



Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes – March 25, 2016

Board Members Present:

Barry Gore, Chair – Economic Development Representative
Rick Ward, Vice Chair – Aviation Sector
Mark Sander – Marketing Sector
Meredith Champlin – FTG Tenant/Aviation Operations Representative DIA
Scott Ullerick – Business Sector
Steve Hogan – Intergovernmental
Todd Leopold – Adams County Government Representative (phoned in)

Board Members Absent:

David Rose – Citizen Representative
Jeffrey Price – UAV Sector
Paul Deaderick – Space Sector Representative

Staff:

Dave Ruppel, Airport Director – Front Range Airport
Bob Lewan, Operations Manager – 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

Chairman Barry Gore welcomed the members and guests and all rose to give Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

Agenda

Chairman Gore asked if there were any changes to the agenda, or minutes and seeing none the March 2016 agenda was accepted as submitted.

Minutes

The February 2016 minutes were accepted as submitted.

New Members Introduction

Barry Gore introduced the two new Board members and asked each to give a brief description of their background. Mark Sander, Marketing Sector, is a 13 year Adams County resident, he attended The University of North Dakota and received a degree to become a commercial pilot; Mark is also a licensed flight instructor. He currently works for GoGo Business Aviation, the company specializes in, in-flight connectivity, both on the air to ground and satellite that is provided to commercial and business aviation market place; he is primarily focused on the business aviation market. Mark stated the Front Range Airport is the type of airport that he visits on a weekly basis to reach out to his customers. He ended by saying he was pleased to be a new member of the Board.

Scott Ullerick, Business Sector, is an Adams County resident that lives east of Brighton. Scott has a maintenance business at Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport, where he takes care of three

corporate jets for three separate owners. He was glad there was an opening on the Board and is very interested in finding out about the airport and being a part of the plan.

Barry Gore thanked and welcomed them both; he then moved to the next agenda item.

Aerospace Day at the Capito

Dave Ruppel and Rick Ward joined the Colorado Space Business Roundtable (CSBR), the Colorado Space Coalition (CSC), Citizen's for Space Exploration (CSE), and the Aerospace States' Association (ASA), alongside our numerous aerospace partner organizations for a day at the Colorado State Capitol. They had a full day of networking and dialogue with Colorado Legislators discussing how Colorado became one of the largest space economies per capita in the nation and how they can effectively support aerospace in our state.

Master Plan Update

Dave Ruppel gave an update on the Master Plan (MP); they completed the inventory and forecast chapters; the next two chapters will be on developing facility requirements, aviation demand and capacity. Dave added that the MP website can be accessed from the Airport's webpage, which he walked them through on a slide presentation. The MP is a long process and will take approximately 18 months and we're about a 3rd of the way through the process. The next PAC meeting should take place at the beginning of summer and there should be a total of 3 meetings remaining.

Air & Spaceport Update

Dave Ruppel disclosed they had gone out for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for paving and worked with the county to have our paving projects added to the county's asphalt paving bid. The estimate we received should cover most of our paving projects, which include the Parkway, Cessna Way, which is the south and landside entrance to the FBO hangar/offices and A7C taxiway and if there is money left over then we will pave the parking lot of the ATCT. Bob Lewan stated the bids should be in sometime in April.

There is an RFP out for engineering services and it is best to go out for bid every 5 years. A list has been made of all of the known upcoming projects and Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), which will be used to help make the selection.

The purpose of the General Aviation (GA) Airport Sustainability Program is to provide guidance and resources to GA airports in Colorado in order to help airports prepare their own individually customized sustainability plans. The program is accessible through Web-Based Information Management System (WIMS) where an interactive toolkit will assist in addressing ways to improve sustainability within economic, social, operational, and environmental realms at their airports.

Regarding the Spaceport application perspective, we submitted it back in January and we are waiting for response from the Office of Commercial Space on their internal process for the EA. They have to run it back through some of their departments within the FAA and their legal system. Additional questions have been received back from the FAA and we are working to answer those. Our hope is to have Dr. Neild sign the EA, within the next month, or so, which will start the 180 day clock ticking. Dave added that the ATC has been very supportive and they will conduct a meeting with the local airlines and explain how this will affect the national airspace systems. This is a meeting Dave Ruppel will attend and it should happen within the next few weeks. After Dr. Neild signs the EA will then be on the national register for 30 days, at the end of the 30 days, there will be an open house where they will have an opportunity for public comment, which is the end of the EA process. If there aren't any show stoppers they will put out a "finding of no significant impact (FONSI)" and we should have the spaceport license by summer.

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 on the February 27th event there had been 46 kids, 13 pilots with aircraft, and 18 ground crew. There had been 5,605 since it began at Front Range Airport.

Walt Barbo, long time FTG tenant, had read an article that morning on plans to build a supersonic aircraft in Colorado and that Sir Richard Branson had ordered 10 to be built. This was taken from an article written by the Daily Mail: 'At our hangar in Denver, we're combining jet engines and carbon fibre, advanced design software and wind tunnel tests. 'We're building our prototype now - and will fly late next year.' The first test flights will occur at Centennial Airport in Denver, with supersonic testing near Edwards Air Force Base in California. Walt said he was hoping the testing would be done here at FTG and not at APA. Chairman Gore said that Adam Aircraft would most likely build the type of aircraft.

