

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, December 4, 2017

Present: Robert Benton, Tim Bonnell, Paul Davis, David Eslinger, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy Jr., Carl Koster, Karyn Page, Dr. Thom Rosenberg, Ron Ryan

Airport Staff: Victor White, Director; Jean Zoglman, Finance Manager; John Oswald, Engineering and Planning Manager; Valerie Wise, Air Service and Marketing Manager; Michael Piccone, Operations Manager; Jordan Leonard, Clerk

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney

Guests: Lonny Wright
Jerry Siebenmark, Wichita Eagle

Chairman Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and asked if anyone was present to speak on the public agenda. No one came forward to speak.

Director's Report – Victor White

Mr. Ryan arrived at 3:05pm.

The December Tenant Luncheon is on Thursday, December 14th starting at noon. It is held at the DoubleTree Wichita Airport Hotel.

Christmas Music at ICT begins on December 6th. Several vocal and instrumental groups from area schools will perform with entertainment for travelers. There are 13 groups all together that will be performing inside the Airport from December 6th to December 14th.

Recently, Wichita Airport Authority (WAA) advertised for a real estate broker to represent the Airport to attract tenants to both Airports for the vacant buildings that come up over time. Proposals were opened last week and 6 firms submitted proposals. Interviews will be held sometime in January after a staff screening and selection committee has been put together.

Mrs. Page arrived at 3:13pm.

The Colonel James Jabara Airport development pre-proposal meeting took place last week. Over 20 individuals attended the meeting. With the addendum that was done Friday, there was an extension added on the due date for proposals. The due date for proposals is now February 9th.

The Federal Aviation Administration Central Region Airports Division came to visit last week to discuss projects that are planned over the next 5 years.

Inside the terminal there will be an area next to the Information Desk that is designated for Dwight D. Eisenhower to share memorabilia on his life story. Along with the memorabilia, the talk of having a larger-than-life-size statue of Ike is making progress as well. Director White has been discussing concepts with members of the Eisenhower family and the museum, as well as some local folks who may be interested in assisting with the project. The Wichita Airport Foundation 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation has received its approval from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a charitable organization which will enable the foundation to receive tax deductible donations for this project.

Next year a new project will begin to prepare a new strategic business plan for WAA that will involve WAAB member participation along with staff. Some of the goals are to examine the strengths and weaknesses of the Airport System, as well as its threats and opportunities. We need to determine the best types of tenants which would be targeted to fill vacant buildings and property.

The Federal Government Budget expires on the 8th of December, but another extension is anticipated to go forth into next year so that there is not a government shutdown. The President's proposed budget included cutting the Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Reimbursement Program from Homeland Security's budget. This program helps pay for the officers that are required to respond to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) checkpoint in the terminal. Director White has been in contact with the Kansas Congressional Delegation in concert with the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) and the Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA) to fight this cut.

Valerie Wise presented some aviation statistics showing that October was the busiest October on record. Total passengers are up 1% over 2016. As of now, we are 1% under from the record year in 2008.

Review of Site Plans for Doc's Hangar

Sam Frey, an architect with Doc's Friends, shared a PowerPoint Presentation showing the site plans for the Doc Educational Center and Museum Hangar. The hangar will serve as a museum for education of students and a place for people to see Doc up close. The hangar is about 32,000 square feet, with about 8,000 square feet addition for storage, office space, bathrooms, etc. A 16ft high by 60ft long window will be placed on the west side of the building to view Doc inside the hangar from Airport Road. A platform stretching around the aircraft on the inside to help view Doc from a higher elevation will be available. The budget for this project is about \$6,500,000. Around \$5,000,000 is the anticipated cost of the facility itself. A plaza will also be included on the outside of the west side of the building. Bricks can be purchased for the fundraiser and will be used in the plaza.

Motion by Mr. Ryan, second by Mrs. Page to approve the site plans for Doc's Hangar presented by the architect, Sam Frey.

Project Updates – John Oswald

John Oswald shared a PowerPoint Presentation showing the process of the old terminal demolition and renovation. The demolition of the existing terminal will contain almost all of the building above ground, except for the one story west wing which will be converted into needed operational and equipment space for WAA purposes. In late October, proposals were received, resulting in the selection via interviews in November for the firm which will serve as the Construction Manager at Risk for the project. Contracts for the engineering and the demolition and renovation process will be brought to the City Council Agenda Meeting December 12th and 19th. Construction is planned to start sometime in the year 2018.

Other Business

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 4:24 p.m. by Mr. Davis, 2nd by Mr. Ryan.

Jordan Leonard, Clerk