



**SCOTTSDALE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
Scottsdale Airport Terminal Lobby  
15000 N. Airport Drive, Scottsdale, AZ  
October 14, 2015**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Ken Casey, Vice Chairman (telephonic)  
Michael Goode, Acting Chairman  
Brad Berry  
John Celigoy  
Bob Hobbi (telephonic)  
William Schuckert

**ABSENT:** Steve Ziomek, Chairman

**STAFF:** Sarah Ferrara, Aviation Planning & Outreach Coordinator  
Shannon Johnson, Management Analyst  
Gary Mascaro, Aviation Director  
Chris Read, Airport Operations Manager

**GUESTS:** Herb Genung  
Mary Hudson  
Beverly Leinweber  
Bill Meskan  
Guy Milanovits  
Eddie Ochoa  
Gene Press

**CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chairman Goode called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

A formal roll call confirmed the presence of Commissioners as noted.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Acting Chairman Goode led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

## **AVIATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Aviation Director Mr. Gary Mascaro reported that Signature Flight Support has started the process of acquiring the Landmark Aviation holding company to buy out the facilities and the charter, maintenance and repair services. As more details emerge he undertook to bring this back to the Commission for discussion.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### 1. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting: September 9, 2015

Commissioner Schuckert made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2015 regular meeting. Commissioner Berry seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of six (6) to zero (0). Chairman Ziomek was absent.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Gene Press, who has lived in DC Ranch for ten years said since the flight patterns changed in November 2014 the noise levels have become so intrusive that he is considering moving. He and his neighbors are concerned that property values will decrease because of the noise issue. Jets are flying low enough over his back yard that he can read the numbers on the undercarriage. At times there is a flight directly overhead every two to three minutes. The noise levels are affecting home values. He urged the Commission to consider the needs of homeowners and perhaps return the flight paths to their previous pattern, which was far less intrusive.

Mr. Herb Genung, who lives at 60th Street and Sweetwater, said he has noticed flight paths at high elevations crossing in his neighborhood and wondered whether this is why flights to and from Scottsdale Airport are flying lower.

Ms. Beverly Leinweber lives in Phoenix said she has been in touch with Congressman Schweikert with statistics of loud flights into Scottsdale which she has tracked. She cited statistics of her personal tracking, particularly of flights during nighttime hours. She can no longer enjoy her home.

Mr. Bill Meskan, who lives in Phoenix at Sweetwater and 64th Street, said the noise is overwhelming since the flight paths were changed by the FAA with no public outreach. Since he moved into the area 25 years ago the area has become built up. He expressed concern about the low altitude of some aircraft. Low flying military jets once caused a tsunami in his pool. It seems as if no one is doing anything to alleviate the noise.

Ms. Mary Hudson, a 16-year resident of northeast Phoenix, said she never had noise issues in the past but now her home is directly below the flight path to Sky Harbor and flights to and from Scottsdale Airport also pass directly over her. Her family is awakened several times a week because of the air traffic. She feels the value of her investment in the family home is being eroded. Ms. Hudson said the flight paths cross above this neighborhood, plus there is helicopter traffic to the Mayo Clinic and for monitoring the freeways. She cited an occasion where three aircraft flew over her home at 3:00 a.m. but no one could track them. They were apparently flying visually under the radar. She acknowledged Ms. Ferrara's work on logging noise complaints, however it appears that some incorrect information is being forwarded to the FAA.

## **REGULAR AGENDA                    ITEMS 1 - 13**

1. Introduction from the new President/CEO of the Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce

Tabled in the absence of Mr. Hiegel.

2. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Application for Airpark Aeronautical Business Permit for Delta Private Jets, Inc. to Conduct Aircraft Charter and Management Services, tabled from the September 2015 meeting

Management Analyst Ms. Shannon Johnson stated that Delta Private Jets is still seeking ratification of their permit to conduct aircraft charter and management services in the Airpark. Because they are based in Kentucky the management team is unable to attend a meeting. Only their pilot is based in Scottsdale. The company is a Part 135 operator. Two of their fleet of 66 aircraft are based at the Airpark. Delta has been in business for over 30 years and has approximately 400 employees.

Acting Chairman Goode said he would accept a motion to ratify the permit in these extenuating circumstances.

