

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, January 9, 2012

Present: Dave Bayouth, Charles Fletcher, U.L. Gooch, Steve Harris, Willis Heck, John Hennessy, Thomas Pryor, Dr. Thom Rosenberg, Brent Wooten, Kurt Yowell

Absent: Dwight Greenlee, Bill Ward

Airport Staff: Victor White, Brad Christopher, Kathryn Keathley, John Oswald, Amanda Patrie, Valerie Wise

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney
Branden Hall, Budget Analyst, Finance Department

Others: Pat McCollom, Program Manager, AECOM
Mark Kelley, Vice President, AECOM

Chairman Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Fletcher, second by Gooch, to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2011, Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ACT 3 Project Update

Pat McCollom, AECOM Program Manager, spoke to the Board about the status of the ACT 3 Project. On December 14, 2011, the bid phase of the terminal construction was advertised. One addendum to the bid documents has been issued to date. There will be minor changes to the construction documents to include additional structural connections, lighting changes, and artwork display needs.

The ACT 3 pre-bid meeting is on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. at the Hilton Wichita Airport. Victor White, Director of Airports, added that it is a public meeting, and encouraged Board members to attend.

The ACT 3 Program Management office has received numerous questions and material substitution requests in response to the bid advertisement. Mr. McCollom plans to address questions from bidders in weekly addenda.

The opening of bids for the new terminal construction is scheduled for February 17, 2012, with the groundbreaking in May or June. Steve Harris asked if the groundbreaking would be on a weekend, so that more of the public could be involved. Mr. White said it would be a good idea if it was planned that way. Willis Heck asked if the bid opening information would be reviewed by

the Airport Advisory Board. Mr. White said the City of Wichita Board of Bids will be issuing its selection recommendation to the Wichita Airport Authority. Mr. Heck asked if there would be an opportunity for the Airport Advisory Board to be involved, since the next Board meeting after the bid opening is not scheduled until March 5th. Mr. White recommended the Board hold a special meeting after February 17 to address any questions regarding the bid opening.

Mr. McCollom and Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney, will meet with the Wichita-Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board on January 13 to answer questions about accommodations in the new terminal.

The terminal plans are available for purchase at City Blue Print. In addition, plans can be viewed at five other locations in Wichita, and at locations in Kansas City, Tulsa, and Oklahoma City. To date, 57 DVDs and 30 full-sized sets have been purchased. Chairman Rosenberg asked how those numbers compared to other projects. Mr. McCollom said that the number of plans purchased indicates a high level of interest in the terminal construction. Mr. White asked how many contractors from out of state have purchased plans. Mr. McCollom said there are about fifteen. To make the process as transparent as possible, the list of plan holders has been posted on www.flywichita.com, and all questions must be submitted in writing to terminalbid@wichita.gov, and will be answered in writing.

Kurt Yowell asked if the Pre-Bid meeting is mandatory. Mr. McCollom said it is not mandatory, to prevent exclusion. Chairman Rosenberg asked if the bid opening is a closed meeting. Mr. McCollom said the bid opening is an open meeting. U. L. Gooch asked for further explanation of the tenant design guidelines. Mr. McCollom said when the Request for Proposals (RFPs) are advertised, a design guideline will be included. The tenants will finish any space they occupy, but the Airport will provide some preferred specifications for the finish work in a document called tenant design guidelines. Mr. White added that the guidelines inform potential tenants of what they will be responsible for providing for their business spaces, and that such guidelines will be created for all tenants of the terminal.

Brent Wooten asked if the terminal will be operational at the projected November 2014 terminal opening date. Mr. McCollom said it is the substantial completion date. Charles Fletcher asked how it was determined that the construction would be done in less than 36 months, which was the previous projected timeframe. Mr. McCollom said that he reviewed the construction schedule and was able to remove some redundant activities, and there were some packages that were combined, which saved about two hundred days. Mr. White added that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) gave its approval of the construction today.

Mr. Harris asked about the status of federal funding for the project. Mr. White said the FAA has administratively programmed to completion the new terminal. The Airport has worked diligently to make sure the discretionary funds will be available, because the competition for those funds is great.

John Hennessy asked if there were other new airports being constructed in the United States. Mr. White answered that San Jose, Sacramento, Indianapolis, and Santa Barbara have recently completed new terminals. Mr. McCollom added that Ft. Lauderdale is in the process of

constructing a new terminal. Mr. White said Dallas/Ft. Worth is beginning a project to renovate all of their terminals, over a ten-year time span. The mayor of Kansas City has proposed building a new terminal. Mr. Fletcher asked if there is any construction competition between those projects and Wichita. Mark Kelley, AECOM Vice President, answered that there is plenty of construction capacity.

Other Business

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, February 6, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Kathryn Keathley, Clerk