

CAT Meeting Minutes from the June 09, 2015 Regular Meeting

Call Meeting to Order: 9:38 A.M.

ACAT Members Present: Leigh Golden (arrived at 9:56 a.m.)
Deborah Croyle
Chris Gage
Tom Combs
Andrew Terry

ACAT Members Absent: Robert Anderson

Staff Present: Hardy Bullock, Aviation and Community Services Director
Mike Cooke, Aviation and Community Services Manager
Lauren Tapia, Administrative Clerk

Public Present: 0

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Member Combs and Gage both stated that they will need to leave the meeting at noon.

CONSENT ITEMS

- Approve Minutes: May 12, 2015 – Regular Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION #1: Member Combs motioned to approve the May 12, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Member Gage seconded the motion. Members Terry, Combs, Gage and Croyle voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

MOUNTAIN TOP AWOS

Member Combs gave a presentation for the subcommittee project, Mountain Top Automated Weather Observation Station (AWOS). Member Combs stated the primary reason is weather, as weather over the crest can be very different than anywhere else. Through research, the subcommittee discovered that there is not an AWOS station on the crest within 500 miles. Member Combs stated that 32% of the Airport's traffic comes over the crest, and that does not include transient traffic. Mr. Cooke worked with the subcommittee and set up a "gate" over Donner Summit to gather traffic numbers, from that data, it indicated that within a five month period, there were 2,200 flights that passed over the summit (base to 15,000 ft. in elevation). Member Combs stated that there are three types of AWOS stations (AWOS I, II, and III), all models have automated voice, and the subcommittee recommends the AWOS II. Equipment cost could range \$50,000 - \$70,000 depending on model type; instillation would double the cost. Mr. Bullock stated that it should be acknowledged to the Board that there is an AWOS station at Blue Canyon, as the pilot community will bring that up. Member Combs acknowledged Mr. Bullock's recommendation, but stated that the Blue Canyon station does not benefit East to West traffic.

Placement of the AWOS stations was discussed by Member Combs. Three of the most reasonable sites for the potential AWOS stations are the Siberia chair lift at Squaw Valley, USA, the top of Ward Peak at Alpine

Meadows, and the top of Squaw Peak at Squaw Valley, USA. From the three sites, it was concluded that the Ward Peak site would be the most desirable site for the potential AWOS station, which will be conveyed to the Board.

Member Leigh Golden entered the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Member Combs presented a wind shear program that is utilized in Colorado by the Air Force Academy, a Hazardous Weather Advisory Service (HWAS), which is tied into the mezonet service. Member Combs stated that is not FAA certified, as it is used as a meteorological tool. Mr. Bullock stated that this would not be a good option for the District, which could be used as a tool, but a FAA Certified AWOS station would be more beneficial.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION #2: Member Terry motioned to recommend an AWOS II on the top of Ward Peak and for the subcommittee to conduct a presentation of the Mountain Top Automated Weather Station to the Board of Directors. Member Golden seconded the motion. Members Terry, Golden, Combs, Gage and Croyle voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

TRAILS

Member Combs stated that the Trails Subcommittee is on hold, as the Truckee Trails Foundation has been off for the last month working on other projects. The Board provided valuable feedback from the Joint meeting in May. The Board would like to know the cost per mile and an understanding of where the trail would go. The Board also would like to see the trail connect to other trail systems. Member Terry stated that the Board would like the cost difference of a hard surface trail and a soft surface trail. Mr. Bullock stated that the benefit of working with the Truckee Trails Foundation would be their help of finding potential funding grants; as the Board stated that they are interested in that funding stream. Mr. Bullock suggested the subcommittee let the Truckee Trails Foundation know that this project should be viewed more like a Trails Masterplan.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MANAGED GROWTH

Vice Chair Croyle stated that the Managed Growth subcommittee has been dormant, as they are waiting for the contractors to move forward. Mr. Bullock stated that the scope of work has been approved and signed. They are waiting for the draft survey questions from AMCG, and for the Ad Hoc committee to approve those questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NOISE MONITORS

Vice Chair Croyle stated that there will be more information to come at the July ACAT meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NIGHT OPERATIONS

Vice Chair Croyle stated that she is needing more information from staff regarding the prior provisions request. She would like more information on the steps that have been taken, and the steps that need to be taken with coordinating signage. Mr. Bullock stated that steps have been taken with signage and that the voluntary curfew

hours have been changed to 10:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. Mr. Cooke stated that he has been surveying operators as to what would incentivize them from night operations, an overwhelming amount stated that fuel discounts would be the most desirable incentive. Member Terry inquired if there had been any negative feedback of the change to the voluntary curfew hours. Mr. Cooke stated that there has not been any negative feedback, as the fly quiet incentives have not changed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Member Terry stated that he would like to interview the Sherriff's Department to get more information to integrate into the project. Mr. Bullock stated that there will be a safety roundtable happening in July, and the minutes can be sent to the subcommittee.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

STAFF REPORT

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MEMBER REPORT

Member Golden stated that the air supply line at the Airport is about 40 feet too short. Member Golden would like to see an adequate length hose for the airport replace the existing hose.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURN

MOTION #3: Member Combs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Terry seconded the motion. Members Terry, Golden, Gage, Combs and Croyle voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed

At 11:24 a.m. the June 9, 2015 regular meeting of the Airport Community Advisory Team adjourned.