

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM in Room 227, Airport Administration Building at DeKalb-Peachtree Airport.

Members Present: Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair), Kevin Fowler, Christopher Richard, Robert Smith, Eugene Henry, Mike Reeves, Reuben Jones

Members Absent: Dan Zanger

Others Present: Airport Director Mario Evans

The meeting was called to order at 7:07p.m. by AAB Chair Larry Scheinpflug

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the May 13, 2019 minutes was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Reuben Jones. Motion passed.**
- II. Information/Old Business
 - A. **Airport Director's Report:** Airport Director Mario Evans reported the following:
 1. Runway Incursion Mitigation (RIM) Phase II: approved, back on the agenda. \$27K grant from FAA & GDOT accepted.
 2. Master Plan Update: Evans deferred to Jim Duguay from Michael Baker International. Jim shared some of the specifics that MBI is focusing on as they are currently in the Facilities Requirement phase (analyzing for FAA requirements), such as: evaluation to improve instrument approach, landside capacity, fire station needs, airport utilities, parking, and other items.
 - The next round of public involvement meetings for CAC, TAC and intergovernmental will be July 11th at 6PM, in Room 227 of the Administration building.
 - The second PDK Open House will be July 17th at 6PM at the Chamblee Civic Center.
 - Jim Duguay discussed how doing an aeronautical obstruction survey could affect changes to Minimums.
 - A member of the public asked for more details about lowering the instrument approach with regard to glide path. Jim answered that the glide path won't change but visibility minimums may be lowered and it is still a work in progress.
 - A member of the community asked what some of the obstructions were in the Master Plan, per FAA. Jim answered that trees were an issue, and that a new aeronautical survey was being prepared.
 - A member of the community requested that the full results of the public survey be posted on the website. Jim answered that summaries only are currently posted, but that he would look into posting more details.
 3. Southwest Quadrant Corporate Hangars Development – Upcoming Variance Meeting: Airport Director Mario Evans informed that seven (7) new corporate hangars are being built. He then went over the process, and discussed some of the variances requested, such as barbed wire on fencing, modifications to maximum height on retaining wall (currently 4'), and streetscape requirements. These will all be addressed in a working session on Thursday, June 13th at 6PM with the City of Chamblee.
 - A member of the community commented that due to the size of the project, the focus should be on giving back to the community, not the other way around. Evans answered that the airport will be replacing 1,000 trees – more than what will be removed.
 - A member of the community asked if the Chamblee multi-use plan currently in place would be affected? Evans answered: No.
 - A member of the community asked if investment would be made on Clairmont Road. Evans answered: No, because the Hangar Development does not border Clairmont road. Evans also informed that there will be a 40 to 80 foot buffer between homes and the airport development.

- A member of the community asked what the retaining wall height was going to be increased to. Evans answered: 8 to 10 feet.

B. **Noise and Environmental Analyst Report:** - None given due to the noise officer resigning and the position is currently open. See item III below.

C. **Other:** None

III. **New Business:** Airport Director Mario Evans informed that Noise and Environmental Analyst, Nate Schattner, moved on to another position outside of PDK, therefore the Noise Report will be on hold until someone is hired to assume this role. Evans announced that there are two positions to fill: Noise and Environmental Analyst and Deputy Airport Director. Both are posted on website.
- Evans stated that the NOMS system should be online in July for public submission of noise complaints.

IV. **Public Comments:**

- A member of the community asked if a change in voluntary curfew at PDK can be imposed, stating that no planes can fly after 11PM. Member of community also asked if PDK is the second largest airport in Georgia, why is it looking to other Georgia airports to lead the way in offering mogas? Answers from Board: No change in the voluntary curfew hours at PDK. FAA has APPROVED only newer light sport category aircraft and some limited older aircraft to use mogas. Much discussion between member of the community and Board ensued regarding the perils of putting mogas in the majority of airplanes that come into PDK, and are not FAA APPROVED to use mogas. Catastrophic engine failure was the biggest safety concern.
- A member of community commented that there was no part of the Master Plan that commits to sustainability. He requested that after the report is done, a sustainability committee be established. Mario Evans stated that he was open to this suggestion.
- A member of the community who was a pilot, asked if there was a plan for PDK to use Jet A and diesel for piston aircraft, as is used in Europe. Board answered it is a very expensive proposition that would require extensive aircraft engine conversions and in most cases the engines do not exist.
- Board Member Rob Smith asked about the status of Good Neighbor Day. Answer: it will be back again next year.

Motion to adjourn was made by Christopher Richard and seconded by Robert Smith. Motion passed at 7:48 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved as Submitted:

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)