

Aspen/Pitkin County Airport Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes July 21, 2022

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I. Call Meeting to Order: 3:00PM

II. Roll Call:

In Person: Jacque Francis, Howie Mallory, Rick Heede, Valerie Braun, Sara Ott, Rich Burkley

Virtual: Bruce Gordon, Mike Solondz, Clint Kinney, Catherine Christoff

Not in Attendance: Meg Haynes, Auden Schendler

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- Motion was made by Mike Solondz to approve the minutes as presented. Valerie abstained due to confusion on the proper procedure for taking a vote on the baseline for emissions portion. Jacque asked about going back to correct. Mike suggested that if the meeting did not go that way the minutes reflected Valerie could offer an amendment. Valerie stated she wants to reevaluate the decision based on the voting process. The minutes did reflect the conversation and Valerie was good with the minutes reflecting her abstaining from that vote knowing further discussion on the topic was later on the agenda. Motion passed. Minutes approved from 6/16

IV. Board Comments (3:54):

-Howie brought up the article in the paper regarding airline leases and them not agreeing to some of the requests. Jacque added that this should be added to a future agenda as negotiating with the airlines was one of the CGR.

-Bruce stated that things are moving quickly and he's not sure how much input this board is having and its role in reference to the airline lease being signed by the BoCC.

-Dan replied that some things are operational based and some are input based such as Noise and Fly Quiet. There is a line between what we can and cannot bring to the AAB.

-Rick requested that the topic of operational based vs input based (what is to be put to this board) be added to a future agenda.

V. Public Comment (15:40):

-Ellen Anderson stated she is glad to see there will be continued discussion on emissions. She also pointed out on the airport aerial map that the previous emission testing was done from the fire station at the ABC. Ellen believes the monitors should have been placed at the end of Runway 33 near Buttermilk. She also wonders why a Land Planner, Cindy Houben, and not a scientist handled this.

-Pat Boeshaar, Professor of Physics at the University of California, with 40 years of work on organic gasses and particulates, spoke on modeling, data acquisition, and the importance of environment.

-Tony Tyson, Professor of Physics at the University of California, Davis and a member of the National Academy of Science, spoke on modeling. He stated that modeling is only as good as the input data, the calibration, and the validation. Mr. Tyson recommended we look at the

EPA Study done in 2017 called *Dispersion Modeling Guidance for Airports Addressing Local Air Quality Concerns*. He also distributed a two page handout called *Comments on Modeling*.
VI. Old Business (25:27):

- a. (25:35) Meeting Process – Jacque suggested all members go through the “Parliamentary Process” document, as this is how meetings will be conducted moving forward.
- b. (26:38) Speaking to the Press – Jacque read a statement from County Attorney John Ely: “The opinions and recommendations of the citizen board are utilized by the BoCC to develop County policy, positions, legislation, programs and other actions to benefit Pitkin County. Only the BoCC may articulate a position or policy on behalf of the County with the exception of actions specifically authorized by the terms of these bylaws, the County Charter, or Colorado law in order to preserve consistent communication with other organizations, governmental and individual. Communications for a citizen board should always be vetted through a staff liaison or the County Attorney prior to publication. Individual board members are free to express personal opinions in any manner as long as they are not made in a representative capacity for their board or for the County, and not made as a citizen board member”.
- c. (29:07) Discussion on Emissions Baseline
-Jacque asked if the vote taken for reducing fuel related emissions was inadequate and wanted to discuss how specific we should be about the baseline - because getting a baseline could be a waste of time and money if too much specific data is required.. Rick mentioned the need to distinguish between climate and CO objectives and baselines and regulated air pollutants. Questions were asked of Tony Tyson on monitoring and modeling and discussion ensued. Tony Tyson suggested using an approach done by EPA for LAX. Further discussion ensued

New Business (46:51)

- d. (48:25) June 30th Special Meeting Recap – Rich
FBO Lease discussion – Hope to have it out by the beginning of August.
Action Items: Charters, Hangers and Tie Downs, and Sustainable Aviation Fuel to be added as future agenda topics
-Howie asked how long the submission for questions period will last and Dan answered approximately 4 months.
-Bruce requested confirmation that member comments from the 6/30 Executive Session were put into the FBO RFP and Dan replied yes. Bruce also added that the lease terms (not being able to sell the lease to others) is important to the community. Rich said that we can ask the County Attorney about lease terms.
-Clint added that this is an advisory board. All that we can do is give advice to the BoCC. Rich confirmed that to be correct and he added that all advice from 6/30 for the FBO RFP was given to the BoCC.
 - e. (56:25) Enplanement Numbers Recap – Bill Tomcich. Year to date compared to 2019
-Valerie asked about GA numbers compared to 2019. Rich offered that we would try to have an update for them monthly.
- ***Best and Worst Small Airports Presentation*** – Dan (1:03:15)
 - **Questions:**
 - Howie requested clarification on price to fly into Aspen – what route was used and Dan replied it was an average of all.

-Bill Tomcich stated that he thought more comparable cities were left out but should have been included.

-Rick asked if delays data is based on arrivals and departures and Dan replied yes.

He also asked if prior airports, such as Denver, have an effect on delays data and Dan also replied yes.

f. Fly Quiet Program 2021 Presentation- Mead & Hunt : Ryk Dunkelberg, Cindy Gibbs, Paul Dunholter (1:17:07)

VII. Next Meeting: August 18, 2022 Meeting Adjourned 5:15PM