



MINUTES
Airport Advisory Commission
June 25, 2013

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Dr. Pat Boone – Chairman
Dave Elliott – Vice Chairman
Steven Janitell
Dr. Chris Thornton
Tom Hayden
Randy Courduff

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Wally Miller

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrew Biancur, Alternate Commissioner

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Peggy Littleton, El Paso County Commissioner
Rob MacDonald, Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments

CITY STAFF PRESENT: John McGinley, Assistant Director of Aviation, Operations & Maintenance
Neil Ralston, Interim Assistant Director of Aviation, Planning & Development

CITY STAFF ABSENT: Dan Gallagher, Interim Director of Aviation

GUESTS PRESENT: John Fox, Student of Embry Riddle
Ned Hunter, Gazette
Russ Moran, The Paradies Shops
Patsy Buchwald, The Paradies Shops

The next meeting is Tuesday, July 23, 2013.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 28, 2013 MINUTES

Chairman Boone asked for approval of the May 28, 2013 Airport Advisory Commission minutes; no objections; minutes were approved as submitted.

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

John Fox, Student of Embry Riddle
Ned Hunter, The Gazette
Russ Moran, The Paradies Shops
Patsy Buchwald, The Paradies Shops

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Russ Moran of The Paradies Shops updated the Commission about the "Treat Our Troops" program presented in previous AAC meetings.

Patsy Buchwald updated the Commission that the Balloon Classic is still scheduled to occur during Memorial Day weekend.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Boone began New Business with a statement that she would not be running for re-election as the 2014 Airport Advisory Commission Chairman. She stated, "From the book "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten," one of the important points is sharing. I always hoped that if I had the honor of being Chairman of the Colorado Springs Airport Advisory Commission that I could set an example of sharing. All of us have the abilities to be Chairman, and I believe that everyone who would like to should have a chance to serve, and not just have the same Chairman year after year. I would like to set that example of sharing by allowing someone else the honor of being Chairman next year." After reviewing the seniority on the board with the Commission, she said, "We will have nominations next month, in July, and vote in August. I would like to recommend that we consider Dave and Chris for Chairman and Vice-Chairman, since they are next in seniority, if they would like to serve. It would be up to them, of course, as to who would like to run for which office. Of course anyone can run for office, so please contact me ASAP."

Chairman Boone read a letter that she had received from Mr. Terry Rector regarding his views on air service development. A copy of the letter is shown as an exhibit to these minutes.

Chairman Boone also asked for a list of publication dates that airport advertisements appeared in the Gazette and on television.

A. Land Use Review (presented by Neil Ralston)

- **Item #1 AR FP 13-00262**
- **Item #2 CPC ZC 13-00045, CPC PUZ 13-00046, CPC CP 13-00047, CPC PUD 13-00048, CPC FP 13-00049, CPC MP 84-361 (concurrent review)**
- **Item #3 AR FP 13-00276, AR FP 13-000277 (concurrent review)**
- **Item #4 AR DP 13-00286**
- **Item #5 CPC UV 13-00019, AR BPP 13-00116 (concurrent review)**
- **Item #6 PPR-13-015**

Airport staff reviewed six land use items in June. One item (#6) was in El Paso County. Five items are in the City of Colorado Springs. Staff did not recommend any objections to items #1-#5, but recommended that item #6 be tabled pending the results of an FAA airspace review.

The Commissioners had no further input regarding Airport staff's recommendations and supplemental comments for these land use items.

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Finance and Administration – John McGinley

Traffic Report: April 2013

Year-to-date, enplanements are down 8.4%; compared to April 2012, enplanements are down 15.6%. Enplanements, seats and load factors for each airline were provided. *Note: all monthly Traffic Reports are available at www.flyCOS.com.*

Finance Report: April 2013

Earned revenue for April is 19.6% under budget. For year-to-date, earned revenue is 11.0% under budget. This is primarily due to a decrease in the amount of space leased after Frontier's departure and less ancillary revenue due to lower traffic.

Expenditures for April are 5.7% under budget. For year-to-date, expenditures are 3.9% under budget. The decrease from budgeted expenditures mainly is due to lower expenditures in Personnel Services and Utilities. Vice-Chairman Elliott inquired about utilizing air traffic controllers to manage night-time lighting of the airfield. Mr. McGinley responded that the Airport has drafted a Memorandum of Understanding and the FAA is currently reviewing the document. Chairman Boone expressed concern about the number of vacancies at the Airport. She stated that the extra work becomes the responsibility of employees who are already busy and may result in the Airport losing additional individuals. Mr. McGinley responded that freezing vacancies is essential to make up for revenue losses; all vacant positions are evaluated to ensure staff can handle the additional work. Mr. Ralston added that this is an opportunity to ensure the Airport is utilizing staff efficiently.

B. Operations and Maintenance – John McGinley

The Airport is proceeding with the Turf Replacement project that will remove 5 acres of irrigated turf from in front of the terminal building and replace with a "xeriscape" product. This will save the Airport about \$120,000 annually.

Maintenance staff is in the process of identifying efficiency and energy-savings projects that will help to reduce operating costs. For example, cost-saving LED lighting fixtures have been installed in the baggage makeup area.

Also, Boeing is still planning to conduct test flights this summer with the B747-8 aircraft.

