MINUTES
Airport Advisory Board
August 8, 2024
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The August 8, 2024, Airport Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson at 6:01 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

2. ROLL CALL

Kayla Picciau, Recording Secretary, called roll. Those present were Chairperson Harrison Earl, Vice Chairperson Melinda Jordan, and Board Members Malcolm Dean, Tallis Salamatian, Steve Shook, Dan Meester, and City Council Member Sean McCoy covering for City Council Member Marcia Martin.

Staff present were Levi Brown, Airport Manager, Phil Greenwald, Transportation Planning Manager and Kayla Picciau, Recording Secretary.

Board Member Matthew Menza arrived at 6:04 pm.

3. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Chairperson Earl opened the Public Invited to be Heard.

Dan Berry, 930 Champion Circle, Longmont; he stated he moved to this area for the airport and that he is a hangar owner at the airport. He stated he served on the Airport Advisory Board. He stated he is concerned about Modern West 2 development. He asked for help to save the airport.

City Council Member Sean McCoy was asked to recuse himself during the public invited to be heard.

Richard Basiliere, 420 Nebraska Ave., Berthoud; he stated he is the owner of Longmont Owners and Pilots Association. He thanked the advisory board for the letter they drafted for the City Council. He asked the board to find out how the logistics were passed for the Modern West 2 development without notifying the airport manager.

JD Gleitz, 1632 Sherman Way, Longmont; he apologized for my lack of support and engagement in airport matters. He stated that the Modern West Development 2 will have a huge negative impact on the noise and safety at the airport. He stated that the airport manager, the hangar owners, and businesses were not but should have been notified.

Howard Morgan, 1932 Amethyst Dr; he stated this development will cause tenants to complain about noise and potentially sue the airport. He stated he supports the letter written by the board.

Mark Arnold, 8243 Cattail Dr; he stated he watched the planning and zoning meeting and FAA responded that the plan was not complaint with their guidelines. He stated the city would really be making a terrible mistake to go forward without engaging aviation specific consultants.

Seeing no one wishing to speak with the board, Chairperson Earl closed Public Invited to be Heard.

City Council Member Sean McCoy returned to the meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

i. July 11, 2024 – Minutes
Pg.1 Line 7; Chairperson Earl should state Chairperson Harrison Earl.

Pg. 3 Line 37; should state non-towered not no towered.

Pg. 4 Line 13, 14, 15; should state Jordan not Jordon.

BOARD MEMBER DEAN MOVED, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER MEESTER, TO APPROVE THE JULY 11, 2024 MINUTES AS AMENDED.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5. UPDATES FROM AIRPORT MANAGER

Levi Brown, Airport Manager, provided an update on the following items;

Levi stated he attended the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE General Aviation Conference). He stated the topics included unleaded fuel, future Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) land use policy, community engagement, noise issues.

Levi stated the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) held a meeting regarding House Bill 1235. Levi was not able to attend, Phil was able to attend. He stated CDOT has set aside dollars for transition to unleaded fuel. He stated CDOT has outlined what the noise abatement will require. He stated CDOT will require a plan for transition to unleaded avgas.

Board Member Salamatian asked if there was anything about electrification of planes was there.

Levi responded that there was the future of aviation sessions focused heavily on electrification.

Board Member Salamatian asked if there has been any planning for vertical drones.

Levi responded there have been preliminary discussions. He stated anything of that nature will probably be coming within the next master plan.

Board Member Menza stated House Bill 1235 talks about taxes, tax incentives, grants and the noise abatement process. He stated supporting this legislation is going to have a negative effect on our airports in the near term until we can get more advanced technology.

Levi responded to Board Member Meester question stating that there have been 60 household noise complaints, most complaints have been for generic noise complaints.

Vice Chairperson Jordan asked how much fuel the Centennial state is selling and what the volume looks like.

Phil stated $18,000 to $25,000 per month for their subsidy program.

Phil stated that the City Council passed a motion that they want to have further discussion on the role of the airport and support of the airport. He stated there potentially will be a study session with the city council in October.

