

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Watsonville Airport Advisory Committee Council Chambers 275 Main Street, 4th Floor, Watsonville, California

January 29, 2020

7:00 PM

1. ROLL CALL

Marjorie Bachman (Monterey Bay 99's), Ed Bogner (Non-Aviation Business), Glen Ceresa (County Resident), Dave Guerrieri (Airport Fixed Based Operator), Jeremy Lezin (Watsonville Pilot's Association), Joe Shelton (City Resident).

Staff members present were Airport Director Rayvon Williams, Assistant Administrative Analyst Alexandra Aguado

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jeremy Lezin representing the Watsonville Pilot's Association led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Oral Communications from the Commissioners & Members of the Public

Mr. Brown- Expressed his concern about the fence on Buena Vista, on the County side, stating that "it is very bad."

Marjorie Bachman- Reiterated that Rayvon Williams should look into Mr. Brown's concern.

Rayvon Williams- Rayvon will reach out to the County. The wires at Buena Vista have swung at heavy winds and started fires on the Airport side and on the County side. Residents were very concerned. We reached out to the County to address that. When the Fourth of July celebration came around we struck an agreement with the County, that they would start cleaning up the area months in advance.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Motion Approving Minutes for November 19, 2019 Meeting

Marjorie Bachman moved to approve minutes, Ed Bogner Seconded. Minutes approved.

Note: Bachman requested 2 corrections to the minutes.

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM AGENDA

6. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

A. Update on Watsonville Airport Advisory Committee Bylaws

Rayvon Williams- WAAC is to review the bylaws and determine if any amendments are required. The last amendment was done in 2007. Bylaws must be drafted by the end of February, 2020 since the next regularly scheduled meeting is April 29. Bachman is to send proposal to Ceresa. The other constituents may send Bachman any proposed updates.

Marjorie Bachman- Communication with the constituents is not happening before the meetings. Bachman would like to add the following statement to the bylaws under jurisdiction “required to notify our constituents of a meeting” and “requirement for the WAAC to review any development proposal within the airport influence area”.

B. Presentation on the 2020-2026 Airport Capital Improvement Program

Glen Ceresa- Clarification on the process when applying for an FAA grant. An application submittal doesn't guarantee the funds.

Rayvon Williams- Every year the airport's challenge is to save up our portion of the project cost.

C. Presentation on Community Communications Regarding Obstructions

Glen Ceresa- How will the County residents abide by the code? Ceresa asked for confirmation on the following; a tree is obstructing view and the County notifies the parcel owner. The parcel owner fails to mitigate the tree in question. The County would then mitigate the tree and place a lean on the property for repayment.

Jeremy Lezin- How many people have been impacted so far? How many obstructions do we have now? Per Williams, the airport has had to mitigate approximately 60 trees.

Rayvon Williams- The FAA does a flight check every 548 days and they determine what trees are obstructing view. Once the FAA identifies the trees, we would notify the County.

D. Discussion on Abandoned Aircraft and Pilot Lounge

Abandoned Aircraft

WAAC member addressed his concerns about the \$1,000 annual fee not being paid historically by tenants with derelict airplanes.

Marjorie Bachman- Questioned if the individual has been paying his tie-down fee? The individual has been paying their tie-down fee.

WAAC member- If someone is building an airplane in their hangar, how does that fit in the context? Is it still a year maximum? Per Williams, we would work with the tenant on a case by case basis.

Dave Guerrieri- Asked if the Piper in front of Specialized is a derelict airplane.

Pilot's Lounge

Rayvon Williams- We do not have a plan for a pilot's lounge now, but there is a plan for terminal renovations in the current master plan.

Dave Guerrieri- Suggested a snooze room, computer access for flight planning. Is it possible to consider a private partnership for someone who would want to build a hotel?

Jeremy Lezin- Agreed with bringing a pilot's lounge to the airport sooner than later. Watsonville is deficient compared to other comparable airports.

Rayvon Williams- The WAAC can hold a workshop to discuss a pilot's lounge and all that entails.

Marjorie Bachman- Bachman asked if visiting corporate pilots have provided feedback. Williams stated that corporate pilots have asked in the past but not often enough for the airport to look into it.

Ed Bogner- Bogner asked if pilots can access the terminal building after hours. Williams stated that pilots can access the terminal building Tuesday through Sunday until the restaurant closes. Can we set up access to the lobby at all hours? Williams agreed to look into it.

Dave Guerrieri- Suggested the capability to use iPhone app to access the terminal building.

Marjorie Bachman- Bachman suggested conducting a study to determine how many corporate pilots come in. How will the pilot's lounge help our economic value?

E. Presentation on Harkins Slough Road Walking Trail- Safety Zone Six

Jeremy Lezin- Supports the walking trail effort. Maury is to write a letter and provide it to the WAAC for review.

Sarah Chauvet- The question (regarding walking trail) needs to be posed to the Watsonville Pilot's Association to ensure that there is no conflict.

Dave Guerrieri- Suggested that the airport review the urban limit line.

ADJOURNMENT - at 2036

The next Committee meeting will be held on July 29, 2020