



**COLORADO SPRINGS
AIRPORT**

Colorado's small airport

**MINUTES
Airport Advisory Commission
Wednesday, July 27, 2022
3:00PM – 5:00PM
Colorado Springs Airport Conference Room B
(Public Via Teleconference)
Teams Meeting**

VOTING

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Bill Nichols – Interim Chairman
Mark Volcheff – Commissioner
David L. Couch – Commissioner
Danny Mientka – Commissioner
Dr. Brian Erling – Commissioner (via TEAMS)
Michelle Ruehl – Commissioner (via TEAMS)
Al Peterson – Commissioner (via TEAMS)

VOTING

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

NON-VOTING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Buckley – Alternate Commissioner
George Mentz – Alternate Commissioner
County Commissioner Longinos Gonzalez, Jr. – Liaison
Commissioner (via TEAMS)

NON-VOTING

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Randy Helms – City Council Representative
Wayne Williams – City Council Representative
County Commissioner Stan VanderWerf – Liaison
Commissioner
Dave Elliot – Meadow Lake Airport Liaison

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Phillips – Director of Aviation
Michael Gendill – Senior Attorney
Jennifer Cook – Executive Assistant
Troy Stover – Assistant Director of Aviation
Deanna Stoddard – Design and Construction Manager
Joe Nevill - Air Service Development Manager
Chris Padilla – Senior Analyst
Kristine Andrews – Environmental Health & Safety
Specialist (via TEAMS)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Larry Hudson, SSP America
Amy Kelly, United States Air Force Academy (via TEAMS)
Ayoka Paek, Peterson Space Force Base (via TEAMS)
Other attendees via phone were unknown

I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 3:01PM JULY 27, 2022, by INTERIM CHAIRMAN NICHOLS**

II. **APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 22, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Volcheff made a motion to approve the June 22, 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Couch seconded.

Discussion: None

VOTE: **APPROVED (Unanimous, Roll Call Passes 7 Yes).**

III. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Interim Chairman Nichols welcomed new Alternate Commissioners John Buckley and George Mentz.

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

V. **NEW BUSINESS AND REPORT ITEMS**

A. **Land Use Review** – Kris Andrews

Kris Andrews presented fifteen (15) Land Use Items.

Commissioner Mientka made a motion to recommend approval of Land Use Items #1 through #13 and #15 as presented by airport staff. Commissioner Volcheff seconded.

Discussion: None

VOTE: **APPROVED (Unanimous, Roll Call Passes 7 Yes)**

Land Use Item #14: Briefed

Kris Andrews gave a detailed briefing on Land Use Item #14, request by Crown Castle on behalf of New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC (aka AT&T) for approval of a telecommunications site plan. The plan consists of extending and installing new antennas (5G, not C-Band) and equipment on an existing tower. The tower will be extended by 30'. The property is zoned CC/CAD-O (Commercial Community and Commercial Airport District Overlay) and consists of 14.24 acres. The site is located southeast of Space Village Avenue and Peterson Boulevard.

Discussion: Ensuing a detailed discussion regarding aircraft approach minimums for circling and final approach, the Commission was provided with sufficient information to render a recommendation.

Commissioner Volcheff made a motion to recommend approval of Land Use Item #14 based upon airport staff recommendations and conditions of approval as stated in the Land Use Item. Commissioner Couch seconded.

VOTE: APPROVED (Unanimous, Roll Call Passes 7 Yes)

B. Director's Airport Business Report

- **Project Status Report**
 - Airport/Airfield construction report presented by Deanna Stoddard.
 - Taxiway B Rehabilitation began June 20, 2022 with Kiewit as prime and RS&H performing admin/observation.
 - Airport Master Plan had its final rounds of airport review and public outreach scheduled end of June 2022.
 - Terminal Building Concourse, Oversize Baggage Handling System, and TSA Queue Area Remodel are all part of the CMGC package containing multiple projects with multi-year construction phases.

- **Traffic Trend Report**
 - The airline data analysis was presented by Joe Nevill.
 - Colorado Springs Airport (COS) had 95,713 enplanements for the month of June 2022, down 8.4 percent from the same time last year.
 - COS saw 191,698 passengers travel through the terminal for the month of June.
 - In June, all five carriers at COS saw an average load factor of 81.7 percent. This rise in load factor represents a 3.9 percent increase from June 2021.
 - Air Service Team and Greg Phillips will be attending World Routes/Take-Off Conference this October in Las Vegas.

- **COS Financial Report**
 - COS financial report presented by Chris Padilla.

- **Airport Business Development Report**
 - Airport business development report presented by Troy Stover.
 - 29-acre industrial development has been cancelled due to rising capital and material costs.
 - Discussions of project growth continue throughout the General Aviation development and Peak Innovation Park.

C. General Business – Director Greg Phillips

- Pikes Peak Regional Airshow will take place on September 24 and 25, 2022. World War II Museum recipient of funds.
- Phil Washington, chief director of Denver International Airport (DIA), has been nominated for the position of Administrator for the Federal Aviation Administration.
- Airfield Facilities Management Conference (AFMC) will be hosted by COS on August 1st through 2nd.

D. Chairman's Report – Interim Chairman Nichols

- Interim Chairman Nichols and Greg Phillips attended City Council Regular Meeting on July 26, 2022, where approval was given for the sale of a director's parcel to the Metropolitan District.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- Washington Update – Commissioner Ruehl
 - None

VII. COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- None

VIII. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

- None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Interim Chairman Nichols adjourned the meeting at 4:49 P.M.

The next meeting date is Wednesday, August 24, 2022