



Austin Airport Advisory Commission

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2010

The Austin Airport Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on December 14, 2010 at 2716 Spirit of Texas Drive, in the auditorium due to the large number in attendance in Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance:

Dale Murphy, D'Ann Johnson, Bob Torn, Steven Hart and George Farris

Board Members Absent:

Ernie Saulmon

Staff in Attendance:

Shane Harbinson, Jim Smith, Patti Edwards, Robert Hengst, Dave Arthur, Jason Zielinski, Jim Halbrook and Becky Nagel

TSA in Attendance

Mike Scott
Ignacio Reyes

Others Present:

Corinne Simone	Clay Dafoe	Jim Stutsman
Braden Abshire	Lynn Foster	Jarrold Allen
Pierre deRochement	Rob Love	Heather Fazio
Norman Horn	Morgana Gallaway	Lisa Jonyser
Kathy Vidal	Keith Kritselin	Dick Prince
Taylor Hatfield	Taylor Metting	David Krawise
Robert Butler	Antonio Bigger	Dede Hebert
Judith Fox	Mark Phillips	Jared Barger
Monica Mercado	Elizabeth Barr	Daryl Joyce
Naja Tietjak	Ameer Mendoza	Matt Wood
Niamh Marnell	Matt Oken	Juan Salinas
Russell Doyle	Karen Renick	Debbie Russell
Stefanie Collins	Randy Peterson	Kathy Vidal
Christopher Coons		

Welcome & Call the Meeting to Order:

Dale Murphy called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. Dale made the announcement that he would allow everyone to speak on Item 4 a) before the item is taken into consideration.

1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS: None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2010.

No changes were made to the minutes. Motion to approve minutes made by Stephen Hart and seconded by Bob Torn. Motion passed 5-0-1.

3. STAFF BRIEFING, REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- a) Planning & Engineering Capital Improvement Project Status Report Presentation was made by Shane Harbinson, Assistant Director, Aviation Department. Shane Harbinson hit the highlights on several Planning & Engineering Projects.
- b) Finance & Operations Reports Presentation was presented by Dave Arthur, Assistant Director, Aviation Department. Will be addressed later in the meeting.
- c) GTSA Transactions Presentation was presented by Shane Harbinson, Assistant Director, Aviation Department.

Shane Harbinson discussed the GTSA Transactions for November 2010. See below for a year-to-year comparison.

YEAR TO YEAR COMPARISON		
SERVICE CATEGORY	NOVEMBER 2010	NOVEMBER 2009
TAXICAB	27,235	21,389
LIMOUSINE	1,984	1,454
HOTEL SHUTTLE	3,119	2,699
OTHER SHUTTLE	314	169
CHARTER BUS	7	22
OVERALL TOTAL	32,659	25,733

The Chair skipped ahead to Item 5 c) so TSA could make their presentation. Mike Scott gave a presentation on TSA Operations and Future Security Considerations at ABIA. Mr. Scott showed 10 slides on the issue of Advance Imaging Technology. AIT is the most recent technology - they are looking for liquid, powder and plastic explosives. Unfortunately, the prior technology would not detect those explosives. We were challenged by Congress to come up with something that would detect those items. AIT is not a new technology; it's just new to the aviation industry. TSA uses two types of imaging technology, millimeter wave and backscatter. Millimeter wave technology bounces harmless electromagnetic waves off the body to create a black and white three-dimensional image. Backscatter technology projects low level x-ray beams over the body to create a reflection of the body displayed on the monitor. The officer who assists the

passenger never sees the image the technology produces. The officer who views the image is remotely located in a secure resolution room and never sees the passenger. To further protect passenger privacy, millimeter wave technology blurs all facial features and backscatter has an algorithm applied to the entire image. Advanced imaging technology cannot store, print, transmit or save the image. Officers evaluating images are not permitted to take cameras, cell phones or photo-enabled devices into the resolution room. Each image is automatically deleted from the system after it is cleared by the remotely located security officer. Advanced imaging technology screening is safe for all passengers, including children, pregnant women and individuals with medical implants and prostheses. ABIA is not on any schedule for the deployment of any AIT. AIT will be coming but it may be late 2011 or even into 2012. Even if privatization was implemented, the guidelines will still come from TSA.

