MINUTES
Airport Advisory Board
October 23, 2024
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The October 23, 2024, Airport Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Earl at 6:00 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, Steve Shook, and City Council Member Marcia Martin.

Board Member Dan Meester arrived at 6:02pm.

Board Members Tallis Salamatian and Matthew Menza were absent.

Staff present were Levi Brown, Airport Manager, and Kayla Picciau, Recording Secretary.

3. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Chairperson Earl opened the Public Invited to be Heard.

Tim Cook, 10741 N. 65th St, Longmont; voiced concern about airplane noise.

Louis Beaupre, 1650 Stardance Cir; voiced concern about airplane noise.

Christine Smith, 11178 N. 66th St, Longmont; voiced concern about airplane safety.

Edward Greif, 6024 St Vrain Rd, Longmont; voiced concern about airplane noise.

Keith Griffith, 7066 Johnson Cir, Niwot; requested to change the planning and development code to notify airport lease holders of new development.

Chris Conklin, 234 Francis St, Longmont; voiced concern about airplane noise.

JD Gleitz, 1632 Sherman Way, Longmont; recommended to the board to bring to the city council recommendation to amend the development code 15240 to include all business and property owners on the airport as well as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Management Office.

Jen Huff, 10619 N. 65th St, Longmont; spoke to the large amount of air traffic. She stated she is concerned with planes flying over schools.

Ed Ruskus, 9685 Majestic Rd, Longmont; voiced concern about airplane noise.

Scott Stewart, 229 Grant St, Longmont; concerned about airplane noise and improper usage of airport hangars.

Marcy Roth, Unincorporated Longmont; concerned about airplane noise.

Joann Burton, 713 Snowberry, Longmont; frustrated about increased airplane noise.

Margaret Dougal, 2635 Mountain View, Longmont; concerned about airplane noise.

Rick Bassier, 229 Airport Rd, Longmont; concerned about airplane noise and safety.

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

i. September 12, 2024 – Minutes

VICE CHAIRPERSON JORDAN MOVED, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER SHOOK, TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2024, MINUTES AS PRESENTED.
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

I. Updates from Airport Manager

Levi provided an update on fire inspections. He stated that the fire inspections are continuing.

Levi state there will be an airport focused city council meeting on November 19th.

Council Member Martin recommended that the board take a vote to see if they would like to participate in the November 19th Council meeting.

Levi stated that there is a proposal for an annex on 8809 Nelson Rd. He stated that the City Planning Department promptly notified him. He stated the FAA has already sent a letter regarding the proposed annexation.

Chairperson Earl recommended adding development projects as a standing agenda item.

Levi provided an update on the Capital Investment Projects meetings. He stated there has been minimal changes with projects at the airport.

Levi stated there is a change on the rehab for the South taxi way. He stated the engineers came out and stated that it is going to be a much larger project than was expected.

Levi stated the wildlife fence has been awarded to the contractor and is waiting on them to get their materials together and start putting the fence in.

He stated that the pavement rehab had a bid walkthrough this morning. He stated work will likely begin next spring.

Levi provided an update on the drainage study. He stated there has been conflict between the engineers with the city and the engineers with the buyers on what the report should look like. He stated there is a new promised deadline for the end of October.

II. Vance Brand Noise Abatement Program

Levi stated that there is a monthly informational flyer e-mail that includes airport noise abatement information. He also stated he holds meetings with local flight schools and airport businesses to discuss noise abatement.

Vice Chairperson Jordan asked if the noise abatement sheet can be added to the Automated Weather Observation System(AWOS).

Levi stated we would have to be careful about making the AWOS message too long.

Chairperson Earl acknowledge a public comment that the city website complaint form is broken, and he requested that Levi reach out the city about getting it fixed.

CHAIRPERSON EARL MOVED, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER MEESTER, FOR THE BOARD TO ENGAGE IN THE DISCUSSION WITH COUNCIL AT THE NOVEMBER 19TH MEETING.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6. ACTION ITEMS

No action items

7. FINAL PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Chairperson Earl opened the Public Invited to be Heard.

Ed Ruskus, 9685 Majestic Rd, Longmont; asked the board who pays for Levi's salary and for the board. He stated that the public should have a say in what happens at the airport.

JD Gleitz, 1362 Sherman Way, Longmont; requested getting an amendment to the Longmont development code for notification expansion.

Jen Huff, 10619 N. 65th St, Longmont; asked the board if the noise abatement plan should have the fixed-base operator (FBO) phone number since it is hard to reach Levi.

Louis Beaupre, 1650 Stardance Cir; thanked Chairperson Earl for his patience and education about chamber protocols. He stated he did not appreciate Council Member Martin's abrupt, rude, and disruptive comments.

Tim Cook, 10741 N. 65th St, Longmont; voiced concern about airplane noise.

Marcy Roth, Chance Acres, Longmont; mentioned that if the public took measurements of the decibel levels and submitted them showing that they were higher than 65 that maybe that could have an influence on the FAA. She asked the board for solutions that would make a meaningfully difference.

Edward Greif, 6024 St Vrain Rd, Longmont; voiced concern about airplane noise.

Christine Smith, 11178 N. 66th St, Longmont; asked the board why the noise has increased in the last six months.

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

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

i. Ideas for future agenda items

Chairperson Earl stated the board does want to hear public comments. He stated the airport is an enterprise fund of the city meaning it is intended to be self-sustaining and it does not directly receive city funding.

Board Member Dean responded to public comment stating that the decibel level cannot accurately be measured using a cell phone application. He stated use of a calibrated decibel meter would have to be used to accurately measure the decibel levels.

Council Member Martin stated the city cannot invest city taxes revenue into the airport. She responded to the public comment about the increased noise stating there has been an increase in student pilots. She stated the noise abatement policy are voluntary.

Board Member Meester thanked the public for their comments. He stated the airport is seeing a proximity problem. He suggested reaching out to Jeffco and Loveland airports and requesting that they divert their student traffic to other outlying airports. He stated landing fee are non-existent. He stated that the closure of Fort Colins was not due to noise.

Board Member Shook stated the pilots at the airport are frustrated too due to student pilot traffic. He stated the instructors need to be better informed.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 08:00 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Chairperson Harrison Earl

Airport Advisory Board

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