

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, November 9th, 2020 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

Members Present: Christopher Richard (AAB Chair), Mike Reeves, Reuben Jones, Doug Miller, Kevin Fowler, Dan Zanger, Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Vice Chair)

Members Absent: Eugene Henry

Others Present: Airport Director Mario Evans and Noise and Environmental Analyst Korey Barnes

The meeting was called to order at 5:32p.m. by AAB Vice Chair, Christopher Richard.

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

- II. Information/Old Business

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

1. Airport Master Plan Update:

Evans deferred to Jim Duguay; Jim deferred discussion on upcoming Public Workshop over to Tanya from Smartegies. Tanya reported that Master Plan Public Workshop will be held on Thursday December 10th, at 1800. The meeting will be conducted virtual via Zoom. Purpose of the Workshop is to provide an update on the Master Plan progress. Presentation will be made by the Michael Baker team. There will be time for Q&A. Notifications will be sent out next week via Master Plan website, through the Brookhaven and Chamblee Communications teams and via email for Master Plan Committee members.

2. AAB Bylaw Change Request:

Evans deferred to Board Member, Dan Zanger. Zanger advised that the Airport Board revise the Bylaws to include Post 9 Seat 9 go to a Chamblee resident as approved by Chamblee City Council. Board Chair Richard polled Board: All agreed with proposal.

3. RIM PHASE 2 update:

Evans stated that Hunter Hines who would normally update, was not present. Evans advised that the Airport received notice for moving forward with RIM project Phase II.

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

The October 2020 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 13,067** which is a decrease of -6.79% as compared to October of 2019. There were 454 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2020 year-to-date operations are **115,541** as compared to the total 2019 operations as of October 2019 of 134,651. In October, 38% of operations were on a southerly flow, 57% were to the north, and 5% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 4.8 households made 106 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 06:00 PM and 11:59PM. (39%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 53% 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 who were not identified as MedEvac and/or other emergency flights. Regarding High Noise Events, 48 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

- Board Member Doug Miller discussed a recent event where social media lit up due to KC 135 military flights going overhead, which were blamed on PDK. Evans explained that the military flights don't show up on Public Noise systems because military flights are redacted for defense purposes.

- Board Member Reuben Jones asked if there was an increase in MedEvac classified flights. Barnes answered: Yes.

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

N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes made a second presentation:

Presentation to replace PublicView system. PlaneNoise is the name of the system being proposed and recommended.

- Reuben Jones asked: If a citizen calls in with a noise complaint, will the system pick up the phone number? Barnes answered: Yes, the system will pick up number. Jones then asked about cost. Barnes answered that it would be \$15K per year.

- Board Member Doug Miller asked how long this system was used within the airport that was reviewed for the recommendation? Barnes answered: 7 years. Richard asked if decision was made to go forward with program. Evans answered that they are still reviewing, but that this is a recommended system.

B. **Other:**

AAB Vice Chair, Larry Scheinpflug asked for an update on the Visual Approach Slope Indicator (VASI) project on Runway 3R. Evans responded: Runway 3R VASI work is still in progress. The Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) replacement project on 3L, 21L, and 21R is also kicking off. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

III. **New Business:**

NONE

IV. **Public Comments:**

- Jaime Dutro asked 3 questions. When are the next CAC/TAC/ICC meetings? What is the status of the working papers #2? Is advisory role to committee over?

Duguay responded: Next committee meeting dates have not been determined yet. Working papers #2 have been submitted and will be posted on the website when available. Survey is going out for any additional information requested by committees. Timeframe for wind-down of advisory role will follow.

- Jordan Fox addressed issue regarding 57th Fighter Group Restaurant holding dance parties with DJs during COVID with no mask mandate. Evans answered: That would be policed through the City of Chamblée. They will also be limited to restaurant minimums on attendees, based on square footage. Evans will follow up with the Georgia Department of Health to determine if the 57th is following guidelines.

- Jim Flock: Update on Gate 11? Evans answered: Repair is in progress. Reminded Airport users with gate access to exercise extreme caution when going through the gates.

- Larry Scheinpflug: Gate 16 is also a problem. Evans will check with maintenance department.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dan Zanger and seconded by Doug Miller. Motion passed at 6:21 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Larry Scheinpflug
Christopher Richard (AAB Chair)

Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Vice Chair)