



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20230705-005

Date: July 5, 2023

Subject: Airport Master Development Plan Ordinance

Motion by: Jennifer Bristol

Seconded by: David Sullivan

RATIONAL:

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes that the Airport Master Development Plan Ordinance serves as a regulatory framework to guide development within the defined airport boundary and that it is subject to administrative review every 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes that the airport falls within the Colorado River, Carson Creek and Onion Creek Watersheds; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes an update to the Master Development Plan ordinance is necessary to establish consistent permitting requirements for the airport's long-term development, to provide preapproved variances needed for the strategic progression of enabling projects as part of the comprehensive expansion and development program, to ensure the program advances in a timely order that meets airline and community commitments, and to align future development with current city code; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes the proposed update was developed in concert among the departments of Aviation, Watershed Protection, and Development Services and will guide the airport's future expansion efforts while abiding by the City's environmental and sustainability principles; and

WHEREAS, staff supports the updates in the Master Plan.

THEREFORE, the Environmental Commission recommends the updates to the Airport Master Development Plan Ordinance with the following additional recommendations:

1. Improve public input and engagement with the neighborhoods in the development process
2. Notify neighborhoods and ask for their input on current and future improvements
3. Install water quality monitoring stations on the natural waterways and share the information regularly with Watershed Protection and every effort to make data accessible to the public via the website
4. Include the Joint Suitability Commission in the boards and commissions that review the master plan in 2023 and for future updates

5. Include the Equity Office in the review process
6. AUS will provide an annual report and presentation to the Environmental Commission, report on variances used in the previous year, results of the previous year's water quality monitoring and public outreach, and include a forecast of what work, variances, water quality monitoring and public outreach will be done in the coming year. This process will allow for greater public input and engagement.

VOTE: 9-1

For: Kevin Ramberg, Perry Bedford, Jennifer Bristol, Hanna Cofer, Mariana Krueger, Colin Nickells, Haris Qureshi, Melinda Schiera, David Sullivan

Against: Richard Brimer

Abstain: none

Recuse: none

Absent: Peter Einhorn

Approved By:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "KEVIN RAMBERG". The letters are slightly slanted and connected, with a cursive-like style.

Kevin Ramberg, Environmental Commission Chair