



Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes – February 26, 2016

Board Members Present:

David Rose, Chair – Citizen Representative
Barry Gore – Economic Development Representative
Steve Hogan – Intergovernmental
Paul Deaderick – Space Sector Representative
Rick Ward, Vice Chair – Aviation Sector
Meredith Champlin – FTG Tenant/Aviation Operations Representative DIA
Jeffrey Price – UAV Sector
Mark Sander – Marketing Sector

Board Members Absent:

Scott Ullerick – Business Sector
Todd Leopold – Adams County Government Representative

Staff:

Dave Ruppel, Airport Director – Front Range Airport
Bob Lewan, Operations Manager – Front Range Airport
Brenda Guzman, Customer Service Representative – Front Range Airport
Jeri Coin, Executive Assistant – Front Range Airport
Laura Zimmerman, Customer Service Manager – Front Range Airport

Public:

Bill Totten, Walt & Terry Barbo, Walt Bell, FTG Tenants; Allan Lockheed, Resource Group and Spaceport Consultant; Julio Iturreria, Arapahoe County; Kathy Smiley, Staff Writer with the I-70 Scout.

Welcome & Introductions

Chair David Rose welcomed the members and guests and all rose to give Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

Agenda

The February 2016 agenda was accepted with a noted change to delay the nomination for Chair until Steve Hogan could arrive.

Minutes

On a motion by Rick Ward seconded by Paul Deaderick the January 2016 minutes were accepted as submitted.

Master Plan Update

Dave Ruppel gave an update on the Master Plan (MP) and thanked those who responded with their comments; based on the comments Aviation is updating and is in the process of making changes to the first two chapters. The next two chapters will be on facility requirements, aviation demand and capacity. Dave added that the MP website can be accessed from the Airport's webpage. The next PAC meeting should take place at the beginning of summer and there should be a total of 3 meetings remaining.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Article IV of the Bylaws states that the Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected every two years. Rick Ward was nominated and accepted the Vice Chair position at the January meeting.

Dave Rose held the office of Chair, for the past two years; therefore the office is now vacant. Barry Gore and Dave Rose both vied for the position and each gave a brief history of their backgrounds and why they would like to have the Chairman position.

Barry Gore was appointed by the Board to serve as Chair by a combination of present Board member votes and email votes after the meeting.

Strategic Planning Brief

Dave Ruppel reported on the Strategic Planning Brief and shared a PowerPoint presentation he initially presented to the Adams County Commissioners along with other Adams County departments and was a concise overview of how each department is doing. The presentation was based on the strategic planning the advisory Board had worked on last summer, SWOT; strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats; highlighted in the presentation were strengths and opportunities.

Air & Spaceport Update

Dave Ruppel disclosed they were going out for an RFP in the spring for a paving project. We are going to maximize our efforts with Adams County and work on paving Front Range Parkway and Cessna Way, which leads up to the FBO hangar on the south side, if there are funds left we will work on taxiway 7C. Dave added that taxiways are not federally funded.

An RFQ was put out for a new engineering firm that can address all of our potential projects; the standard time for the contract is 5 years and no dollars will be spent until there is a project and we won't pay a retainer fee. Aviation has done a great job and their contract was up in December of 2015. Dave said they will be seeking Board participation once the qualifications are received sometime at the end of March.

Bids were being received for a diesel tank that will be placed on the east side of the Airport at the SRE for fueling of equipment.

Dave Ruppel spoke about the progress of the Spaceport license and added we will need to release an RFQ to secure engineering services for spaceport; FAA views spaceport as non-aeronautical and the projects can't be funded in the same way. The application was in its final stages and initial responses and comments are back from Commercial Space; however it is still going through internal review process, within Commercial Space and they can't accept the application until they have signed off on the EA. An engineering firm has been hired to help with the comments and final stages of the application.

Dave ended with privatization of ATC organization, which is part of the reauthorization bill, this has been airline driven and they make up the governing Board, with 4 members, 2 from the airline unions and a few others, including 1 from GA; there was no representation from airports. From a GA perspective it is clear the Board won't look out for GA needs and it is heavily weighted towards the airlines. The airlines do play a big role, however it doesn't make sense for them to control what happens with the ATC organization in the national air space system and should not be solely controlled by the airlines. Dave urged everyone to contact their legislators and representatives to voice their opinion.

The Chairman thanked Dave for the update.

