

Aspen/Pitkin County Airport Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes August 18, 2022

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- I. Call Meeting to Order: 3:00PM
- II. Roll Call:
In Person: Jacque Francis, Valerie Braun, Bruce Gordon, Auden Schendler, Mike Solondz, Sara Ott
Virtual: Meg Haynes, Howie Mallory, Rick Heede, Richard Burkley, Clint Kinney, Catherine Christoff
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes: (3:06)
Motion to Approve - Mike Solondz
Second – Valerie Braun
Minutes approved
- IV. Public Comments: (3:32)
-Ellen Anderson – Staff is directing the board, not doing what you tell them to do – for example, allowing you to speak with Amory Lovins and Tony Tyson. She added that she feels there is a dumbing down of Pitkin County. Intellectual conversation used to be welcomed, now it is being squelched, especially in this group. You were not asked to advise on the Airline Leases or the FBO Contract. Ellen would like to see a resurgence of intellectual courage.
- V. Board Comments: (6:40)
-Howie asked if the county had replied to the letter from Amory Lovins. Dan replied that they had and the response was sent out to him and the board and there was also an article in the newspaper. Dan also said that Sandra will send Howie another copy.
-Howie also asked for an update on the procedures for measuring emissions and noise that was discussed in the last meeting. Dan stated that this will be the focus of the Board Retreat on the 26th. No decisions will be made but there will be a discussion with Mead & Hunt on Emissions 101. All will be brought to the September meeting.
-Howie asked if the emissions data collection would be ready for this winter season. Dan responded that it depends how quickly this Board decides what they want to measure/model and how quickly we can procure that.
-Bruce stated that he is unclear on who sets the rules. He feels they have had no input on the FBO or the Airline Leases. He is not sure about the role of the AAB. Dan replied that he brought a presentation that will answer some of these type of questions.
-Valerie is concerned that they have not had an opportunity to speak with Amory. She would like to discuss and better understand staff's response. She would also like to talk more with the two professors from the last meeting. (Tyson and Boeshaar).
-Valerie added that she was very surprised that someone from another advisory board was sitting on the selection committee for the FBO RFP, but a voting member from this Board was not allowed. She would also like the chance to discuss, for better understanding, some

of the items in the RFP. Dan explained that having a voting member of the AAB on the selection committee presents a possible conflict of interest.

-Rich added we had legal advice from John Ely about not putting members of advisory boards on selection committees as it is a highly legal process. Rich also added that they may be able to bring in the top two or three respondents to give presentation. Some or all the members of the AAB may be able to attend and give advice from there.

-Rich spoke to the point that Bruce made regarding the FBO input. We had an Executive Session on the FBO Lease and all of your recommendations were recorded and presented to the BOCC.

-Mike stated that this is a new Board and we are still learning the process. I regards to Ellen Andersons statement about staff, his experience so far has been that every staff member has responded promptly and professionally. He also feels the County's response to Amory's letter was appropriate and professional.

-Sara gave an update – the City is not monitoring noise on top of Mountain Rescue, only particulate matter monitoring. The City has hired an environmental industrial hygienist for the development site and that data will be available to this board. Also, she was struck that Valerie did not feel that this board was represented by Clint Kinney being on the selection committee even though he is a nonvoting member.

-Bruce asked for confirmation that the discussions in the AAB Executive Session were indeed taken into consideration for the FBO RFP. Rich confirmed that the action items taken from the Exec Session were reported to the BoCC and were included.

-Valerie replied to Sara's statement that she was only curious why a voting member could not be on the committee.

-Mike asked Sara if she is on the board in the roll of City Manager or community member. Sara responded that she was asked by the City to represent. With Ex Officio members, all three communities are represented – Aspen, Snowmass Village, and Basalt.

-Mike then asked who is Clint Kinney. Clint replied that he is the town manager for Snowmass Village and will be sitting on the RFP selection committee in that roll.

VI. Old Business: (28:08)

a. ***Examples of Airport Advisory Board Input Presentation*** – Dan (28:21)

b. Follow-up on FBO Lease Transfers - Dan (44:00)

The question was if someone wanted to buy out the FBO Contract, would we have any say in who could do that. The answer is as long as they are adhering to Title 10 and meet the requirements of the original contract, we cannot have any part in the decision. This is highly regulated.

c. ***Enplanement Trends Slides*** – Bill Tomcich (45:49)

d. FBO RFP Status – Dan (48:34)

The RFP went out about a week and a half ago. There will be a Pre Bid Meeting to answer questions from the proposed respondents. We will then put together a short list and then we would have interviews/presentations. This is when some or all of the AAB may be allowed to participate. After choosing there will be contract negotiating. We hope to have a final contract by August 2023.

-Rich added a suggestion that Valerie meet with Dan in regards to her questions about the RFP.

VII. New Business: (50:43)

- a. **FAA Air Traffic Control Presentation** – Kyle Gelroth
(Presentation Attached)
 - b. Retreat Items: (1:31:03)
 - Jacque – There have been questions as to why we are doing this offsite. The Board wanted it in a setting that was more casual, with more personal interaction and interaction with the public.
 - Valerie asked if it would be available via Zoom. Jacque replied that it would not but no decisions would be made, no voting and it would be recorded. This was done with the intention of all members attending and all members were polled for available dates.
 - Dan added that the meeting will be a public meeting and anyone can attend.
 - Howie stated that he would like to observe even if he could not participating and would like there to be a Zoom option
 - Sara asked if there would a comparison for what was the traditional methodology for GHG modeling for the Airport compared to the more contemporary models. Dan replied that the consultants would make the comparison.
 - Rich added that staff is here to help this Board to be successful. If you want us to do anything differently let us know and we will.
 - Dan asked Kyle about flight patterns over Old Snowmass – has this changed. Kyle responded that aircraft on a visual approach have a right to maneuver – the tower tries to keep them on final as much as possible but options are given to maneuver west of final if needed. Dan also asked if they are experiencing an increase in this maneuvering and Kyle replied no.
 - Rick added he would like a timeline/overview of member Terms and important deadlines.
 - c. **FAA Meeting Recap Presentation** - Dan: (1:47:04)
 - d. **Hot Topics** – Dan (1:55:27)
 - Terminal Flooding
 - Aircraft Incident
- VIII. Next Meeting, September 15, 2022
Meeting Adjourned (5:05:07)

Action Items:

- Meg requested that Action Items be listed in bullet format at the end of the meeting minutes - Done
- Send Howie Mallory County response to Amory Lovins letter – Done
- Sara requested the FAA slides be attached to the minutes – Done
- Set a meeting between Dan and Valerie for her RFP questions – have emailed her
- Rick added he would like a timeline/overview of member Terms and important deadlines – Dan will have at the September Meeting
- Mike would like us to circulate a copy of the Airport Operations Budget in order to get a handle on Airport Finances - Done