

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

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Lake Havasu City Police Council Chambers
2360 McCulloch Blvd N., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

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1. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Chairman Stebbens called the Airport Advisory Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Stebbens led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Jamie Sida conducted a Roll Call of the Board members:

Regular Members Present: Shannon Stebbens, Louis Worthy, David McNary,
Benjamin Strader, W. Steven Huff

Regular Members Absent: Mark McKenna, Jeff Sayre

Alternate Member Present: Bill Boyer

Council Member Present: Cal Sheehy

Staff: Steve Johnston, Jamie Sida, Mike Bingham,
Louis Martinez

Chairman Stebbens introduced new member Mr. Steve Huff and welcomed him to the Board.

4. Call to the Public

Chairman Stebbens requested a Call to the Public for any comments and issues to address. Mr. Austin Stober addressed the Board representing the event Wings, Wheels, and Waves and said it had merged with Big Boys Toys. He stated that funding for a fourth annual event to be held in March 2017 was lacking, but expects it to be available for a fall 2017 or March 2018 event. He asked the Board for continued support from the Board and City staff as they have had in the past.

Mr. Austin Baine addressed the Board and discussed his opinion of the importance of the Board as a method of alternate communication with the City and airport management on issues.

5. Approval of October 19, 2016 meeting minutes.

Chairman Stebbens called for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 16, 2016. Moved, seconded and approved.

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6. Communications, Announcements, Airport Supervisor's Report

6.1 Airport Supervisor's Report

Mr. Johnston stated that the pre-construction meeting for the hydrant project was held today with a notice to proceed scheduled for December 5, 2016.

Mr. Johnston with the engineering consultants from C&S viewed the areas of failing soil cement at the North end near Havasu Air Center, looked at the FOD project, and looked at areas of the airport where the aggregate is gravelling.

Mr. Johnston said improvements will be made to the hanger lavatories, and will be repainting hanger doors soon.

Mr. Johnston noted that Hanger 24 restaurant is now open.

6.2 Upcoming Airport Events

Mr. Johnston said he provided the Board with a handout listing upcoming airport events that included:

Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagle flights October 2016.

FAA Flight Safety Team Presentation to EAA November 2016.

RCAF flight training for 2-two week periods between January and early March 2017.

Cirrus Aircraft Formation Training Clinic at Desert Skies FBO January 6, 7, 8, 2016.

RV Formation Clinic at Desert Skies FBO February 2017.

Open House may be cancelled for March 2017, in flux at the moment.

Kindergarten Airport Aircraft Display February-March 2017.

Chairman Stebbens commented on the benefits the EAA provides for our youth. He also commented on the Kindergarten program that RN Mendoza assisted with in coordinating City efforts to stage some City vehicles, trucks, police/fire vehicles and private aircraft for the children to see and ask questions about. He also told members of the audience if they have children ages 7 to 17 that may be interested in the young eagles to get in touch with the Board so an introduction to the program can be arranged.

7 Public Hearings

7.1 Presentation on Requirements to Become a Federal Aviation Part 139 Airport and Possible creation of Subcommittee

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Chairman Stebbens commented that this is a vast topic discussed last month and would like now to figure out how to go forward with this item.

Mr. Johnston provided a detailed handout to the Board as his staff report on this item. It lists the FAA Airport Certification Manual basic requirements for a Part 139 Operating Certificate allowing scheduled air carrier service.

Mr. Johnston stated that ADOT has performed a pavement inventory of everything except the runway and gave it a pci rating of 56 which is too low for ADOT to fund an overlay under the ADOT maintenance program. This issue needs to be addressed by our consultants for advise on pavement preservation or reconstruction options. Mr. Boyer asked about the weight rating on the run-up to the terminal area. Mr. Johnston said he thought it was 18k lbs. Mr. Strader asked if the pci index rating was a requirement of the Part 139 or is this an ADOT only requirement. Mr. Johnston replied that the pci is not an FAA issue but with airline service, the pavement needs to support the type of aircraft used for air service. Mr. Boyer asked if ADOT won't pay for necessary overlay to increase pavement stability, who will? Mr. Johnston said we would make requests of FAA through an airport improvement grant to assist with the cost. Chairman Stebbens suggested that we need to piece this detailed issue together over the next 6 months for a presentation to the City Council for what the requirements will be to become a Part 139 airport again. Mr. Strader and Mr. Huff volunteered to be on a subcommittee to work on this item.

