

Humboldt County Airport Advisory Committee
September 26, 2006
6:00 p.m.
ACV Airport Terminal, Manager's Office

- 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman McCrone at 1800.
- 2) Parking ticket validations were performed and distributed by Jacque.
- 3) Roll call: Members: Alistair McCrone, Chairman; Al Castaldi, Jack Limmer, Rich Fenton, Chuck Goodwin, Dennis Lichty, Bill Davidson, George Jutila. Staff: Jacque Hulsey, Airport Division Manager; Guests: Steve Moser, Airport Business Park Owner
- 4) Approval of Minutes for the 08/22/06 meeting.

The minutes were received and were approved as submitted.

- 5) Open session: to include community guests.
 - i) Steve Moser attended the meeting to explain his "Moser Project" that was the subject of a recent Planning Commission "Blanket Special Permit" decision. He explained that the amount of residential use in the C Zone, at a maximum density of 4 per acre, could be approximately 80 for the estimated 20 acres in this zone, but that he does not expect all lots in this section to include residential development. Possible noise complaints from future residents were discussed and the special permit approval requires the owners and tenants to be informed regarding the airport operations and the possible noise generated. Various issues were discussed and it is accepted that Mr. Moser will include language in his deeds to inform the residents of the airport's operations and possible noise issues. It is not known if this will be 100% effective in quelling any future complaints. Mr. Moser explained that his project will now go to the Airport Land Use Commission for review and that there will be some time to develop additional suggestions for deed restriction language. He also indicated that he was willing to work with the Airports Manager and others to assure that adequate protections for the airport are included in his development. The County's designation of the land immediately surrounding the airport as Zone C, and supposedly not affected by the noise generated by the airport, is the underlying problem. The developer is strictly following the guidelines of the County's zoning and Planning Department and has also cited the surrounding residential development in other areas classified as Zone C in close proximity to the airport. The County of Humboldt's poor land use decisions of the past and the present will be reflected in complaints and future operational restrictions, sure to be imposed upon the airport, caused by the presence of this inappropriate residential development around it's only regional airport.
- 6) Airport Manager's report:
 - i) Jacque informed the Committee that the most recent Cal Trans airport land use planning handbook was issued in 2002 but that the current ALUCP in use by the Humboldt County Planning Department is the one compiled by Mead and Hunt in 1993. Chuck Goodwin moved and George Jutila seconded, that the Board of Supervisors be requested to use the 2002 Airport Land Use Planning document to update the Planning Department's reference material, since using outdated information for the related land use decisions is not good practice. Following a unanimous vote, it was decided that the Chairman will work with Jacque and forward a draft letter for comment to the Committee members. It was noted that it would be appropriate to send the letter to the Board of Supervisors, with a

copy to the head of the Department of Public Works and also to the Aviation Division Manager.

- ii) The ACV terminal expansion project bid notice to proceed date is September 30th, and work is scheduled to begin next Monday.
- iii) The ACV GA ramp project is proceeding on schedule.

7) Manager's professional activity:

Jacque attended a class in Idaho on Property Management due to a current need to fill the duties of this position in the County. She will now recommend that recruitment be implemented in order to fill this position, as she will not have time to perform both positions.

8) Pending public events /aviation meetings:

- i) The Airfest 2006 event at Murray Field was held on September 9th and Al Castaldi reported on the event. Jacque noted that there were some complaints regarding jet aircraft noise during the "fly-by" since they flew over Arcata and also east of the field due to fog. It was noted by Committee members that the program had been advertised and that aircraft noise is a normal part of airport celebrations.
- ii) George Jutila reported on the AVI8CANDO program held at River Lodge in Fortuna on September 10th. Jack Limmer attended and noted that it was a nice program.
- iii) George Jutila announced that former Congressman Don Clausen will be present this week to pass out certificates of appreciation to the Coast Guard and others.

9) Potential Nominations to HCAAC – none presented

10) Old business and correspondence:

- i) Jack Limmer recently talked with Bonnie Neeley regarding the Cal Trans wetlands mitigation bank being proposed as part of a land sale on property east of Murray Field. He will e-mail the Committee of any future developments.

11) New Business

- i) Chuck Goodwin reported that the Board of Supervisors today awarded a grant to RREDC in order to promote additional air service routes to alternate, possibly eastern, destinations. Jacque added that Study would show airlines that customer demand exists for a particular destination, such as Salt Lake City or Oakland, prior to any promotional decision being made.
- ii) Chuck Goodwin reported that the County's website doesn't show current Committee minutes. Jacque will check on this, as she has sent the current minutes to the County webmaster, but they evidently have not been posted.
- iii) Jacque updated the Committee on the status of Wi-Fi connections for the airports in a recent e-mail. George Jutila noted that there has been an offer of a donated satellite dish for Wi-Fi use at Rohnerville Airport.
- iv) Jacque said that there is a prospective tenant for the Piolt's Lounge building at Rohnerville and that this development may affect anyone who has equipment or furniture in the building. There was no indication that any Committee members knew of any owned equipment that would need to be removed.

12) 2006 Meeting Schedule: 10/24/06, 11/28/06 -- December to be determined.

13) Adjournment was at 1922 by Chairman McCrone.