Rip Torn asked that the letter from the House of Representatives received by Commission Members earlier this year discussing our options be discussed addressing the pros and cons. He stated that he would like to respond officially and asked that this item be put on the agenda for consideration.

4. ABIA Action Items

- a) Approve a resolution opposing the deployment of Advance Imaging Technology Machines at ABIA (Robert Torn).

The following citizens spoke on this item:

Corinne Simone	Clay Dafoe	Jim Stutsman
Braden Abshire	Lynn Foster	Jarrold Allen
Pierre deRochement	Rob Love	Heather Fazio
Norman Horn	Morgana Gallaway	Kathy Vidal
Keith Kritselin	Dick Prince	David Krawise
Robert Butler	Antonio Bigger	Mark Phillips
Jared Barger	Elizabeth Barr	Naja Tietjak
Matt Wood	Niamh Marnell	Russell Doyle
Debbie Russell	Randy Peterson	Karen Rennick
Judith Fox		

The Chair read the proposed resolution for the record. Discussion was held between the Commission Members. Suggestions were made for changes to the proposed resolution.

Motion to approve the resolution with the proposed changes were made by Robert Torn and seconded by Steven Hart. Motion passed 5-0-1.

A 10 minutes recess was taken at this time. 7:29 p.m. – meeting called back to order.

Dave Arthur provided the financial update for Item 3B. October reports show that passengers were up 4.5% over last October. Enplanements were up 4.1% over last October. Parking revenue was up over budget 6.5% and up over 8% from last year. Our overall bottom line was our revenue was 1% under budget and our expenses came in over budget for the month of October by 8% about \$500,000. This is primarily for some annual one-time expenses coming in and some adjustments will be made there. It was a break even on the books for the month of October. We have added some extra reports to your packets which will provide additional information each month.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) CONRAC Project Update – Shane gave an update on this project. We have our expert advisory consultant on board now which will be a major benefit while the team begins selecting a final design. Currently the consultant is gathering parking data; their recommendations will be critical for preserving and increasing our parking revenue when the team selects the final design.
- b) Discussion and update on minimum rate for cab fare originating from ABIA and a 10 cent increase for cleaning (James Battle). There are two Council action items for December 16th – one is for minimum fare for cabs originating from ABIA, this one is recommended by the Urban Transportation Commission. It sets up a minimum standard for the airport. The other one is for a 10 cents fee that will automatically be charged and go to the driver to maintain the vehicle. This one was also recommended by the Urban Transportation Commission.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Status of action items upon which the Commission has made a recommendation to Council.

Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of Amendment No.1 to a 36-month contract with **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF AIRPORT EXECUTIVES**, Alexandria, VA, for the purchase and integration of a new Spanish language security training module in an amount not to exceed \$21,500 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$54,800. **[Item went before City Council on November 18, 2010 and passed.]**

Authorize execution of a construction contract with **CASH CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.** Pflugerville, TX for the ABIA Reclaimed Water Pipeline Extension project in the amount of \$1,529,581 plus a \$76,479 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,606,060. **[Item went before City Council on November 18, 2010 and passed.]**

- b) Properties Lease Agreements – The new food and beverage facilities are open. Thunderclouds at the airport has had the highest customer count than any other Thunderclouds in Austin.

- c) General Aviation – Still working with Ascend and JetBlack to develop GA facilities south of the Signature FBO. Staff met with FAA to discuss FAA utilities within the area and possible options to develop both GA facilities.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Drainage Master Plan will probably be presented in February.

The by-laws are being revised.

Privatization on TSA – pros v. cons

ADJOURNMENT. Motion to adjourn was made by George Farris and seconded by D'Ann Johnson. Motion passed 5-0-1. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Date of next meeting: January 11, 2011