

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, February 8th, 2021 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

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

Members Absent: Eugene Henry

Others Present: Airport Director Mario Evans, Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines, and Noise and Environmental Analyst Korey Barnes

The meeting was called to order at 5:33p.m. by AAB Chair, Larry Scheinpflug.

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the January, 2021 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 of Baker International: Jim updates: Sent the airport the first 10 sheets of the airport layout plan drawing set last week for their review, waiting for comments. Still have obstruction drawings to submit as well as the airport property map. Still working on implementation plan which is the capital improvement plan summary of the cost, as well as airport, federal, and state share of those potential improvements.

- Jim deferred to Donya Elder from Smartegies to discuss results of surveys sent to the members of all three Committee. Electronic online surveys were open for a month. Surveys looked at the 18 airside improvement projects and 8 landslide projects. Members were asked to rank whether they strongly agreed or strongly disagreed with the projects. There was not a lot of participation. Reminder emails were sent but only 5 from the Citizens Committee, 1 from the Technical Committee, and 1 from the Intergovernmental Committee participated. All participants were asked how they felt about keeping PDK as a general aviation airport: all agreed. 12 of the 18 airside improvement projects received an overall positive rating. The other 6, one person strongly disagreed. 6 of the 8 landside improvement projects had an overall positive. The other 2, one person strongly disagreed.

2. Airport Leases:

- The Maintenance Group. This Lease will be going before the Board of Commissioners for approval. It is a correction on lease line and square footage on lease. Airport Board corrected lease lines via re-surveying due to some errors in original survey. Tenant has signed the lease, it has gone through legal for approval. Board needs to approve before going to BOC. Larry Scheinpflug: Are they taking over an existing maintenance shack? Evans answered: NO. This is the original Maintenance Group on corner. **Larry proposed motion to approve lease. Motion was approved by Reuben Jones and seconded by Doug Miller. Motion passed.**

- Office Space for SimFlightATL. Airport has been working with group for well over a year. SimFlightATL wants to bring a Red Bird simulator for piston aircraft to the airport. They will configure and do construction on the office themselves. Lease is for a 2-year period with 4 automatic renewals – standard lease for airport. Office will be at the corner of the Administrative parking lot. They are offering the use of Sim to all flight schools on airport property. Larry Scheinpflug asked: Epps spent a lot of money redoing their hangar. Is this an area where they would want to expand their operations? Evans answered: No. **Larry proposed motion to approve lease. Motion was approved by Christopher Richards and seconded by Mike Reeves. Motion passed.**

- Piece of property next to Hangar O on Clairmont Road that is next to the new Hangar that Atlantic Aviation just constructed. Airport was going to develop more T hangars there, but fell out of budget. Parcel was put out for RFP. Evans pulled RFP back when a lease line issue

was discovered. Negotiated with Atlantic who had part of the lease, now the parcel is one full parcel and will go back out for RFP process in March. Leasee will have be a Pilatus or smaller. Scheinpflug asked where parcel is: Evans answered, it is 16,000 square feet next to new Atlantic Aviation hangar. Second question by Scheinpflug: will City of Chamblee have any issue? Evans answered: NO, because it is on airport property. Doug Miller asked for more clarification on location of parcel, then found it on map. Evans said he will bring an exhibit next month to show everyone where it is.

3. RIM PHASE 1 update:
Evans deferred to Deputy Airport Director, Hunter Hines. Hines reported no new updates. Working with contractor for some firm dates on when project will start. Original second week of February start has been pushed back further due to issues with contractor due to COVID, and getting materials. Phase 1 will start in mid-March, so runway closures won't happen until May.
4. New PAPI (Precision Approach Path Indicator) update:
Hunter Hines noted we are waiting on a FAA flight check and it should be completed on February 17th.
5. Runway Load-bearing Capacity (main runway):
Evans deferred to guest, Joseph Snyder. Snyder showed a presentation on Aircraft Classification Number (ACN) number and Pavement Classification Number (PCN) aircraft designations for capacity to land/taxi on pavement, in order to design pavement to handle. Presentation will be posted on the website. **RWY 3R-21L** = 80 PCN (load-carrying capacity) / R (rigid type) / C (low weight) / W (low tire pressure) / T (technical). Larry Scheinpflug asked to confirm that airport can handle all aircraft currently flying in. Snyder said: Yes.

- Evans deferred to pilot, Lenard Winston, for perspective regarding maximum take-off weight (MTOW). Winston showed a presentation on Displaced Threshold Operations. Presentation will be available on the website Reuben Jones asked if we know what creates displaced threshold at PDK. Snyder and Duguay answered: Obstructions on Chamblee-Tucker road create the displaced threshold. Public Member Larry Foster showed a presentation regarding runway load-bearing capacity and MTOW.

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report: **The January 2021 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 10,672** which is a decrease of -20.20% as compared to January of 2020. There were 262 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2021 year-to-date operations are **10,672** as compared to the total 2020 operations as of January 2020 of 13,373. In January 34% of operations were on a southerly flow, 61% were to the north, and 5% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 7.1 households made 78 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00 PM and 05.59PM. (38%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 62% of the complaints originated from the **30341** zip code. A total of 82 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, 21 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

Motion to accept the January 2021 Noise Report was made by Christopher Richard and seconded by Doug Miller. Motion passed.

PDK FBO owner, Elaine Epps of Epps Aviation asked: Does the Airport Admin. have an opinion about the proposed project dubbed Chamblee Manor – 382 apartments proposed near the Pete Garcia/Great Gatsby area, i.e., more neighbors to be affected by airport noise? Mario Evans answered that he doesn't have any information. As a requirement Chamblee speaks to builders and asks them to require sound proofing.

B. **Other:**
NONE

III. **New Business:**
NONE

IV. **Public Comments:**

- Board Member Doug Miller asked Mario Evans about construction going on outside the Admin. Building. Evans answered: GA Power is doing work on power lines due to surges and outages going out in Admin. building. Evans also shared that construction is also going on in building.
- Jordan Fox; new proposed development on Chamblee-Tucker Road where the International Village was supposed to be. Now a distribution center is going in and sidewalks are being installed. Jordan wants to know if more sidewalks will be installed. Evans answered: distribution center is not approved yet. Adding other sidewalks will have to be approved by GDOT.
- Question asked about update on lowering the minimums on 21L. Jim Duguay answered: Data submitted to FAA, and a meeting was had with their developer of flight procedures. Trees have to be trimmed before they can update procedure. Airport working on tree trim, do not have a set time line. Doug Miiller asked if trees are all on airport property. Duguay responded: Not all.
- Jaimie Dutro; GORA request for information on the Master Plan has not been responded to since Aug. 2020? Duguay responded: it is being worked on.
- Question about 57th Fighter Group planning another dance party on Feb. 11th and promoting view of PDK. Can someone please speak to this? Mario Evans said he will ask how they plan to social distance. Larry Scheinpflug weighed in: Concern should be handled by the DeKalb County Department of Health or the City Chamblee. Mario agreed. Mario will speak to the City of Chamblee about the matter.

Motion to adjourn was made by Christopher Richards and seconded by Doug Miller. Motion passed at 6:37 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Larry Scheinpflug

Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)