DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM in Room 227, Airport Administration Building at DeKalb-Peachtree Airport.

Members Present: Larry Scheinpfug (AAB Chair), Kevin Fowler, Christopher Richard, Mike Reeves, Reuben Jones, Dan Zanger, Rob Smith, Eugene Henry
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Airport Director Mario Evans and Noise and Environmental Analyst Korey Barnes

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

I. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the November 18, 2019 minutes was made by Dan Zanger and seconded by Mike Reeves. Motion passed.

II. Information/Old Business

A. Airport Director’s Report: Airport Director Mario Evans reported the following:

1. DeKalb County Ethic Board Presentation by Stacey Kalberman, Ethics Officer - Ms. Kalberman presented on the issue of Conflicts of Interest via Power Point presentation. Adhering to these Conflicts of Interest has been a requirement for DeKalb County since 2015. Ms. Kalberman stated the two top rules of engagement adopted by the County’s Ethic code to include: 1. Do what is in the best interest of DeKalb County regardless of your own personal or financial gain. 2. Avoid the appearance of impropriety. Ms. Kalberman stated that with regard to PDK AAB, it is important to inform the community if there is a conflict of interest, and that this should be reflected in the minutes. She also suggested that for any Board member where there is a conflict of interest, it might be a good idea to leave the room, or recuse oneself from the issue being discussed. The Conflicts of Interest presentation is on the County website.

- Jim went over an Executive Summary of the three committee meetings held the Thursday prior. The Power Point presentations for these meetings will also be published on the Master Plan website, along with Minutes from the meetings. 
  [Link: www.pdkmasterplan.com]
- Three Administrative building and parking lot redevelopment proposals were shown. Budget for project: $10M.
- Other topics included: Discussion about a possible Aviation museum to be located in East Ops, possible new Approach lights in North Runway Protection Zone (RPZ), a proposal to replace county-owned T hangars, as well as the possible addition of shade hangars on the North ramp.
- Board Chair Larry Scheinpfug asked if there was a prioritization plan. Jim answered: Yes, there are three phases in place for prioritizing the recommendations.
- Board Member Dan Zanger asked why Chamblee is keeping sanitation trucks for all the county on airport property? Mario Evans answered: It is not something we can change.
- A member of the Public asked the name of the organization proposing to build the museum? A member of the Board answered: Inspire Aviation Foundation, a non-profit organization.

B. Noise and Environmental Analyst Report: - New N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report:
The November 2019 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: Total operations were 14,640 which is an increase of 87.24% as compared to November of
2018. There were 365 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2019 year-to-date operations are 149,291 as compared to the total 2018 operations as of November 2018 of 142,261. In November, 57% of operations were on a southerly flow, 39% were to the north, and 4% were on the NW/SE runway. Noise complaints: 11.1 households made 290 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 6:00p.m. and 11:59p.m. (36%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 38% of the complaints originated from the 30341 zip code. A total of 123 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, 49 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

- The Noise report will now be available to the public on the airport website the Friday before the monthly meeting so the Public can review/prepare any questions they may have.
Motion to accept the November 2019 Noise Report was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Dan Zanger. Motion passed.

C. Other:
Board Chair Larry S. asked about
- SEC Traffic: Epps reported a 75% increase over the prior year. Atlantic and Signature did not see an increase.
- RIM: Project will be complete on Tuesday Dec. 10th.
- Rotating Beacon repair: Purchase Order has been issued, waiting for vendor to get equipment in.
- Gates 11 & 16: Purchase Order has been approved, wait will be 4 to 6 weeks to receive.
- Board Member Dan Zanger asked if the City of Chamblee had been contacted about ordinance. Mario Evans responded: No.

III. New Business: New Board Chair and Vice Chair will be elected in January.

IV. Public Comments:
- None

Motion to adjourn was made by Eugene Henry and seconded by Dan Zanger. Motion passed at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)

Christopher Richard

Vice Chair