Commissioner Schuckert made a motion to ratify the Airpark aeronautical business permit for Delta Private Jets, Inc. to conduct aircraft charter and management services. Commissioner Celigoy seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of six (6) to zero (0). Chairman Ziomek was absent.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Application for Airport Aeronautical Business Permit for G.G.R. Aviation, Inc. to Conduct Flight Training, Aircraft Management and Aircraft Leasing or Rental Services

Ms. Johnson stated that G.G.R. Aviation, Inc. is seeking ratification of their permit to conduct flight training, aircraft management and aircraft leasing or rental services. She noted that Mr. Guy Malinovits was in attendance.

Mr. Malinovits explained that G.G.R. will provide flight training in the student's own aircraft. They manage small single-propeller airplanes.

Commissioner Schuckert made a motion to ratify the Airport aeronautical business permit for G.G.R. Aviation, Inc. to conduct flight training, aircraft management and aircraft leasing or rental services. Commissioner Berry seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of six (6) to zero (0). Chairman Ziomek was absent.

4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Application for Airport Aeronautical Business Permit for Scottsdale Executive Flight Training, LLC. to Conduct Flight Training and Aircraft Leasing or Rental Services.

Mr. Malinovits stated that Scottsdale Executive Flight Training, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of G.G.R. Aviation, Inc. Training is conducted in the company's own aircraft.

Commissioner Schuckert made a motion to ratify the Airport aeronautical business permit for Scottsdale Executive Flight Training, Inc. to conduct flight training and aircraft leasing or rental services. Commissioner Berry seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of six (6) to zero (0). Chairman Ziomek was absent.

5. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Application for Airpark Aeronautical Business Permit for Ariztar, LLC dba Pocket Jets to Conduct Aircraft Management Services

Ms. Johnson stated that Ariztar, LLC dba Pocket Jets seeks ratification of its permit to conduct Aircraft management services in the Airpark. Mr. Eddie Ochoa was in attendance.

Mr. Ochoa said the company currently has one Premier jet, but hopes to have a total of three within the next 90 days.

Commissioner Schuckert made a motion to ratify the Airpark aeronautical business permit for Ariztar, LLC dba Pocket Jets to conduct aircraft management services. Commissioner Celigoy seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of six (6) to zero (0). Chairman Ziomek was absent.

6. Discussion and Input Regarding Airport and Airpark Aeronautical Business Permit Additions, Cancellations or Revocations

Ms. Johnson reviewed the list, noting that the only changes are to the companies the Commission just took action upon.

7. Discussion and Input Regarding the Monthly Construction Report

Airport Operations Manager Mr. Chris Read reported on the various construction projects and displayed photos of the work.

- o The taxiway Bravo project is about one-third complete and is expected to be finished in October.

- The Airport Operations Center Building is about 55 percent complete. The operational impacts remain unchanged.
- The terminal and Landmark south ramp seal coat project was completed from beginning to end in September.
- The parking apron pull box replacement project is expected to start in December.

Mr. Read told Commissioner Goode that the taxiway B rehabilitation project is expected to be completed around March 20, 2016. They are about halfway through the runway closures.

#### 8. Discussion and Input Regarding Monthly Operations Report for September 2015

Mr. Read presented the monthly operations report for September. He discussed an incident where an individual deliberately drove through the gate onto the Airport. Staff immediately closed the runways and taxiways and the individual was arrested on multiple charges.

During the last fiscal year the U.S. Customs Service did well as revenue was higher than expenses.

Mr. Read noted that operation volumes at the Airport are unchanged so far from the previous fiscal year.

#### 9. Discussion and Input Regarding Financial Reports for August 2015

Ms. Johnson presented the financial reports for August 2015. She noted that revenue is close to what staff had predicted, while expenses are about 34 percent lower than the projections.

She noted that much of the most aged accounts receivables were for an account where invoices were being generated but not being sent to the client. This situation has now been corrected.

Commissioner Goode inquired why expenses year to date are so much lower than forecast. Ms. Johnson explained that the timing of some expenses are impossible to forecast with accuracy. This report represents only the first two months of the fiscal year.