Chairman Stebbens made a call to the public for comment. Mr. Dante Marinelli, owner of Havasu Air Center said he questioned the cost for a 139 without first having an interest from an air carrier. He also said a lot of carriers don't want to take the risk of going into a non-towered airport.

Chairman Stebbens commented that it is not this Board's position to be advocating for a Part 139, but simply to provide the City Council with information on what it takes to move this airport to be a 139 airport.

7.2 Creation of Subcommittee to Draft Airport Vision Statement

Chairman Stebbens said Mr. Boyer and Mr. McNary volunteered to be on the subcommittee and asked if anyone else wanted to be on it. None responded.

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7.3 Discussion Regarding Airspace Obstructions and Part 77 Airspace Requirements

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Chairman Stebbens commented that it is his opinion that anytime the airspace defined in Part 77 is penetrated, you must file with the FAA for approval except as may be grandfathered such as obstructions that existed prior to the airport. He further commented that compliance with Part 77 is required by the airport sponsor to maintain FAA grant assurances. A Board member asked if there were resolutions or penalties within any of the FAA policies for violations. Chairman Stebbens said there is a whole chapter on mitigation once a complaint has been registered with the FAA. He further stated that enforcement could include withholding grant assurance money on projects and extreme cases require grant repayment. Mr. Johnston further commented that the ADO will assist with remedies for compliance and work with the airport sponsor before it reaches any serious form.

Chairman Stebbens made a call to the public for comment. None responded.

7.4 Presentation and overview of New FAA Hanger Use Policy

Mr. Johnston provided a staff report handout on this item to the Board. He proceeded to read most of the report to the Board and gave examples of some items in the report. Chairman Stebbens commented that we don't have an option to not be in compliance with the FAA Hanger Use Policy rules. He stated that essentially the hanger is to be used for aircraft and any additional items stored in the hanger cannot interfere with the footprint of the aircraft being stored within the hanger. He further stated that it is important that we get the word out to people so they know what is allowed in hangers and that we be in total compliance by July, 2017.

Mr. Huff asked if there is any regulatory inspection scheduled for hangers. He also stated that within Mr. Johnston's report, it states if a hanger is used for non-aeronautical purposes in violation of this policy, the rental payments due to the airport would automatically increase to fair market value. Other than that, Mr. Huff said he did not see any teeth to enforce compliance. Mr. Johnston responded that inspections were made in prior years, and on a complaint made basis. He also stated the fire department has scheduled inspections, but that is only as to fire, not FAA compliance. Mr. Johnston said he will be working with City and come up with a public notice process to let tenants know the rules and what is expected for compliance. Mr. Huff said this airport is not a Part 139 airport and what this airport provides for our city besides the economic benefit is enjoyment for its users as a fun place to come to and be and has yet to see a Part 139 transformation that made the airport more fun for the people that use it. Mr. Huff raised a concern about the hanger use policy that we be somewhat delicate on how we go about enforcement unless it is clearly a use that does not allow for intended aeronautical use. He would

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like to see us be in compliance of course, but to be “just in compliance”. Chairman Stebbens commented that he has not seen anything from staff that would suggest they want to supplement the FAA policy with additional rules and feels that the FAA policy is sufficient.

Chairman Stebbens made a call to the public for comment. There was none.

8. Future Agenda Items

- Part 139 report from sub-committee
- Airport Vision Statement report from sub-committee

9. Future Meeting Date

Wednesday, January 18, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. Council Chambers

10. Adjournment

Chairman Stebbens asked for a motion to adjourn. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.