

ACAT Meeting Minutes from the March 11, 2014 Regular Meeting

Call Meeting to Order: 9:02 a.m.

ACAT Members Present: Chair Gerald Herrick
Vice Chair Robert Anderson via teleconference
Leigh Golden
Andrew Terry
Deborah Croyle

ACAT Members Absent: John Aadland

Staff Present: Hardy Bullock, Director of Aviation and Community Services
Kevin Smith, General Manager
Mike Cooke, Aviation and Business Services Manager
Denae Granger, Administrative Clerk

Public Present: 1

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Minutes of the ACAT January 14, 2014 Regular Meeting

Member Terry requested that the Minutes of the ACAT February 11, 2014 regular meeting be pulled.

Member Terry made a couple corrections on the Minutes from the February ACAT meeting, which were duly noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION #1: Member Croyle moved to approve the Minutes of the ACAT February 11, 2014 regular Meeting as revised. Member Golden seconded the motion. Chair Herrick, and Members Terry, Golden and Croyle voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Bullock stated that even though Vice Chair Anderson is present via teleconference, he is unable to vote as remote participation needs advance notice.

PLANNING

Mr. Bullock stated that there will be a joint meeting with ACAT and the Board of Directors on March 26 before the regular Board meeting. He showed a PowerPoint of projects that ACAT is currently working on, ACAT has shown interest in, projects staff are working on, and projects the Board has shown interest in.

The four projects that ACAT currently has in play include: the night operations study, the Lake Tahoe Visual RNAV, the Unicom enhancement, and videography for flight procedures. Member Croyle gave an update on the night operations study, as she is heading the sub team that also consists of Members Terry and Golden. She

stated that this sub team is working on understanding the demand before addressing the issues of solving the demand. Member Terry stated that they are working on a document for the Board that ACAT can build on regarding night operations. Mr. Smith questioned what is considered a problem for TRK in relation to night operations. Mr. Cooke stated that the maximum number of night operations in one year was in 2011 and it was 28 operations. The fewest operations at night were 14. Mr. Smith stated that in the eyes of the FAA, that is not considered a problem. He asked the general question of if a problem is the number of operations, or the number of complaints. Discussion followed regarding the definition of night for this community, as well as the definition of a night operations problem for TRK. The sub team is still in the first phase of the process, which is understanding the solution. The next phase is to develop a program where ACAT can address the problem.

Mr. Bullock gave an update on the Lake Tahoe Visual RNAV, stating that in meeting with Tetra Tech, the Lake Tahoe Visual RNAV does not have the ability to be approved by the FAA based on the lack of radar coverage. Mr. Smith gave a quick update on the Unicom assessment study, stating that it is not yet ready for finalization, and staff is working on the enhancements. Member Terry stated that for the videography for the flight procedures, he would like to give Mr. Tom Lippert, and his wife, Ms. Laurel Lippert, a deadline for the remaining video procedures. These updates will be given to the Board during the joint meeting.

Mr. Bullock stated that there are quite a few projects that ACAT is interested in, and would like to know which ones to present to the Board. Discussion followed regarding the rank of the projects of interest. Mr. Bullock stated that he will work with Chair Herrick regarding what to bring up to the Board. He stated that his goal of the joint meeting is to walk away and understand the top priorities for ACAT over the next year.

In terms of the projects that staff is working on, Mr. Bullock stated that he would like to understand the concept of defining the success criteria.

There was discussion regarding the projects that the Board is interested in, including: pilot incentive, a sound insulation program, voluntary curfew, preferred runway and airspace redesign. Mr. Smith stated that several of these will come out in the Master Plan process, and will be discussed during the joint meeting. Mr. Bullock stated that he will take everything that was discussed, and attach a discussion for the items that are on the back burner.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BREAK: At 10:48 a.m. ACAT recessed for a short break. At 10:56 a.m. Chair Herrick reconvened the meeting.

NOISE AND ANNOYANCE CONFERENCE REPORT

Member Terry gave an update on the UC Davis Noise Symposium that several ACAT members recently attended. Member Croyle gave her observations at the same Symposium.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Jack Armstrong stated that the EAA is not certified by the FAA, but they are much more efficient in general aviation.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Smith stated that he gave the first three chapters of the Master Plan to ACAT for their review.

Mr. Bullock commented on the recent plane crash of the Piper Malibu stating that there was one fatality, and one person recovering. He stated that Mr. Cooke was instrumental in finding the downed plane via the flight

tracking data. Mr. Bullock is trying to capitalize on the use of the flight tracking and aviation safety. He said that statistically, there will be another crash in nine months.

Member Terry questioned if the EAA is aware that staff has used their flight tracking to locate the plane wreckage.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Armstrong stated that he is not sure EAA if aware of it. He stated that the pilot of the flight was not a member of EAA, but he attended several meetings.

ACAT MEMBERS REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURN

MOTION #2: Member Terry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Golden seconded the motion. Chair Herrick, and Members Croyle, Terry, and Golden voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

At 11:30 a.m. the March 11, 2014 regular meeting of the Airport Community Advisory Team adjourned.