Dear Vision Committee,

We’re attaching a new draft of “Relatively Easy Recommendations,” which we hope to review with you and approve at our Thursday meeting this week.

In order to speed our review process and also make the final document more user-friendly for the general public, we’ve made several format changes:

— A short narrative paragraph now precedes each recommendation list. It contains some of the more general recommendations that were previously in separate bullets (e.g., reducing emissions in new construction and mitigating impacts from deconstruction are now part of the narrative that precedes the recommendation bullets for air quality and emissions).

— In some cases, multiple bullets have been combined into one (e.g., increasing pilot training and creating new safety resources for pilots are now contained in a single bullet).

— We’ve made a few small text additions to reflect new information. (E.g., “Reconfigure FBO ramps to move heavy GA aircraft to the north…” is now “Reconfigure FBO ramps to move heavy GA and Air Taxi aircraft to the north…”)

— We’ve created two separate columns for each set of bullets: “Infrastructure” and “Operations.”

**Thoughts About Our Thursday Meeting ... and Completing Our Work**

Like you, we’re anxious to move on to the more complex and weighty recommendation decisions that await us in February. To do so, we urge us all to resist the natural tendency to indulge in detailed group-wordsmithing. You may recall that our first Easy Recommendations review included a five-minute debate over a single word in one bullet: “should” vs “will” vs “must.” We also spent a good deal of time discussing whether the County can afford to build a Net Zero terminal.

_A reminder: We are only making broad citizen recommendations to the BOCC._ Budget questions are beyond our scope of work, and we suggest focusing closely on our committee’s mission. As a “Vision Committee,” we’re asked to create a coherent vision for our airport’s future — not a detailed development plan. Once we submit our final recommendations, the County Commissioners will put them through their full review process, including detailed planning, construction, phasing and budgetary analyses. If they disagree with some of our recommendations — or feel they can’t
In reviewing the attached draft of Relatively Easy Recommendations, we suggest that “Are these the right visionary ideas?” is a better question to ask than “Are these the perfect words each of us would use to describe them?”

We hope this is helpful, and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday (Jan. 30) at 4:00 PM!

Thanks,

John, Meg and Jackie