed west side "parallel" taxiway. He reported that about a week ago he had accompanied Mike Chambless at a Meeting with the FAA in Brisbane. Our contract engineer Kevin Flynn also attended, and five FAA personnel were at the meeting. The upshot of the meeting was that the FAA wanted to delay for a year or two granting funds for the construction of the west side taxiway, i.e. the one that would run from the 31 threshold to taxiway C, parallel to and opposite taxiway A alongside runway 31.

After some discussion, the FAA did acknowledge we do have a safety issue with aircraft having to cross the active runway (from the west side) to get to the 31 threshold. However they pointed out that we have some additional safety issues that need to be dealt with. An example they cited was our direct access from the apron to runway 31, straight across taxiway B, with no turns required. Apparently the FAA standards require there be an offset so that aircraft leaving an apron should have to make a right or left turn on a taxiway before gaining access to the runway.

After further discussions, it was left that since we are currently having our ALP updated, the FAA wanted to see our finished and approved ALP before moving forward on funding this parallel taxiway. Hopefully the ALP will be complete and approved within the next twelve months or so.

8) Old Business

- a) Trailer Parking - No report.
- b) 155 Skylane Drive Building 16 (Restaurant?) - Steve Subia reported that the roof project is still delayed due to weather. The contractor is waiting for a week of 60 degree weather with no rain. As soon as the weather improves, the project will begin. He also reported that the equipment currently situated on the roof will remain, but the heating and cooling plumbing will also be foam insulated which should improve the performance. While the existing A/C unit is functional, the swamp cooler piped into the kitchen area does not function and will need to be replaced.

9) New Business

- a) Aircraft Waste Oil - Chairman Judd reported to the commissioners and attendees that there has been at the airport for many years a tank where tenants can deposit their waste oil, and that this tank has been provided by the county. However, around December of last year, when attempting to have the oil tank contents picked up, it was discovered that the contents were/are contaminated with gasoline, as determined by simply removing the tank's cap and smelling it. This is a problem because the presence of gasoline makes the tank's contents "hazardous waste", and the usual recycling vendor will not take it. In addition, it seems there are concerns that even in the absence of gasoline contamination, our waste oil is contaminated with lead, and this also makes the recycling vendor not want it.

So there are two problems: how to get the current full tank removed from the airport, and what sort of long term solution can be devised to accommodate the tenants, of which there are two classes, businesses such as the Jet Center and Vintage Wings and Wheels, and individual aircraft owner (hangar and tie down) tenants.

Mike Chambless' s initial response to the situation is reported to have been to have the county get rid of the existing tank and not replace it, leaving the airport with no place to deposit waste oil locally. Chairman Judd expressed his displeasure with this approach, as he had felt having the oil disposal tank was an airport provided service.

Steve Subia then added that the tank holds about 200 gallons, and if it is full of just normal oil, it costs about \$100 to have it picked up by a recycler. But because it has fuel in it, it now will cost \$2000 to have it removed as hazardous waste. He noted that as it stands now, anyone can make use of the oil tank, and it is unknown who actually contaminated it.

Ernie Persich spoke as having seen this issue since he has been at the airport since 1983. He stated that it has happened before. The tank used to be located near CalFire, and things went along fine for a while but then he says he smelled paint stripper, gasoline, coolant, lacquer thinner, and many other contaminants. After putting a lock on the tank, the problems went away for a time. But slowly over time, the problem returned.

Ernie suggested that we need to put a lock on it and just require airport users to contact the airport office whenever they need to dump their oil and have airport staff monitor the process.

Steve Subia reported that the current county position is they are waiting for us to have the tank emptied, and then they will remove the tank and no longer support having a waste oil tank at the airport.

Dave Leonardo also spoke on the topic. He expressed concern that if we remove the waste oil tank from the airport, there will be some tenants who do change their own oil that will end up pouring their waste oil in the dirt. He really doesn't want the tank to go away. His advice would be to put a lock on the tank and have the businesses (e.g., Jet Center and Vintage Wings and Wheels) have a key and monitor what is dumped in the tank.

An additional problem is the concern about lead contaminating the waste oil. At the moment, there appears to be only one recycler, located in Santa Cruz, who will take the aviation oil, and this has caused some/many/all Santa Clara County airports to no longer provide waste oil disposal service.

Chairman Judd stated in summary that there is a desire on the part of both businesses and individual tenants to maintain the waste oil disposal service at the airport, and the topic needs to be continued to the next meeting.

b) Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson - After various discussions:

Commissioner Martinez moved to elect Commissioner Machado as chairman and Commissioner Meyer seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. At this point incoming chairman Machado delegated the remaining chairman duties for today's meeting to outgoing chairman Judd.

Commissioner Meyer then moved to elect Steve Huston as vice chairman and Commissioner Sunzeri seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

10) Items for Next Agenda

The next meeting should have all the same topics on the agenda as today's meeting with the exception of the election of officers.

11) Next Meeting Date: March 22, 2017

12) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Airport Advisory Commission, Commissioner Sunzeri moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Machado. The motion passed 6-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Subia, Acting Executive Secretary