#### 10. Discussion and Input Regarding Public Outreach Programs and Planning Projects

Aviation Planning & Outreach Coordinator Ms. Sarah Ferrara provided an update as follows:

- The FAA has not yet formally responded to the latest request to include airports in the Phoenix Metroplex process. It is also possible that the process may be suspended until further notice.
- Staff issued a press release highlighting the use of the U.S. Customs Service over its first full year of daily service. Use of the service is up by 53 percent during that period.
- Staff responded to media inquiries about the incident when the gate was breached.
- Staff is working on a video to highlight the economic benefits that the Airport and Airpark bring to the community. They plan to film in February. It will be used as a promotion,

mostly for the NBAA. Commissioner Hobbi suggested it could be used with local media outlets to promote the Airport.

- Work continues on logistics for the next NBAA annual convention.
- The Airport has an opportunity to partner with Playworks to help beautify Yavapai Elementary School and participate in a play activity with the children. She invited volunteers to contact her.
- Public outreach meetings regarding the repeal of Appendix A have begun.
- Two projects within the Airport Influence area were monitored.
- Approximately 27 pilots attended the pilot briefing on October 13. The Air Traffic Control Manager from the tower feels it would be a good idea to offer them more frequently, especially given the construction at the Airport. Commissioner Goode suggested scheduling briefings quarterly.
- Noise abatement procedures are an important topic that was stressed. Commission Hobbi suggested sharing the detailed public comments made at tonight's meeting with the pilots so they understand how noise affects residents' quality of life. This may encourage pilots to respect the curfew. Acting Chair Goode requested Ms. Ferrara to conduct some research. Summarized public comments might be shared with pilots as a handout.
- In September four voluntary curfew letters were sent.

#### 11. Discussion and Input Regarding Quarterly Noise Complaint Summary Report

Ms. Ferrara provided the third quarter update of the noise report summary. She acknowledged that staff experienced an IT glitch in the mapping system. They have worked with IT to correct this. All the complaints were recorded but some complaints were erroneously classified as being outside of the Airport influence area. The website is now accurate.

Complaints are up compared with the third quarter of 2014.

Commissioner Hobbi inquired whether staff is receiving calls regarding overflight by aircraft using Sky Harbor. Ms. Ferrara clarified that staff tracks all complaints received and tries to match them with flights. Sometimes they do not have enough information to determine which airport is being used.

Commissioner Schuckert commented that the regional numbers on the report vary dramatically, which is confusing. Ms. Ferrara explained that they have still not finished making adjustments following the IT glitch. IT staff is still reviewing everything and she plans to run all the reports again to get a true picture of the number of regional complaints.

Ms. Ferrara said staff has met with the two Deer Valley flight schools to share concerns that some of the noise complaints are regarding their operations. The schools have reviewed the flight path and altitude requirements with all of their trainers.

Commissioner Hobbi expressed concern that many complaints do not relate to Scottsdale Airport flights at all. It would perhaps be helpful to segregate complaints about Scottsdale flights from all other aircraft noise. Ms. Ferrara said some complaints contain little information that would enable staff to make this determination. Commissioner Hobbi urged that in light of the 34 percent increase in complaints it would behoove them to try. Commissioner Goode said the complaints are received as recorded voice mails and without a two-way conversation it is

difficult to pinpoint. Commissioner Hobbi said with these significant increases in complaints at some point they will have to consider other ways of recording complaints. Commissioner Goode said this would be a monumental task; the Airport may not have the means to do this.

Commissioner Celigoy pointed out that as a public airport, the Airport is open 24/7 and really has no control over transient aircraft coming in. There is only so much that staff can do. Mr. Mascaro clarified that the tower controls the airspace to 3,000 feet within a five-mile radius, while the City of Scottsdale controls the facility.

12. Discussion and Input Regarding Status of Aviation Items to City Council

Mr. Mascaro said staff hopes to bring the repeal of Appendix A to City Council at the end of January 2016. The Airport Advisory Commission will discuss this in November and the Planning Commission will consider it in December.

13. Discussion and Possible Action to Modify the Airport Advisory Commission Meeting Schedule and Commission Item Calendar

None noted.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Hobbi asked everyone to help publicize the second annual Sky Kids event at the Airport on Saturday, November 7. They are expecting 150 children with special needs to attend and need more aircraft and pilots. He expressed appreciation for the support of the City and the Airport. This is a non-profit organization and they want to be sure every child gets a chance to fly. Ms. Ferrara undertook to mention this in the weekly newsletter.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public wished to address the Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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