DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., Room 227, Airport Administration Building at DeKalb-Peachtree Airport.

Members Present: Larry Scheinpflug (Vice Chairman), Kevin Fowler, Eugene Henry, Mike Reeves and Christopher Richard
Members Absent: Jennifer McKillop (Chairman), Rob Smith and Dan Zanger
Others Present: Airport Director Mario Evans, Deputy Airport Director Marshall Taggart, and Noise and Environmental Analyst Nate Schattner

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by Vice Chairman Larry Scheinpflug

I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2018 was made by Christopher Richard and seconded by Mike Reeves. Motion passed.**

II. Information/Old Business

A. **Airport Director's Report**:

1. Evans reported that the Board of Commissioners (BOC) will accept, at its May 22 meeting, the $1.8M from the FAA and GDOT for rubber removal from 21L/3R, remarking of runways and taxiways, and a runway incursion mitigation project of installing 21 in-ground hold bar lights. The airport has not been remarked in 10 years. These projects are for safety purposes and are timely due to the 2019 Super Bowl.
2. Evans reported that the FAA conducted two Pilot Forums on April 25 to bring controllers and pilots together for discussions on best practices and safety issues.
3. Evans encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Good Neighbor Day Open House and Air Show on Saturday, May 19.

B. **Noise Report**: Noise and Environmental Analyst Nate Schattner presented the April 2018 Noise Report which will be posted on the website in its entirety: Total **operations** were 14,978 which is an 8.24% increase over April of 2017. There were 364 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2018 year-to-date operations are 51,053 as compared to the total 2017 operations as of April 2017 of 51,187. In April, 52% of operations were on a southerly flow, 38% were to the north, and 9% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise Complaints**: 18 households made 131 complaints. Forty-seven percent of the complaints were made during the 1:00 p.m. to 7:59 p.m. time frame. The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 79% of the complaints originated from the 30319 zip code. A total of 134 advisory letters were sent to aircraft operators who flew during the Voluntary Curfew Period and 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). **Motion to approve the April 2018 Noise Report was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Eugene Henry. Motion passed.** Evans stated that the Noise Report will be presented via Power Point, on a trial basis, to conserve paper and to make it easier for members of the community to follow. The Board will receive paper copies and one or two extra copies will be available at the meeting. The full report is posted on the website after approval. Schattner stated that noise complaints should be reported by the 3rd day of the month following the month in which the noise event was heard. Schattner introduced "Thinking about Moving near PDK?" to be posted on the website and to include resources available to help inform potential neighbors about flight tracks, noise contours, noise abatement and noise reporting procedures. This information has been shared with the cities of Chamblee, Doraville, Brookhaven and Dunwoody.

C. **Other:** The EMAS installation is on track for a September completion – weather permitting.

III. New Business: **None**

IV. Public Comments: A discussion ensued with a citizen about his personal computer-based noise monitoring capability. The citizen also presented a track of flights in and out of PDK. The airport noise officer will investigate the tracks and elevations for flights over the citizen's house and identify any possible low flight operations. A question was raised about the status of the upcoming Airport Master Plan. The Plan will be presented to the BOC on June 5 and will be a 2-year process.

Motion to adjourn was made by Eugene Henry and seconded by Mike Reeves. Motion passed at 8:09 p.m.

Submitted by:

Amy Carpenter (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Larry Scheinpflug (Vice Chairman)