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AVIATION COMMISSION

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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
AVIATION COMMISSION
Virtual Meeting
February 23, 2022, at 10 a.m.**

COMMISSIONERS

CURT CASTAGNA
CHAIR

CHRISTINA PASCUCCI
VICE-CHAIR

JEFF MORT
SECRETARY

PETER AMUNDSON
MEMBER

RYAN ANTOON
MEMBER

FOROUZAN GOLSHANI
MEMBER

HARVEY HOLLOWAY
MEMBER

DENNIS C. LORD
MEMBER

GABRIEL PEREZ
MEMBER

CLINTON SIMMONS
MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Curt Castagna
Vice-Chair Christina Pascucci
Secretary Jeff Mort
Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Ryan Antoon
Commissioner Forouzan Golshani
Commissioner Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Dennis Lord
Commissioner Clinton Simmons

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Gabriel Perez

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Paul Maselbas, Assistant Deputy Director
Mr. Jason Morgan, Assistant Chief, Aviation Division
Mrs. Claudia Delgado, Staff Assistant

GUESTS

Twenty-two attending guests were able to listen or participate live via telephone or by joining the meeting through the Zoom application.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Secretary Jeff Mort led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. Minutes for the February 23, 2022, meeting

The meeting minutes as written, were unanimously approved on a motion by Commissioner Forouzan Golshani and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Lord. Motion passed 8 to 0.

B. Los Angeles County Public Works Aviation Division – General Report

Mr. Jason Morgan provided the Commission an overview of a business article addressing sustainable aviation gasoline fuel and the various challenges and opportunities that exist.

A PowerPoint of the expense and revenue report was presented to the Commission.

Aircraft operations for all five airports were up 5.4 percent in the month of January 2022, as compared to the same month last year. Fueling activities were down 4.7 percent compared to the same month last year.

No major construction projects are underway at the airports. Planned projects for this year include the design phase for the Compton/Woodley terminal building and the implementation of a pavement maintenance plan for all the airports.

Mr. Morgan provided updates on grants and updates on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law which is funding that will be invested in United States airports for the next 5 years. County airports are included in the funding.

C. Los Angeles County Public Works Aviation Division – Airport Management Transition Update

Mr. Morgan provided an update on events that took place at the airports. He also informed the Commission that the Fly Compton Aero Club and Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum who operate out of Compton/Woodley Airport were highlighted on the Today Show.

On March 1, 2022, a new avionics shop will begin operation at the south hangar at San Gabriel Valley Airport.

On February 20, 2022, an event was held at Whiteman Airport highlighting airport programs and opportunities for local youth and their families.

The next Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee meeting will be held on March 24, 2022. Mr. Morgan provided a summary on the topics discussed during the recent meetings and shared the re-envisioning Whiteman Airport website address. In addition to the formal CAC meeting, two open house style meetings will be held on March 3, 2022, at Pacoima City Hall and on March 5, 2022, at the Vista Aviation Hangar.

Mr. Morgan shared with the Commission a recent article in the Flying Magazine that listed six airports with uncertain futures and mentioned that Whiteman Airport was one of those six listed in the article. He also reminded the Commission of the sponsored motion by Supervisor Kuehl which directs Public Works to report back to the Board in sixty days on information that may need to be gathered and assembled to prepare an initial step for the FAA's application process for consideration of airport closure. Public Works will be reporting back to the Board of Supervisors in early March 2022.

Mr. Paul Maselbas informed the Commission that he met with airport constituents and is working on developing a stakeholder list. He also mentioned that he will involve Public Works' Community and Government Relations Group to assist in preparing a marketing plan.

D. Black History in Aviation – Presented by Commissioner Clinton Simmons

Commissioner Simmons presented a video highlighting the rebuild and flight of a salvaged Jet Commander which black aviators acquired and rebuilt at Compton/Woodley Airport.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Three speakers commented on the operation, maintenance, and activities at the airports.

IV. NEXT VIRTUAL COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Chair Castagna adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mort, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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