

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Informational Meeting

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 7:00p.m., Room 227, Airport Administration Building at DeKalb-Peachtree Airport. Board members in attendance included: Larry Scheinpflug, Christopher Richard, Kevin Fowler and Dan Zanger. Others present included: Deputy Airport Director Marshall Taggart and Nate Schattner. Due to lack of a quorum, official AAB meeting was not held.

Topics discussed per Deputy Airport Director Marshall Taggart:

1. Master Plan Update: Taggart turned this portion over to Smartegies, the public relations firm under contract to Michael Baker for communications. They announced that successful first meetings were conducted by all three Committees: Intergovernmental, Airport Stakeholders/Technical Advisory and Citizens Advisory.
 - Public Open House on 11/15 was a success. Another Open House will be planned.
 - Community Engagement survey has been getting good response (1,286 unique visitors at time of meeting), and will be open until the end of the year.
 - Question was asked by a member of the community about access to email addresses of other members of the Citizens Advisory Committee (community member is also a part of this committee). Smartegies rep. (Erica) stated that this would violate privacy rights of members, and suggested that questioning member ask for contact info. directly from individuals, offline.
2. EMAS – Phase 3 Blocks will be installed on 11/26
3. Runway markings and rubber removal is on schedule.
4. **Noise and Environmental Analyst Report:** Prepared and delivered by Nate Schattner. **The October 2018 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations** were 11,779 which is a decrease of 10.79% as compared to October of 2017. There were 134 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2018 year-to-date operations are 134,442 as compared to the total 2017 operations as of October 2017 of 134,015. In October, 72% of operations were on a southerly flow, 3% were to the north, and 25% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 91 households made 160 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00p.m. and 17:59p.m. (40%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 61% of the complaints originated from the 30319 zip code. A total of 61 advisory letters were sent to aircraft operators who flew during the Voluntary Curfew Period who were not identified as MedEvac and/or other emergency flights. Regarding High Noise Events, 16 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).
5. **Other:** Erica from Smartegies discussed the layout of the committee meetings. Members serve for up to 2 years. Meetings are held 5 times a year, or 1 meeting per quarter. Currently meetings are held at the Chamblee Public Library. Jim from Michael Baker discussed the Goals/Visioning report, and the Existing Conditions report. Member of the public asked about access to an Airport Layout report. Erica stated that there is a 2009 copy on the PDK Master Plan website, as well as a copy of the 1990 Master Plan.
6. **Public Comments:**
 - A member of the community asked questions regarding the FAA's role in approving the height of buildings/zoning. Board member answered that the FAA only advises with regard to impact on airspace, it is up to local municipalities to decide and approve.
 - Question by the Public was asked about why rubber removal was happening. Board member answered that this was in preparation for the Super Bowl.

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