Public Comment

Bill Totten, long time FTG tenant and part of the EAA Young Eagles, Chapter 301, reported that the next Young Eagle event will take place tomorrow, Saturday, February 27, 16. Bill thanked Dave for speaking at the Silver Wings Fraternity quarterly luncheon meeting along with Allan Lockheed, both gave great presentations. Bill also thanked Bob Lewan for helping him with the layout of the airport and soil conditions for the proposed elevated heli port.

The Chair then recognized Allan Lockheed with The Resource Group. Allan along with John Strom, and a few other members make up The Resource Group and they specialize in marketing and industry conferences.

Chairman Rose thanked Bill for his report; no other comments were heard.

Board Member Comment

The Chairman acknowledged Steve Hogan who also spoke about marketing to business jets and medical helicopters regarding two of the busiest hospitals in Aurora; Children's Hospital Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus and UC Health University of Colorado. Front Range Airport is closer to these two hospitals than the other reliever airports; he recommended working with the local hotels.

Jeff Price announced he was back and glad the meetings were now on Friday. Jeff acknowledged Dave Ruppel and Meredith Champlin for writing essays that were included in a book that he and Dr. Jeff Forrest with Metro State had just authored on practical airport operations and safety emergency management. Meredith portion was on airport communications and Dave covered spaceport and UAV operations; he said they both enhanced and contributed to the book and wanted to publically thank them.

Jeff wanted to elaborate on the security element for the airport, should we build a fence; how should we proceed. One of the things that came out of the research for that text on the spaceport side was a lot of the space manufacturers are very protective of their technology and would not cooperate directly when we were doing the spaceport section of the book, because it is all very proprietary and nobody wants to tell their secrets. Most will be classified work for the government. On the UAV side we're seeing some unusual things happen with the security industry, right now we're in the 3rd addition of our security text book and there are people posting on YouTube, on how they have weaponized UAV's that are less than 50 pounds. Jeff explained that some of the UAV's have been armed with 9mm and others with explosives. With that said we definitely need to keep an eye on security.

Jeff ended in agreement with Dave Ruppel regarding the ATC and AAE being staunch opponent to the privatization of ATC. If the airlines are in control, GA will take a back seat.

Paul Deaderick spoke next and said once the Board elects a Chair he would like to have a brainstorming/get to know each other working lunch, where they could all see each other's special talents and utilize those to help support Dave Ruppel. We have a nationally recognized Board and commended Jeff for bringing his expertise to the meeting. The Chair asked if they should call it a retreat, or an advance.

Rick Ward reminded everyone that March 21st was Aerospace Day at the Capitol and said it was very important to make a statement. Last year there were 150 representatives.

Chairman Rose thanked the Board for their comments.

Aerotropolis Brief

The Chair introduced Christopher Primus with HDR, Inc. and Jay Hendrickson, with CDOT who had put together an Aerotropolis Visioning Study. An Aerotropolis is an urban plan in which the layout infrastructure and economy are centered around an airport. The surrounding communities and participants are Adams County, Aurora, Brighton, Commerce City and Denver.

The study area boundary is just to the east of FTG, just to the south of I-70, just to the west of the South Platte River and just to the north of 160th.

The vision; "A sustainable, efficient, well-connected and globally recognized Aerotropolis that capitalizes on the economic opportunity surrounding DIA through collaborative planning, development, and marketing."

The opportunities include \$1 billion in planned roads around the airport, 25,000 acres of planned development and 1,500 acres of developable DIA property and add 6 more runways. They have planned out to the year 2040, with the initial steps taking place in the next 10 – 15 years. 500,000 people are expected to move into the area by 2030, which is forecasted to generate 74,000 additional jobs by 2040 and create over \$600 million in additional revenue. Other long range goals include global recognition, and increased commercial development. The study should wrap up at the end of March and final reports will be given to each of the participating jurisdictions and they would be happy to come back and update the Board regarding any changes.

The Chair thanked them both for their presentation.

Set Agenda

Agenda items for the upcoming March meeting were discussed and they will continue with the updates that have been on past agenda's. Barry Gore was curious if there would be any legislative information at the capitol that they as a Board should be interested in. Chairman Rose liked Paul Deaderick's idea of an advance; he would like to see that happen and get it scheduled.

Adjournment

No further business came before the Board and Rick Ward motioned to adjourn, Paul Deaderick seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. The next Front Range Airport Advisory Board meeting, is scheduled for Friday, March 25, 2016 at 1:00 p.m., in the second floor, large conference room in the Airport Terminal.

Approved by: Barry Gore 3/25/16
Chairman Date