The Chairman thanked them for their comments.

Board Member Comment

The Chairman acknowledged Scott Ullerick, who said that Pilates is one of the biggest employers on the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport (BJC), they are about to break ground on a big complex and he thought FTG would be the perfect airport for them. He asked if anyone had contacted them from FTG and added that hangar leases and rent was more reasonable than at BJC. Dave Ruppel explained that Pilates has had a long term relationship with BJC for a number of years; however, we are looking at like companies to do that type of business with. He added some of our obstacles are security and in the case of large aircraft we need to make infrastructure improvements. Chairman Gore stated as an economic developer in the metro Denver area that they have a code of ethics and have agreed not to poach from our neighboring counties and municipalities for businesses. He added if the company desired a better location, or other accommodation and they initiated the conversation, then they are fair game. Scott Ullerick agreed about the poaching aspect, however he thought talking to businesses and letting them know where FTG was and what we had to offer would just be a conversation. Dave agreed we need to raise awareness and give us a chance to talk with companies that could potentially move out here and acknowledged that we do have a very close relationship with the other airports and information is shared with each other. Rick Ward said with the Spaceport license the landscape will change.

Scott Ullerick had an additional question and asked if private fuel farms were allowed at the airport. Dave Ruppel said the struggle he had with a private fuel farm, is the requirements are the same as far as the hazmat, security and insurance and to be in compliance would be very expensive and felt it would be more reasonable to purchase fuel from the FBO's self serve, or truck.

Scott Ullerick asked what the level of interest was for companies regarding Spaceport. Dave Ruppel said there were a couple of different companies we are interested in, one is the launch provider; there have been formal and informal discussions with XCOR and Virgin Galactic. There have also been discussions with Sierra Nevada, as a potential place to recover their vehicle, which is a vertical launch. He pointed out we are pursuing manufacturing, businesses and Denver is the ideal location to be close to, because of the work force, city life and the mountains as a playground. Scott Ullerick asked if Spaceport would crowd out, or interfere with GA operations. Dave Ruppel replied FTG will continue to be a GA airport and Spaceport will add another line of business. Barry Gore gave two examples of this; Air and Spaceport Mojave, which are both and they are very compatible. Midland International Airport is an Airport and Spaceport with a single runway to support both. Dave Ruppel added Ellington Field in Houston; this is the model FTG will pursue Allan Lockheed spoke up and said Mojave Air and Spaceport

was having their annual fly-in April 16th and 17th and Allan was interested in viewing how it would all work together.

Barry Gore asked how we did during the big storm. Dave Ruppel asked Bob Lewan to give an update. Bob said they couldn't see, the snow was coming in that fast and with the wind had white out conditions; they finally had to close from noon to 6 p.m.

Chairman Gore wanted to let everyone know there was a Next Gen Suborbital Researchers Conference (NSRC), where Front Range Airport would be represented as Spaceport Colorado and it is an opportunity for us as we develop our business model. The 2016 Next-Generation Suborbital Researchers Conference (NSRC) is the premier conference for researchers and educators interested in commercial suborbital reusable vehicles. The conference will be held at the Omni Interlocken Resort in Broomfield, Colorado, just outside Boulder. NSRC-2016 will provide in-depth NASA, FAA, and flight provider briefings and extensive networking opportunities for researchers and educators wishing to use next-gen suborbital.

Chairman Gore commented on Denver International Airport (DEN), who had applied to the Federal Government for a grant to do a study on aerotropolis and the development of the Airport and area around the Airport, coordinating land use among the jurisdictions. CDOT and HDR have finalized this presentation and are currently on what he termed a "road show". Barry Gore asked Steve Hogan if it had been presented in front of the City Council and Steve Hogan replied it had gone in front of the committee, and was supposed to go in front of the Council next month. Chairman Gore said they were supposed to present to the Adams County Commissioners and the storm made them reschedule for the next week. Part of the IGA that was signed by Denver and Adams County and the Airport coordinating committee was for the creation by the end of this year to have a regional planning and marketing entity coordinate projected land use and not control the land use planning and infrastructure development; he added that ACED will be very involved and have influence and input and he has already worked on recommendations to the Airport coordinating committee about what he feels would be a good structure for that entity; Front Range Airport will be represented.

Chairman Gore thanked the other Board members for their comments.

Set Agenda

Agenda items for the upcoming meetings were talked about and Chairman Gore said he would like to have a marketing update on Gaylord development. How can we market to them and can we get their aircraft into our Airport. He also wanted to see aviation marketing.

Rick Ward added, they had talked about interfacing with Colorado Space Coalitions (CSC), they are a strategic organization and we need someone like the advisory Board to inform the BoCC of aerospace activities in the area where they could network / promote aerospace in Adams County to include spaceport. Dave Ruppel said they needed Adams County Board involvement and support.

Adjournment

No further business came before the Board and the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m. The next Front Range Airport Advisory Board meeting, is scheduled for Friday, April 22, 2016 at 1:00 p.m., in the second floor, large conference room in the Airport Terminal.

Approved by: Barry Gore 4/22/16
Chairman Date