

ACAT Meeting Minutes from the September 9, 2014 Regular Meeting

Call Meeting to Order: 9:40 a.m.

ACAT Members Present: Andrew Terry
Leigh Golden (arrived at 10:05 a.m.)
Deborah Croyle
Robert Anderson
John Aadland

ACAT Members Absent: Chair Gerald Herrick

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

Public Present: 1

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS: Member Terry asked Mr. Bullock on the status of the safety videos. Mr. Bullock stated two videos have been published and currently one video is in the process of being finished. Mr. Bullock also informed the Members that the new ACAT members will be selected at the regular September 24th Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Minutes of the ACAT August 12, 2014 Regular Meeting

Member Terry requested that the Minutes of the ACAT August 12, 2014 regular meeting be pulled.

Member Terry corrected the Minutes from the August ACAT meeting. Member Terry requested the word "really" be stricken from his comment under ACAT Member Reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION #1: Member Aadland moved to approve the Minutes of the ACAT August 12, 2014 regular Meeting as revised. Member Croyle seconded the motion. Members Terry, Anderson, Aadland and Croyle voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

NIGHT OPERATIONS

Mr. Cooke stated that the idea of creating a Night Operations paper came forward after a presentation made by Peter Kirsch from Kaplan, Kirsch and Rockwell, in February of 2014. The Board of Directors requested a white paper be put together. Aside from the Airport's voluntary curfew, night operations has not been explored at an in-depth level. Member Croyle stated that the Night Operations Committee wanted to prepare a very data driven operation paper. The Committee wanted to consider how the data fit within the current policies and programs that are put in place. The Committee worked with three years' worth of data, finding that there is not a lot of night operations. But of the amount of night operations that are occurring, it is rising. The Committee

sees a trend of traffic shifting from local to transient. Member Anderson questioned if the increase in night operations is due to technology advances or because of economics. Mr. Cooke stated that there was no economic research done. Mr. Bullock stated that the real question is “why” they are coming here. Member Croyle stated that if technology can make it safer to operate at night, there will be an increase in the margin of night operations. Member Croyle continued on with her presentation stating that the paper addressed whether darkness is a constraint on activity at night. Member Croyle expressed that there has been a lot of progress made in the technology. If technology hasn’t removed darkness as a constraint on night operations, it will soon in the future. Member Croyle stated that the Airport sees a large seasonal split in night operations, as night operations is concentrated in the summer season.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Jack Armstrong stated that he does not see airport operations being a problem as he lives close by. Mr. Armstrong stated most of the noise annoyance he experiences is from train operations, and that the vast majority of Truckee residents are not effected by airport noise. Member Terry stated that there is a global increase in jet operations, and that the paper sees this issue as a trend that is rising.

Member Golden stated that he quizzed Glenshire community residents and asked them if they were ever woken up by a plane at night; everyone stated no. Member Golden stated that what disturbs them the most is the train. Member Croyle stated that high end transient population is the group that needs to be approached. Member Anderson asked staff if there is more noise annoyance complaints in the morning or the evening. Mr. Bullock stated that 4:00-6:00 a.m. draws in the most noise reports.

Mr. Armstrong asked about noise monitoring. Mr. Bullock stated that the Airport has done a lot with noise monitoring, and the Airport has found that reporting noise metrics to the community has no impact. Mr. Cooke stated that noise commenters are emotionally driven, they are startled about the perception of aircraft being overhead, they also comment on the changing area of demographics. Member Anderson stated he would like to see continued use of noise monitoring and that the results should be displayed or given in a very careful manner.

Mr. Bullock stated that he believes the paper is a solid piece of work and that he was impressed with the solutions and the supporting data it gave. Mr. Bullock had a few comments about several pieces of information used in the paper. Mr. Bullock informed the committee that raw data was used in the paper, the data is not the same that has been approved by the Board. The paper references the term “fleet” but should use the term “fleet mix” instead. On page four, RNAV/RNP procedure was mentioned, Mr. Bullock stated that the example is pretty extreme and doesn’t fit Truckee. Member Croyle stated she disagrees, and that it was in reference to the potential of technology and how it overcomes poor visibility. Mr. Bullock stated that the paper should make note as to what drives night operations, a Godbe study could acquire an answer for that question. Mr. Bullock stated that it is healthy to acknowledge that the Airport is a player to the regional and local economy.

Member Anderson stated he would like to see a merit of effort summary added to the front of the paper, as a lot of time and energy was needed to complete the paper. Member Terry stated that are a few changes that need to be addressed before the paper is adopted. Mr. Cooke replied that the paper could be adopted pending those changes. Member Croyle stated that there could be a phase II of the paper that could include the economic drivers of night operations. Member Golden stated he believes the paper is well written and that economic factors should be included into the paper as it is a major factor. Member Croyle stated that the paper clearly states what the FAA believes (no restrictions), and that she proposes a single sentence be added that economic drivers were not studied and that it would be implemented in phase II of the paper.

MOTION #2: Member Anderson moved to adopt the Night Operations draft pending changes and will forward to the Board to be presented and comments taken before the document is finalized. Member Golden seconded the motion. Members Terry, Golden, Anderson, Aadland and Croyle voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

PILOT INCENTIVES

Mr. Bullock stated that ACAT members wanted staff to provide extended math for the pilot incentive program. Mr. Bullock informed Members that the first year cost is higher due to purchasing everything initially; a rough cost estimate was presented to Members via a spreadsheet. Mr. Bullock also presented an example of questions for the questionnaire. Member Croyle stated that questions are a great starting point, but she would like to see questions with more depth and be more technical in nature; questions that could not be guessed. Mr. Bullock stated that he agrees with Member Croyle, but the Airport is also working with a time constraint at the UNICOM desk. Mr. Bullock stated that he is working with Mr. Phred Stoner about a time limit that would then trigger the back office being utilized. Member Croyle replied about the number of questions being reduced.

Member Anderson stated that he would like to see documents that could be inserted into Pilots flight manuals. Member Terry stated that he would like this program to be looked at by the Board as it has a large budget. Mr. Bullock stated that the Board trusts staff to make sure the program works, and that there would be no push back by the Board.

Member Croyle stated that she would like to see the program implemented incrementally, and does not believe the Committee should fund a full three years, but one year initially. She would like to see more development of the questionnaire, and would like to see the program go live in the spring.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Armstrong asked the Members at what point do they want the Board to micromanage ACAT?

MOTION #3: Member Terry moved to approve the development of the questionnaire with a cost not to exceed \$5,000 and to bring back to review by the December ACAT meeting. Member Aadland seconded the motion. Members Terry, Golden, Anderson, Aadland and Croyle voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

STAFF REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ACAT MEMBERS REPORTS

Member Terry stated that the Reno Air Races are taking place this weekend, and that it will be a high activity weekend for Truckee Tahoe Airport.

Member Anderson stated that he took a glider ride. He is very impressed with Soar Truckee and that they have nice staff.

Member Aadland thanked the Committee and Staff for letting him serve the last three years, he will be moving back to Los Gatos. Mr. Bullock stated that there will be a resolution given to Member Aadland thanking him for his service at the September 24th Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURN

MOTION #4: Member Terry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Aadland seconded the motion. Members Golden, Croyle, Terry, Anderson and Aadland voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

At 11:49 a.m. the September 9, 2014 regular meeting of the Airport Community Advisory Team adjourned.

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