

LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Time: 7 p.m. Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Location: Whiteman Airport
12653 Osborne Street
Pacoima, CA 91331-2192
(818) 896-5271

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Notice to Meeting Attendees: Any person who wishes to address the Commission must fill out a speaker's request form and submit it in person to the Commission staff prior to the meeting.

II. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

- A. August 31, 2011 and September 28, 2011 Minutes
- B. American Airports - Project Managers' Report
- C. County - Contract Administrator's Report
- D. Whiteman Airport Items

III. PUBLIC COMMENT - OPEN FORUM

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON AN AGENDA ITEM. An individual requesting to address the Commission will be allowed a total of three (3) minutes per meeting unless the time is adjusted by the Chair as deemed appropriate given the nature of the matter. Requests to be heard must be submitted in person to the Commission staff prior to the start of the meeting.

ADDRESSING THE COMMISSION. Members of the public shall give their names for the purpose of the record. The Chair may, in the interest of facilitating the business of the Commission, limit or expand the amount of time which a person may use in addressing the Commission.

IV. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE AVIATION COMMISSION WILL BE HELD ON:

Wednesday, November 30, 2011, 7 p.m.
El Monte Airport
4233 N Santa Anita Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731-1697
(626) 448-6129

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

September 28, 2011, Meeting
General William J. Fox Airfield
4555 West Avenue G
Lancaster, CA 93536-8401
(661) 940-1709

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IN ATTENDANCE

Vice Chairman Clinton Simmons
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Commissioner Bobby E. Chase
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Commissioner Penelope Cornwall
Commissioner George G. Butts
Secretary Dennis Lord
Commissioner Evelyn A. Jerome
Chairman Angelo R. Cordono

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Richard L. Smith, Chief, Aviation Division
Mr. George Gomez, Staff Assistant, Aviation Division
Mr. Aaron Walsh, Airport Project Coordinator

AMERICAN AIRPORTS CORPORATION - AIRPORT SERVICES DIVISION STAFF

Mr. Scott Wardle, Regional Director
Mr. Chris Brooks, Manager, El Monte Airport
Mr. Rafael Herrera, Manager, Compton/Woodley Airport
Mr. Steve Irving, Manager, General Wm. J. Fox Airfield
Mr. Andrew Marino, Manager, Whiteman Airport

GUESTS

Mr. Joe Biviano, Airport Tenant
Ms. Donna Knighton, President of the Fox Airport Association

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Simmons called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

- 1) Brackett Airport Association is holding its meetings at the airport on the first Thursday of every month. Static displays are held the third Saturday of each month.
- 2) The 99s meeting is scheduled for October 13, at 7:30 pm.

Mr. Andrew Marino reported on Whiteman Airport events

- **Management and Maintenance**

- 1) Plans are being made to install pilot-controlled lighting at Whiteman Airport. This feature will allow pilots flying in after hours to actuate the airfield lighting from an aircraft. It is anticipated that the airport will save cost on energy with this new system.
- 2) Mr. Marino reported that the emergency batteries that provide back-up power to the control tower were replaced.
- 3) Staff has been repairing hangars and has also completed repairs to an airport access gate. The airport access gate was damaged when it was struck by a motorist.

- **Projects**

- 1) Notification letters were sent out to all tenants that may potentially be impacted by the slurry seal project anticipated to begin this month. The project will require the relocation of 75 aircraft.

- **Development and Activities**

- 1) Sales of Avgas and Jet-A for 2011 to date were down slightly from the same period last year. Operations were down 5.5 percent for the same period.
- 2) Eighty-six percent of the hangars are occupied and 100 percent of the tie downs are occupied.

- **Meetings and Events**

- 1) The Aviation Explorers held a plane wash fundraiser event in September.
- 2) Last month, the Larger-than-Life charity had a fly-in event that provided helicopter rides for kids with cancer. The airport will host this event again next year.
- 3) A food drive for the MEND charity to help fight poverty in the San Fernando Valley will take place at the airport next month. Donations will be accepted at the next display day in October. Mr. Marino reported that MEND is the largest non-profit organization in the area.

Mr. Chris Brooks reported on El Monte Airport events

- **Management and Maintenance**

1) Minor repairs were completed around the terminal building.

- **Projects**

1) Van Wagner assisted airport staff in installing bird abatement equipment in their commercial hangar.

- **Development and Activities**

1) Mr. Herrera reported that 100 percent of the hangars on the north side are occupied and that there are about 10 vacancies throughout the remainder of the airport. Mr. Wardle reiterated that it has taken eight months to accomplish their goal of renting out all of the north hangars.

2) Fuel sales were up 13 percent for the month of August compared to the same month last year. Mr. Herrera attributes this increase to Van Wagner's banner towing operations.

- **Meetings and Events**

1) The Compton Air Fair will be held at the airport on October 22, 2011.

- **Miscellaneous**

1) A vehicle collided with the airport perimeter fence last month. There were no injuries and damages to the fence were repaired.

Mr. Steve Irving reported on General William. J. Fox Airfield events

- **Management and Maintenance**

1) Efforts to replace the older airfield back-up power generator are moving forward. County inspectors have already visited the site to evaluate the scope of work.

2) Repairs to the fuel farm continue, however it remains fully operational.

3) Fire tanker aircraft activity was minimal this year. There were fewer wildfires this season and it is evident in the reduced number of wildfire-related aircraft operations.

- **Development and Activities**

1) There are currently six vacant hangars at the airport.

- **Meetings and Events**

1) The annual Wings and Wheels Chili Cook-Off sponsored by the Lancaster Rotary Club will be held at the airport on October 29th. The location for this event will be the east end hangars.

2) Last month's Air Fair was a success, with about 20 aircraft on display.

possible purchase of the property that, at a minimum, the division would have to cover Subway's franchise costs and may also have to cover relocation expenses for the business. The County is currently evaluating all of its options to acquire the property.

- 2) The Minimum Standards documents are nearing completion. A tenant meeting was held at El Monte Airport yesterday to gather feedback and answer questions. All comments submitted to the Aviation Division as a result of the meeting will be incorporated into the existing draft before it is finalized. Meetings are scheduled for Brackett and Compton Airports early next month. To date, there have been no controversial or significant issues that have arisen out of the minimum standards development process.
- 3) The Aviation Division is working on a special project with AAC to replace all of the hangar lights at Compton/Woodley Airport. The Aviation Division is currently exploring potential rebates with Southern California Edison for implementing energy efficient lighting throughout the airport.
- 4) Last month, Mr. Smith reported that Caltrans Division of Aeronautics informed the Aviation Division during its last inspection of the airport that it shall appropriately address the excessive height of several trees at the Rio Vista Park adjacent to the airport. Negotiations with the City of El Monte are continuing and the current solution will be to install obstruction lighting at the park.
- 5) The Airport Pavement Assessment project is nearing completion. Work for General William J. Fox Airfield is still in progress.
- 6) The Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) at Whiteman and El Monte airports are nearing completion, and the official commissioning for the systems at the two airports is anticipated for the end of October.
- 7) The problem with water intrusion behind the "A" row hangars at Compton/Woodley Airport has been corrected.
- 8) The timing for the upcoming slurry seal and ramp paving projects at Whiteman has been established to ensure that there will be no significant impact to airport operations.
- 9) The public review period for the Master Plan Update at Whiteman Airport has concluded, and the three comments submitted have been addressed. The only steps remaining are to finalize the master plan update and incorporate the comments into the plan for submittal to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

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