

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, May 10th, 2021 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

Members Present: Reuben Jones, Doug Miller, Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair), Kevin Fowler, Eugene Henry, Airport Director Mario Evans, Christopher Richard (AAB Vice Chair), Mike Reeves

Members Absent: Dan Zanger

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:34p.m. by AAB Chair, Larry Scheinpflug.

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the April 2021 minutes was made by Eugene Henry and seconded by Board Member Kevin Fowler. 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: Submitting the airport layout plans over the last month to the airport, meeting with them to address their comments on the ALP as well as working on the Executive Summary Draft report. Still working through the airport comments. Expect to submit airport layout plan and draft documents to GDOT in June. GDOT has reviewed working paper #1. Their review of the rest will take several months. They are being submitted for commentary only. Approval of Master Plan will follow.

- Public question, Jamie Dutro: Will ALP be shared with the public? Evans answered: Yes.

2. RIM Update:

- Hunter Hines reported that the RIM project is going smooth. Currently in Phase 2.

Completion should be done around May 21st. Moving then to Phase 4. In Phase 4 there will be no closures. Phase 3 will follow Phase 4. Phase 3 set to begin June 17th and go for three days. Runway 3R will be closed for another four days, 24th through the 27th.

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

The April 2021 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 11,918** which is an increase of 103.07% as compared to April of 2020. There were 413 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2021 year-to-date operations are **44,535** as compared to the total 2020 operations as of April 2020 of 42,251. In April 59% of operations were on a southerly flow, 34% were to the north, and 7% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 5.2 households made 125 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 0:00 AM and 05.59 AM. (34%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 63% of the complaints originated from the **30341** zip code. A total of 195 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, 25 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

Motion to accept the April 2021 Noise Report was made by Doug Miller and seconded by Chris Richards. Motion passed.

- B. **Other:**
NONE

- III. **New Business:**

Larry Scheinpflug: There has been talk about adding a new rotating beacon. Evans answered: We are in the process of updating.

Douglas Miller: asked about Downwind opening up again. Evans answered: Yes, they are reopening in

mid to late May.

IV. **Public Comments:**

- Larry Foster: Would like to see the link on the PDK website which indicates the monthly AAB meeting agenda be made to stand out more prominently, i.e. in a bold color.
- Public comment: Did the EMAS project change any declared distances or the RSA? Joseph Snyder / Evans answered: Yes, the declared distance on 21L departure has been changed.
- Jordan Fox: Best to announce the AAB meetings to drive attendance by putting out a media release to neighboring cities and counties and to use Next Door. Evans answered: We don't have access to Next Door. Board sends information to Communications department to inform on meeting. Evans will check with the Communications department to make sure they get notification of meeting and agenda, out.
- Jaime Dutro: how much did the TODA (takeoff distance available) change to the Declared Distance? Evans answered: 6001 for 21L departures, LDA (landing distance available) was also increased to 5001 for 21L.
- Jim Flock: Appears that windsock at Hotel/Alpha may need to be replaced soon. Board took note.
- Jordan Fox: Can we talk about the townhome development near PDK. Evans answered: There are 7 of them proposed across the street from our Airport Road next to Arrow Exterminators, in Chamblee. Darron Kussman, Developer was also on the call. Reuben Jones asked: Are you doing anything for Noise Abatement? Kussman answered: windows are double-paned, and there will be more insulation in the buildings. Larry asked: will you have buyers sign disclaimers to acknowledge that they are buying next to an airport? Kussman answered: he is in discussion with Mario, and they are marketing the property as airport-friendly.

Motion to adjourn was made by Douglas Miller and seconded by Christopher Richard. Motion passed at 6:03 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Larry Scheinpflug

Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)