C. Planning and Development – Neil Ralston

Design and Planning Phase Projects:

- Rehabilitation of Taxiways E, G & H (Phase IV) – Phase I demolition is complete and concrete paving is scheduled to be completed by July 28th. Phase II (work within runway safety area) is scheduled for August 20th. Runway 17L/35R (east runway) will be closed during Phase II. The project is scheduled for completion by Thanksgiving.
- Pond 700 Outfall Drainage Repair – This project has been advertised for bidding, with bids due on July 10th. Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-August, with completion in late fall. Kris Andrews, Environmental, Health & Project Specialist in the Development Office.

- Sand Creek Drainage Erosion – This project is also out for bid, with bids due on July 16th. Construction is scheduled to begin in early August, with completion in early fall. Daniel Donato, Engineering Technician in the Development Office.
- Westside Reinvestment Project – Two general aviation tenants are matching the Airport's capital contribution to undergo pavement improvements. The project to widen the cargo taxilane and rehabilitate the general aviation infield pavement adjacent to the cargo taxilane is being advertised for bidding, with bids due on July 19th. Construction is set to begin in late August and be completed in late September. The Westside Reinvestment projects (apron edge taxilane, general aviation apron, and fuel farm vehicle service road) are being designed.
- Airport Master Plan – We are in the process of finalizing the Master Plan documentation for final review and submittal and FAA approval by the end of the federal fiscal year (9/30/13). The Airport Layout Plan (ALP) was submitted to the FAA for airspace review in May. Stakeholder engagement is in full swing. Since the presentation to the AAC in April, we have briefed City Planning, PAFB Civil Engineering, the West Side Operators Group, El Paso County Planning, and PPACG about the recommendations of the Master Plan. We will present a final briefing to the Airport Advisory Commission at the July 23rd meeting to solicit any final advice concerning the Master Plan before final submittal for both local and FAA approval. Finally, LeighFisher has completed the Master Plan Forecast Update that was required by FAA. Their independent analysis suggests that passenger enplanements in 2013 will be approximately 655,000 and 635,000 in 2014.
- Premier Lounge – The intent of this project is to re-purpose space at Gate #6 to construct a premier lounge that will help provide customer service differentiation and that can be used as a tool to reward loyal customers. Funding appropriations have been submitted to City Council.

D. Director's Report – N/A

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Boone disputed conclusions of the legal opinion prepared by the Airport's attorney regarding past instances of electronic approval of Land Use Review items by the Commission. There was only one instance, and both his Exhibits A and B refer to the same incident.

In addition, Dr. Boone had researched where call-in had originated. From her research on AAC minutes online, it was Feb. 16, 2005, when City management suggested calling in.

In response to a request from City Council, Chairman Boone provided a list of Airport support that she feels is necessary in order for the Commission to effectively conduct its business. The list is as follows:

- Staff member to take minutes, type them for approval and post them online.
- Staff member to answer Land Use Item question and relay the Commission's comments appropriately.
- Staff member to present COS airport reports and answer questions.
- Airport Director/Interim Director in attendance.

The second portion of the request asked the Commission to list the reports from Airport staff it would need in order to be able to effectively conduct its business. The reports are as follow:

- Land Use Review
- Traffic Report
- Finance Report
- Airport Operations, Maintenance, General Aviation Reports
- Planning Update
- Project Report
- Director's Report by the Airport Director/Interim Director
- Semi-Annual CIP Report
- Other Reports, Audits or Annual Reports

VII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Elliott spoke as the liaison to the COS Air Show Committee. A theme, logo and font have been selected for the event. Flyers for next year's air show should be out in the next two months.

Vice Chairman Elliott extended an invitation to the Meadow Lake Airport Dedication the following weekend.

VIII. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

From: Carrie Bush <Carrie@terryrectorlaw.com>
To: "drpatboone@yahoo.com" <drpatboone@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 10:06 AM
Subject: Terry Rector's Airport Thoughts

Sorry this is a little delayed, but Mr. Rector was out of town. Here are his thoughts:

Back in 1994, I recognized that Colorado Springs' new airport terminal was opening the same time as DIA. As a Colorado Springs native, I saw an opportunity to "one up" Denver in renaming our airport "Rocky Mountain International ". Back then, it was Colorado Springs municipal airport. Director Gary Green liked the idea. I went on TV and radio and argued for it . Met with the airport board, headed by Don Bates, and talked to Terry Sullivan of the convention and visitors bureau. Denver has always looked down its nose on Colorado Springs and still does. Yet, we, equally do things in small ways though we are a beautiful city actually sitting at the base of the mountains and not in the plains. Well, I was met with opposition by the powers that be who stated that without Colorado Springs in the name, it would confuse travelers and marketing. I responded that the name is for US.... People travel to Phoenix , Boston , Atlanta etc. Sky Harbor, Logan Field, etc didn't throw travelers off. Lindbergh Field didn't lose me. In fact, I argued the prestige of the name change. It went nowhere and I only succeed in getting municipal dropped stating that that was where the crop dusters fly from.

Well, that's just back ground on how we don't think big and Denver moves on as our beautiful airport looks empty and tired. My new suggestion, get a new airline to commit to a term at COS. Give them then never used second terminal gates and have them "four wall" the operation restoring the maintenance, restoration etc. If it could be done, just give to an established airline the Western Pacific unused expansion in exchange for commitments for staying here and providing more direct flights. Don't let everyone bypass us from Pueblo, here, etc. to travel to DIA. We will become again just a shuttle to Denver like it was when I was growing up 57 years ago.

Denver sees Colorado as Denver, Vail, Aspen.

It's time we show that Colorado Springs is Colorado. We are in the mountains , Denver and Pueblo are not! I'd be glad to share more ideas when I get back.

Thank you

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