



**COLORADO SPRINGS  
AIRPORT**

**MINUTES  
Airport Advisory Commission  
Wednesday, May 22, 2019  
3:00PM – 5:00PM  
Colorado Springs Airport, Conference Room B**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** John Maier – Chairman  
Bill Nichols – Vice Chairman  
Andi Biancur – Commissioner  
Hal Ellis – Commissioner  
Chic Myers – Commissioner

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:** Aaron Wood – Commissioner  
David L. Couch – Commissioner

**NON-VOTING  
MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark Volcheff – Alternate Commissioner  
County Commissioner Mark Waller – Liaison Commissioner (arrived later)  
Dave Elliott – Meadow Lake Airport Liaison

**NON-VOTING  
MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tamara Hunziker – Alternate Commissioner  
Michelle Ruehl – Alternate Commissioner  
Councilor Andy Pico – City Council Representative  
County Commissioner Stan VanderWerf – Liaison Commissioner

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** Greg Phillips – Director  
Michael Gendill – Legal Advisor  
Ivette Rentas – Customer Relations Coordinator  
Kevin Keith – Aviation Planner  
Tom Roisum – Accounting Manager  
Josh Stone – Air Service Development Manager  
Steven Gaeta – Design & Construction Manager  
Brett Miller – Assistant Director of Aviation  
Troy Stover – Assistant Director of Aviation  
Aidan Ryan – Marketing & Communications Manager

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Lou Morales – Public Guest (arrived later)

I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 3:00PM MAY 22, 2019 by CHAIRMAN MAIER**

II. **APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 24, 2019 MINUTES**

Vice Chairman Nichols made a motion to approve the April 24, 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Ellis seconded.

Discussion: None

VOTE: **APPROVED (Unanimous).**

III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

IV. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Agenda Change – Kevin Keith will brief the Land Use Items.
- The Airport Marketing Briefing scheduled to be given this month has been delayed till June 2019.

V. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

VI. **NEW BUSINESS AND REPORT ITEMS**

**A. Land Use Review – Kevin Keith**

Airport staff presented and discussed nine (9) Land Use Items. Five (5) items in the City and four (4) in the County.

Land Use Items #1, #2, #5, #6, #7, #8, and #9: Briefed.

Discussion: In response to Commissioners' general questions, clarification was provided about 1) the process for verifying actual ownership of property prior to the land use item being submitted to the Commission for review, and 2) the height limitation of temporary (stored) equipment in the immediate vicinity of the airport.

Vice Chairman Nichols motioned to recommend approval of land use items #1, #2, #5 #6, #7, #8, and #9 as recommended by airport staff. Commissioner Myers seconded.

VOTE: **APPROVED (Unanimous)**

Land Use Item #4:

Vice Chairman Nichols motioned to recommend approval of Land Use Item #4 conditional upon inclusion of sound mitigation techniques for construction of the day care center. Commissioner Biancur Seconded.

Discussion: The Commission discussed the advisability of including a recommendation to incorporate sound mitigation building techniques during the construction of the proposed day care center. Traditionally the track of aircraft during approaches and departures from the Colorado Springs Airport (especially instrument approaches) pass directly over the proposed day care center. In addition, the rationale for making this recommendation should be made know to the developer as part of the Commission's recommendation.

VOTE: **DISAPPROVED (Unanimous)**

Commissioner Ellis motioned to recommend approval of Land Use Item #4 conditional upon inclusion of sound mitigation techniques for construction of the day care center and that the applicant be informed why sound mitigation is being recommended by the Commission. Commissioner Biancur Seconded.

Discussion: No additional discussion.

**VOTE: APPROVED (Passed 4 Yes 1 No. Chairman Maier Voted NO)**

Commissioner Ellis moved that a (formal) statement be provided to the developer that requested the developer consider sound mitigation techniques in the construction of the (day care) facility. A significant portion of all the air traffic inbound to one of the primary runways at Colorado Springs will pass directly overhead the proposed (day care) facility at a relatively low altitude (2600 feet above ground level) on a regular basis. Vice Chairman Nichols Seconded.

