

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

Members Present: Christopher Richard (AAB Chair), Mike Reeves, Reuben Jones, Doug Miller, Kevin Fowler, Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Vice Chair), Dan Zanger, 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 5:33p.m. by AAB Vice Chair, Christopher Richard.

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the May, 2020 minutes was made by Board Member Doug Miller and seconded by Board Member Dan Zanger. Motion passed.**

- II. Information/Old Business

- A. **Airport Director's Report:** Airport Director Mario Evans reported the following:

1. Master Plan Update: Evans deferred to Michael Baker International representative, Jim Duguay.
 - The next round of committee meetings is scheduled for June 30th: One at 11 am, the other at 5:30pm. Committee members can attend either meeting. It will be via Zoom format on behalf of DeKalb County. Topics will include an update on project status to date and steps moving forward. Original schedule was to be completed in August, more likely to be the end of the year. Email notices will be going out this week on dates.
 2. Board asked Mario Evans to take the request to have Post 9 be assigned to Chamblee to the legal department. The Law department said bylaws cannot contradict the ordinance created by the AAB. Bylaws need to be identical to the ordinance.
 - Chris Richard said from his perspective this should not be in the Board's purview to go beyond what is vested in it by the ordinance. He feels the issue should be taken on by the BOC.
 - Dan Zanger posited that Seat 9 should be reserved for a Chamblee resident appointed by the City of Chamblee. Dan recommends Board commissioners change their bylaws. Mario corrected and said it is the ordinance in question – not the bylaws. Ordinance currently states that that position should be approved by the BOC with concurrence of Chief Executive of Post 9. BOC feels the Mayor and City Council should continue to do what is already being done. Evans stated that the problem started because a citizen on City Council objected to the Mayor appointing a person. AAB CAN change bylaws, but cannot contradict ordinance of DeKalb County.
 - Much discussion ensued between Board members and Public about the issue. Decision was proposed by Richards and approved by all for every Board member to contact their County Commissioner regarding any changes made to bylaws. will provide something for all to bring to county commissioners.
 3. For tomorrow's BOC: Two t-hangar leases to be approved: 1 shop space and 1 sub-lease (to Siesta Trucks).
 4. RIM update: presented by Hunter Hines. Project scope includes removing some congested areas, adding in some taxi ways, relocating a small section of Charlie. Bid process was opened on June 4th. Winner of contract will be determined on Wednesday June 10th. Timeframe for start: GDOT says around August.

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report:

The May 2020 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 11,353** which is a decrease of -25% as compared to May of 2019. There were 259 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2020 year-to-date operations are **52,604** as compared to the total 2019 operations as of May 2019 of 63,231. In May, 60% of operations were on a southerly flow, 35% were to the north, and 5% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints: 5.8** households made 53 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 6:00a.m. and 11:59a.m. (42%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 66% of the complaints originated from the 30341 zip code. A total of 83 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, 23 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

- Larry Scheinpflug asked: Regarding letters sent out for people operating during voluntary curfew, his understanding was that they were only sent out if an operator had 2 or more events that breached curfew? Evans answered: EVERY one who violates get a letter. Only after 2 letters do they get their information listed in the report.

Motion to accept the May 2020 Noise Report was made by Larry Scheinpflug and seconded by Doug Miller. Motion passed.

B. Other:
None

III. New Business:

Member of Public, Larry Scheinpflug asked Mario Evans: With decrease of ops at airport, and since airport is operated as an enterprise fund, is downturn in traffic causing not as much money from fuel, and is that putting the airport in financial trouble? Evans answered No, even though there was a 20% drop in operations from March to April. Second question from Scheinpflug: Since sales tax has been down within the county, will county ask airport to give county money? Evans answered: No, and explained that the county has a rainy day fund in surplus. Doug Miller asked: What is status of the Downwind restaurant and other facilities around PDK? Evans answered that the Downwind is still closed going on 12 weeks, but plans to reopen. 57th Fighter Group is open. Playground is still closed until further notice following the Governor's Executive Order and the County Health department.

IV. Public Comments:

Evans read a comment that was sent online by Jordan Fox: Can the airport put some information together and post on the website regarding the status of the postponed Air Quality meeting, and is it possible that this meeting can be done virtual? Evans stated that he will review and report back on this. Second question by Jordan Fox: Since the results of the lead test on PDK playground soil was good, he suggests PDK put together a press release that is also published on social media, stating this.

- Larry Foster expressed his dissatisfaction with having to email questions in during this time of Board virtual meetings. Evans responded that the Board put out information requesting that members of the Public use the Raise Hand feature during the Zoom meetings, and they will be called on to speak live, as Mr. Foster was doing.

- Jaime Dutro supported Foster's comments, and suggested the AAB change the policy requiring questions to be submitted in advance, and instead continue to allow time at the end to cover. Board Chair Richards responded that this adjustment to format will be made. Public Member Foster stated that he thinks it is ok to ask for questions ahead of time, but to also let live end of meeting discussion ensue during the public comments time allotment.

- Member of public Jim Flock sent in a question regarding the non-functioning card reader at Gate 11. Evans responded that it has been repaired.

Motion to adjourn was made by Doug Miller and seconded by Dan Zanger. Motion passed at 6:44 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved as Submitted:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Christopher Richard (AAB Chair)