Council Member McCoy asked the board and public to attend the study session meeting.

Levi stated that the wildlife fence project is moving forward with reviewing bids and paperwork is being drawn up.

Levi stated that the Fire inspections are moving forward. He stated the next steps are to coordinate with the fire department to see how to complete inspections.

Levi stated he is working with the city engineers and the procurement department on upcoming projects like the wildlife fence and pavement rehabilitation. He stated that the pavement rehabilitation project grant has been secured.

Levi responded to Board Member Shook question regarding the prairie dogs and rabbits becoming an issue again. He stated the city is on a treatment schedule. He stated even with that the prairie dog population this year is bad. Levi stated he is meeting with the city to discuss additional treatment. Levi stated the focus has been on the prairie dog not the rabbits.

Levi stated he has doubled the mouse treatment to mitigate the wire damage they have caused.

Levi responded to Board Member Menza question stating that he has replaced all components in gate four. He stated he thought it might be a power supply issue. He stated he has touched base with public works electric team to troubleshoot the issue.

Levi stated that the drainage study is still waiting on final meeting, he stated the last meeting was canceled. He stated preliminary discussion with the engineers stated they are going to recommend a retention pond expansion prior to any building happening.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairperson Earl requested Council Member McCoy to recuse himself from the meeting.

Chairperson Earl stated the board cannot take further action on the Modern West 2 development. He stated the board wrote a letter to the city council about the development. He stated he has spoken to city manager and assistant city manager about the airport and development. He stated they understand the concerns being raised. He stated had a discussion with the developer, where they spoke about concerns.

Board Member Shook stated that the Modern West 1 development was already approved. He asked why the board didn't do anything for Modern West 1 development.

Phil stated Modern West 1 development was approved by the FAA. He stated the notification area doesn't include the airport. He stated that Envision Longmont was passed by FAA and the City Council.

Board Member Salamatian suggested that we make a request to the planning and zoning department that the airport is notified if there any development that would impact the airport.

Council Member McCoy was asked to return to the meeting.

Board Member Menza stated the board needs a commitment from the City Council and the Mayor to protect the airport.

City Council Member McCoy suggested giving recommendations directly to Levi and Levi will direct those recommendations to the legal team and the planning and development team.

Chairperson Earl asked Levi to have conversations with other city staff and make sure that there is a formal policy that notifies Levi of development within the airport influence zone.

7. ACTION ITEMS

8. FINAL PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Chairperson Earl opened the Public Invited to be Heard.

JD Gleitz, 1632 Sherman Way, Longmont; he suggested a development code change to allow more than 1000 foot notification zone.

Dan Berry; 930 Champion Circle, Longmont; he stated the noise abatement lacks implementation. He stated that when the board talks about updating the plan to consider updating the strategies and tactics to implement the noise abatement plan.

City Council Member Sean McCoy was asked to recuse himself during the public invited to be heard.

Mark Arnold 1843 Cattail Dr, Longmont; he stated that the runway protection zone, the RPC and also the civil airport obstacle clearance criteria are legal requirements and those are called out in 14 CFR 77. He stated that Mr. Sweeney's June 13th land use incompatibility letter explicitly stated that the FAA would feel that that this development would be deemed a violation of the FAA's land use guidelines as required by the grant assurance #21. He stated that the airport sponsor is to take appropriate action to restrict land use to protect use of the airport.

Joe Willis; he stated the city is taking a risk of losing grant money. He stated City Council needs to be asked why they want more noise complaints.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak with the board, Chairperson Earl closed Public Invited to be Heard.

9. BOARD, CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE AND/OR STAFF COMMENTS

i. Ideas for future agenda items

Board Member Salamatian thanked all the public invited to be heard speakers.

Chairperson Earl seconded that statement.

Vice Chairperson Jordan provided an airshow update.

Board Member Dean asked Levi to ask for a larger budget for the next airshow.

Council Member McCoy thanked the audience for coming, the city staff for their deep understanding, the board for serving.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 07:52 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Chairperson Harrison Earl

Airport Advisory Board

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