

M I N U T E S
AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
May 11, 2021

The Airport Advisory Commission of the City of Farmington met on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 4:00 p.m., in the Executive Conference Room at 800 Municipal Drive, Farmington, NM

Members Present:

Mark Gordon
Wayne Mangum, Pro Tem
Theresa Pacheco
Richard Roderick, Chairman
Jonathan Rudolf

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Mike Lewis, Airport Manager
Jody Carman, Airport Administrative Aide
Julie Baird, Assistant City Manager
Ellen Wayne, Deputy City Attorney

Others Present:

Bruce Henry, Airport Tenant

Call to Order

The Airport Advisory Commission (AAC) regular meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Chairman Richard Roderick, there being a quorum present, the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

Approval of the May 11, 2021 Agenda

Chairman Richard Roderick asked for a motion to approve the agenda for May 11, 2021. A motion was made by Commissioner Mark Gordon, and seconded by Commissioner Jon Rudolf to approve the agenda for May 11, 2021, and passed by a vote of 5-0.

Approval of the Minutes from the April 13 2021 Regular Meeting of the AAC

Chairman Richard Roderick asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 13, 2021. A motion was made by Commissioner Mark Gordon, and seconded by Commissioner Theresa Pacheco to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 regular meeting of the AAC, and passed by a vote of 5-0.

Operations Report

Mike Lewis presented the statistics as they appear in the agenda.

Airport Manager Mike Lewis was asked if the airport will be affected by the colonial pipeline shutdown. He responded that it should not affect our fuel availability. There was a short discussion concerning this concern.

Additional Operations Information

Mike Lewis reported on additional operational items not listed in the agenda.

- 1) The Arizona Commemorative Air Force (AZ CAF) Museum notified airport staff today they would not be bringing the World War II C-47 to any city during the month of June. A future date has not been determined at this time.
- 2) Ryan Waguespack, Senior Vice President of Aircraft Management, Air Charters at the National Air Transportation Association (NATA) made a short presentation titled "General Aviation Advancing America Stakeholders" at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday May 6, 2021 in an Atlantic Aviation hangar at Four Corners Regional Airport. Mike Lewis noted it was informative.
- 3) The Airline industry is recovering slowly. Mike Lewis will continue to forward updates to the commission, from airport consultant Arkstar, as they are received. Mike Lewis stressed there is a onetime chance to use the Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP) grant money to launch air service. Mike recommends we use those funds when there is better opportunity for success.
- 4) The bid for overhaul of the terminal was awarded and construction should start soon. Commissioner Wayne Mangum asked Airport Manager Mike Lewis who the bid was awarded to. Mike Lewis told the commission Winters Construction will be doing the renovation.
- 5) Funding for relocation of taxiways B & G and rehabilitation of Runway 5/23, is still undetermined if the grant money will be a lump sum or considered separately. The current target is to award the bid for the first phase to rehabilitate Runway 5/23 in mid August.

There was a short discussion between Mike and commission members regarding scheduling and start dates for construction.

- 6) Mike Lewis updated the AAC about the status of the \$57,162 grant from the FAA under the extension of the CARES Act Grant Program. It is determined the \$34,162 portion has been allotted to tower expenditures. The funds will be used for painting the tower and various other small projects. The \$23,000 is designated for the airport to spend. It will be used to offset payroll, thereby allowing an equal amount to be spent elsewhere.
- 7) Mike Lewis asked for a consensus from the commission regarding their opinion of whether or not to restart charging No Worries rent, as an amendment was created to the lease for a financial break due to COVID-19 restrictions affecting business on March 31, 2020. A copy of the amendment to the lease was shown to the members. Mike was concerned the actual closure order from the Governor had not been fully lifted. The question as to whether or not we should continue to offer relief regarding rent was discussed. It was determined by most AAC members and Deputy City Attorney Ellen Wayne, the original closure order from the Governor's Office currently in effect, was lifted.

Short discussions ensued regarding the possibility of continuing shut-downs. It was also discussed regarding the payment schedule for No Worries. It was also noted the gross revenues for No Worries were higher during March and April, 2021. Additionally other solutions were suggested, such as an amendment to the amendment, if necessary.

- 8) Discussion regarding Airport Advisory Commission capacity. Mike presented a document listing the Airport Advisory Commission roles presented in the City of Farmington Municode. He also included his interpretations of the responsibilities of the members. He asked that everyone take a look at it and we will include a discussion and action item in next month's agenda as to whether or not we might propose and vote on any changes or modifications to recommend to City Council.

Chairman Richard Roderick presented his take on what Mike has full responsibility for. He added his approval of the idea to discuss additional or different capacity for the AAC.

Business from the Chairman:

Chairman Richard Roderick said he had no business, questions, or comments at this time as his issue was addressed.

Business from the Members:

Chairman Richard Roderick asked if there were any questions or business from the members. Commissioner Jonathan Rudolf noted Durango Airport has expanded it's flying schedule to include Frontier Airlines. He asked Airport Manager Mike Lewis if we were missing an opportunity. Mike Lewis explained their expansion would strengthen our case for a number of reasons. The main reason being unlike Durango, Farmington would be dedicated to the United service.

Commissioner Theresa Pacheco asked about the current news circulating that Atlantic Aviation was pulling out of Four Corners Regional Airport. Mike Lewis assured her what has actually happened is Atlantic Aviation corporation is under new ownership. He felt strongly operations in Farmington, NM will not change. The self serve fuel pump idea was also discussed.

It was brought up by Commissioner Jon Rudolf we might use the SCASDP grant money to support a more immediate solution to not having an airline operating out of Four Corners Regional Airport. Mike Lewis responded the money should be allocated for as close to a sure thing we can get, as it is a one time opportunity to use and success should be more predictable.

There were no more questions or comments.

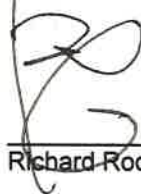
Business from the Staff:

Chairman Richard Roderick asked if there were any questions from staff. There were no questions or comments.

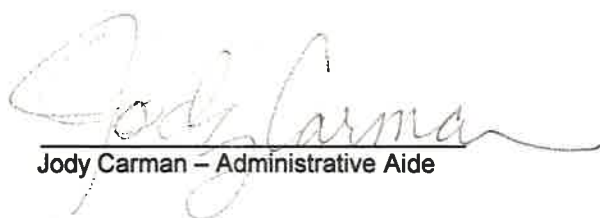
Business from the Floor:

Chairman Richard Roderick asked if anyone from the floor had something to say. There were no questions or comments.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the May 11, 2021 meeting was adjourned by Chairman Richard Roderick, the motion was made by Commissioner Theresa Pacheco and seconded by Commissioner Mark Gordon at 4:38 p.m.



Richard Roderick – Chairman



Jody Carman – Administrative Aide