



MINUTES
Airport Advisory Commission
Wednesday, November 17, 2021
3:00PM – 5:00PM – AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING
Colorado Springs Airport Conference Room B
(Public Via Teleconference)
Teams Meeting

VOTING COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: 5

Chairman Aaron Wood, Vice Chairman Bill Nichols, Commissioner David L Couch, Commissioner Mark Volcheff (via TEAMS), and Commissioner Michelle Ruehl (via TEAMS, arrived later)

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 3:01PM NOVEMBER 17, 2021, by CHAIRMAN WOOD

II. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Vice Chairman Nichols made a motion to approve the October 27, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Couch seconded.

Discussion: Request made by Chairman Wood to amend the October 27, 2021 meeting minutes (section VII, first point of Discussion), to read, Commissioner Volcheff asked a question about the Colorado Springs Airport (COS) staff recommendation/condition of approval wording.

VOTE: **APPROVED** (Unanimous, Roll Call Passes 4 Yes).

III. COMMUNICATIONS

Annual Ethics Training (item VII, fourth bullet point) was moved on the agenda and will occur at the very end of the Airport Advisory Commission (AAC) Meeting.

Chairman Wood made a motion to change the agenda. Commissioner Couch seconded.

VOTE: **APPROVED** (Unanimous, Roll Call Passes 4 Yes).

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

V. NEW BUSINESS AND REPORT ITEMS

A. Land Use Review – Kris Andrews

Kris Andrews presented eleven (11) Land Use Items.

Commissioner Volcheff made a motion to recommend approval of Land Use Items #2 - #11 as presented by airport staff. Vice Chairman Nichols seconded.

VOTE: **APPROVED** (Unanimous, Roll Call Passed **5** Yes)

Land Use Item #1: Briefed

Kris Andrews gave a detailed briefing of request by Matrix Design Group on behalf of Space Village Industrial LLC, for approval of the Space Village Addition No. 1 Annexation. The annexation includes annexing 21.82 acres from El Paso County jurisdiction to the municipal city limits of Colorado Springs. The property is located at the southwest corner of Space Village Avenue and Marksheffel Road.

Discussion: Commissioner Volcheff requested clarification of the staff recommendation and shared his concerns of the language used in bullet four Notice/Disclosure to all home buyers of location/proximity to Airport and bullet five Airport Lighting Notice/Disclosure: To be developed and provided by Airport.

Ensuing a detailed discussion regarding the language, the Commission was provided with sufficient information to render a recommendation to remove bullet four in its entirety and replace bullet five with new language to read: Airport shall develop and provide a Lighting/Notice Disclosure that shall protect the safe operation of the Airport and disclose to the public effectively such Airport Lighting impacts on said development.

Commissioner Volcheff made a motion to recommend approval of Land Use Item #1 based upon new language as presented by airport staff. Commissioner Ruehl seconded.

VOTE: **APPROVED** (Unanimous, Roll Call Passed **5** Yes)

B. Director's Airport Business Report

- **Project Status Report**
 - Airport/Airfield construction report presented by Bud Geng.
- **Traffic Trend Report**
 - The airline data analysis was presented by Joe Nevill.

- Introduction of Josh MacCammon, Air Service Development Analyst II.
- COS had 97,967 enplanements for the month of October, 23% over 2019.
- Southwest Airlines (SWA) begins seasonal service to Houston (HOU) and San Antonio (SAT) for select dates in November, December, and January.
- On October 4th and 5th Greg Phillips and Joe Nevill attended the fifteen-year celebration of Southwest Airlines (SWA) at Denver International Airport (DEN) and joined in on the fireside chat with SWA executives.
- **COS Financial Report**
 - COS financial report analysis presented by Chris Padilla.
- **Airport Business Development Report**
 - Airport business development report presented by Troy Stover.
 - Discussions of possible development throughout General Aviation and Peak Innovation Park continue.
 - South roundabout on Peak Innovation Parkway to open Friday, November 19th.

C. General Business – Greg Phillips

- Director Greg Phillips shared that the concourse modernization is nearing full picture design completion. Project phases anticipated to begin Summer of 2022 with bathroom(s) remodel; updating to meet current ADA standards.
- Request for proposal (RFP) for gift concessioner currently out, closing in January.
- Master Plan presentations to be held with City Council, El Paso County Board of Commissioners and planning committees for City and County.
- COVID mask mandate; COS will continue to follow federal mandate requirements through January 18, 2022.
- December's AAC meeting will be attended in-person by all COS presenting staff.

D. Chairman's Report – Chairman Wood

- Chairman Wood asked the Commission to complete the Master Plan survey by November 24th and make any comments via www.coloradospringsairportmasterplan.com
- The Commission's letter of support for Project Sunset has been drafted and sent to City Council.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- Colorado Aeronautical Board (CAB) Update – Commissioner Myers
 - None
- Washington Update – Commissioner Ruehl
 - Commissioner Ruehl continues work on national military strategies and space.

VII. COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- County Commissioner VanderWerf shared that El Paso County's State of the Region is on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at the Boot Barn Hall. Reservations are required.

VIII. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

- None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting at 4:23 P.M.

The next meeting date is Wednesday, December 15, 2021