**VOTE: APPROVED (Passed 4 Yes, 1 Abstain. Chairman Maier Abstained)**

A general discussion took place about the Colorado Springs airport overlay ordinances, nationally published airport land use compatibility studies, and other state and local government agency guidance regarding land use compatibility in the vicinity of commercial airports.

Land Use Item #3

Chairman Maier moved to table Land Use item #3, and to call a Special AAC meeting to discuss recommending inclusion of an "Informed Homebuyer Notification" for the proposed development. Vice Chairman Nichols Seconded.

Discussion: The impact of existing ordinances and land use codes on the Commission's ability to effectively recommend inclusion of an "Informed Homebuyer Notification" with this and future Land Use Items will be discussed.

**VOTE: APPROVED (Unanimous)**

## **B. Director's Airport Business Report**

- Project Status Report – Steven Gaeta
  - Construction of Taxiway G, phase 3, will take about 130 days.
  - Bistro/Novo completion anticipated by 1 June and Fire recovery 1<sup>st</sup> floor completion estimated November 2019.
  - Application of 2019 appropriations will cause reported budget numbers to change slightly. Scope of the projects, however, will not change.
  - The Project Status Report reflects only funded airport projects.
- Traffic Trend Report – Josh Stone
  - Operations Report heading corrected ("March 2019" vs "February 2019").
  - Additional seasonal flights began in May.
- COS Financial Report – Tom Rosium
  - Scale on the Cumulative Revenue and Expense graph was enlarged. Reporting period was changed from 12 months to 6 months. Report will be presented as rolling 6-month charts.
  - Reported K-9 reimbursement was for the period January through March 2019.
- Airport Business Development Report – Greg Phillips
  - Airport Director and staff to meet in Chicago with United Airlines on May 28.
  - Airport Director and staff will attend airline "Jump Start" conference the week of June 3rd. Consultation with 8 airlines is planned.
  - "Table-top" Emergency Response Exercise conducted on 22 May. A "Tri-Annual" Emergency Response Exercise will be conducted in 2020. The new Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management will participate in next year's exercise.
  - Airfield Attack scheduled 22 - 23 June 2019.

- PFC 23 – Greg Phillips
  - The draft PFC 23 Briefing presented to the Commission on April 24, 2019, has changed significantly as a result of Consultation with the FAA.
  - FAA requested rescheduling of West Runway (17R/35L) rehabilitation from 2021 to 2020.
  - FAA Requested a three year PFC project submittal.
  - PFC 23 proposal is scheduled to be briefed to City Council Budget Committee on June 11, 2019. Presentation to City Council work session (tentatively) scheduled June 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - An SIB loan application will be submitted by the end of June 2019.

Chairman Maier moved that based upon the PFC Briefing received, the Commission offer its full support to the PFC 23 Application and further directs the Chair to provide a letter of support for PFC 23 to the President of the Colorado Springs City Council. Vice Chairman Nichols Seconded.

VOTE: **APPROVED (Unanimously)**

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- None

VIII. **COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

- Commissioner Myers recommended that the City Consider renaming the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport to either the Southern Colorado Regional Airport, Colorado Springs Regional Airport, or the Olympic City Airport at Colorado Springs to better identify what the airport is “Now” and the services being supplied to the Community.
- Commissioner Ellis commented that the Commissioners should “Stand Up” for the correct course of action regardless of what was done previously, and that the Commission should have the ability to make recommendations in addition to requirements of existing development codes. Based upon his recent personal experience with investigating several aircraft accidents, he believes the Commission needs to move forward at “full steam” to insure land use compatibility practices are implemented around the airport.
- Commissioner Biancur expressed an interest in receiving an update from El Paso County on how the County is currently dealing with Meadow Lake (compatible land use).
- Liaison Commissioner Elliot indicated that the Master Plan for Meadow Lake had been approved. The main runway at Meadow Lake Airport will close on July 8, 2019, and is programmed to remain closed for 73 days.

IX. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

- At the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce/EDC, The Chair and Vice Chair met with County's consultants (Houseal Lavigne) and other stakeholders, to provide comment for the County Master Plan currently under development.
- Concern was expressed about the planned rehabilitation of the West Runway in 2020 without approach lighting system availability on Runway 35R. This has the potential to impact runway availability in low weather conditions.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08PM.

The next meeting date is **Wednesday, June 26, 2019**