

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, December 2, 2013

Present: Dave Bayouth, Charles Fletcher, U.L. Gooch, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy, Carl Koster, Karyn Page, Thomas Pryor, Dr. Thom Rosenberg, Bill Ward, Brent Wooten, Kurt Yowell

Absent: None

Airport Staff: Victor White, Brad Christopher, Kathryn Keathley, John Oswald, Valerie Wise, Jean Zoglman

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney

Others: Pat McCollom, ACT 3 Project Manager, AECOM
Brian Youngers, Signature Flight Support

Chairman Greenlee called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Fletcher, second by Bayouth, to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2013, Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Victor White, Director of Airports

Valerie Wise, Air Service and Business Development Manager, announced that there will be school and youth group choirs performing carols at Mid-Continent Airport beginning the second week of December. Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney, was at the Sunflower Showdown on November 30th to present the Mid-Continent Hero of the Week award. The Hero of the Week was awarded Southwest Airlines tickets.

Mr. White stated that an additional 380 parking stalls were opened in the Park & Ride lot prior to the Thanksgiving travel period. These spaces were previously used for employee parking. Employee parking has been moved to a lot near Learjet, which will be in use for approximately the next year. With the additional parking spaces, there was enough capacity for all of the Thanksgiving travelers.

Brad Christopher, Assistant Director of Airports, informed the Board of the effect of the Kansas Personal and Family Protection Act, known as concealed carry, at Airport facilities. This law was amended in July 2013, and allows permit holders to bring concealed firearms into public buildings. It is expected that the City Council will enact an ordinance at the December 10th meeting in accordance with the state law. The Airport Authority has written a security plan to comply with the ordinance at its business facilities, some of which have been deemed exempt

due to security concerns, including the Mid-Continent terminal. Airport tenants are responsible for creating policies that comply with the City ordinance at their facilities. Mr. Hinkel stated that the state law will be the compliance statute for four years, after which time federal law will control firearm carry policy.

Mr. White informed the Board that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will not be providing personnel to secure exit lanes at the security checkpoint beginning February 2014. The effective date of the original directive, which affects all airports, is January 2014, but the Airport filed a petition and was granted an additional month to determine how it will provide the federally mandated exit lane security, which is not subsidized. The Airport will issue an RFP for a private security company to provide this service. The cost may be \$150,000 to \$250,000 per year, which would be less costly than stationing Airport Police & Fire officers at the checkpoint. As with other facility operating costs, this cost will be billed to the airlines. This action has not been well received nationwide, in part due to the fact that the federal ticket tax that should fund this security function is still being collected, yet the funds will not be used for this purpose. Many aviation organizations have filed suits to delay or stop the reduction in service. There is the potential that representatives from several states may create a group to petition Congress to stop the directive, although that has not yet come about. Las Vegas and Seattle-Tacoma airports already have breach control systems that meet security requirements using cameras, motion detectors, and alarms. This type of solution may be a possibility for Mid-Continent's new terminal. The cost of two gates that would be required may be around \$300,000, based on systems in use at other airports. To comply with the security directive at this time, a security firm will need to be hired to meet security requirements.

City Council has appointed six of the seven members of the Airport Naming Advisory Committee. Mr. White stated that, at presentations to civic groups about the activities and developments at Mid-Continent, the most common subject of questions from the audience is the proposed airport name change. Mr. White will not participate in the deliberations of the committee; however, Mr. Hennessy of the WAAB is a member.

Mr. White also informed the Board that there is some local interest in possibly acquiring "Columbine 2," the first aircraft officially designated as Air Force One, and which was used by President Eisenhower, so that it can be displayed in Wichita. There has been some local press about it already, a result of which was that Mr. White was contacted by the owners of the aircraft in Arizona, where it is currently located, to inquire if the Airport had a location to house the airplane should it be purchased by someone. Both the Kansas Aviation Museum and the Eisenhower Foundation have stated they do not have an interest in it. The Airport would not be able to help fund the purchase of the airplane, nor would it be involved with the restoration or care of the airplane. The owner of the airplane is currently asking \$1 million, and a significant amount of restoration work will need to be done as well. If it were to be purchased by a local individual or community organization, and it was determined that the airplane should be on display at Mid-Continent, it potentially could be placed just north of the parking areas and east of the DoubleTree Hotel, where there is a large grassy lot which would provide the best visibility for all airport visitors.

Mr. White presented some photographs taken during the Dreamlifter's landing at Jabara Airport on November 21st. The event received international news coverage and the crowd that came out to view the airplane created bumper-to-bumper traffic in front of Jabara Airport. The pavement will be evaluated at least twice, once in the next few weeks and then again in the spring, by a specialty engineering firm to determine what effect the landing had on its condition. Pavement often does not show damage as a result of undergoing high stress until after it has gone through a freeze/thaw cycle. The design strength of the runway at Jabara is approximately 62,000 pounds. The Dreamlifter is approximately 600,000 pounds. The Airport has been in contact with Atlas Air, the company that flies the Dreamlifter for Boeing, since the landing. The cost of the pavement evaluations will be paid for by Atlas Air. The Airport will continue to be in contact with Atlas Air until all investigations regarding the landing have been resolved.

Parking and Rental Car Facilities Project Update – John Oswald, Engineering & Planning Manager

It is expected that the parking garage may be open to the public in October 2014, the rental car facility will open in January 2015, and the outer surface parking will be complete in March 2015. The foundations are currently being laid for the garage and rental car facility. The irrigation system installation has begun. Utility construction for the facility is a main task that will continue in the coming month.

ACT 3 Project Update – Pat McCollom, ACT 3 Project Manager

The terminal is projected to be complete in 484 days, which is approximately the half-way point of the project timeline. In the last month, planning and negotiation work has continued for the airlines and concessions leases. The concrete floor slabs on both levels are complete. Installation of windows is beginning. Proposals for the systems integrator work are currently being accepted. The submittal deadline is December 11th, and interviews are expected to be scheduled for January. The passenger loading bridge design is complete, and a two-part bid advertisement for purchasing either steel or glass loading bridges is expected to be issued next week. Once the bids are received, additional decisions will be made about purchasing steel or glass loading bridges, and the lowest bid for either type that is chosen can be accepted. In the coming month, glazing and skylight installation will continue, work will continue on exterior wall finishes, and the roof will be completed.

Other Business

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, January 6, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.