

San Joaquin County Aviation Advisory Committee  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
January 23, 2018  
Department of Aviation Conference Suite #201

**MINUTES**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Trezza at 5:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present: Mike Ammann, Lex Corrales, Ken Couvillion, Robert Emmer, Marla Livengood, Supervisor Tom Patti, Bill Trezza, Jay Wilverding

Members Absent: Mark Plovnick, Supervisor Chuck Winn, Verlyn Wolfe

Staff Present: Ron Elliott, Russell Stark, Debbie Vasquez

I. Discussion Items

A. Introduction & Welcome of Mr. Russell Stark, Airport Director

Mr. Elliott introduced and welcomed Mr. Russell Stark, the newly-appointed Airport Director for Stockton Metropolitan Airport. Mr. Stark provided a brief background on his prior career history.

Mr. Elliott reported on the following items:

B. Quarterly Airport Budget Update

The Airport is continuing to prepare its mid-year budget worksheets which is presently estimates exceeded previously budgeted amounts so the expectation is for the budget to be basically neutral.

C. Current Project Updates

- Terminal Apron Expansion & Taxiway B Extension to Runway 29R End

On January 9, 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved both FAA Grant applications:

The completion of the Terminal Apron Expansion project will result in doubling the present size of the existing apron area. Construction is anticipated to begin later this year.

Mr. Ammann related that the One Voice Trip will be forthcoming and that it could result

- Elevator Platform Lift Project

The project is slowly proceeding towards completion. “Store front” sides and remaining parts have been installed and Airport Administration is now awaiting inspection of the new lift.

D. Update on FIS/Hold Room/Baggage Holding Facility

The anticipated project is “on-hold” presently with more details to follow at a later date.

E. SCASDP Grant Status/Domestic Service

The Airport currently has more than one domestic airline carrier interested in serving Stockton Metropolitan Airport. These carriers are aware of Stockton and have definitely shown some interest. Airport Administration is hopeful that additional destinations will be made available from Stockton by summer 2018.

F. Air Cargo Service Update

Amazon continues to conduct two daily flight operations from Stockton and also supplies the greater Bay Area and surrounding warehouses with all Amazon goods. Airport Administration continues to work with Amazon to secure long-term development opportunities with the organization.

G. CAT II Update

Airport officials continue to work towards replacement of the existing CAT I Lighting and Instrument Landing System (ILS) to a CAT II to enable air cargo operators to land in reduced visibility conditions. In addition, the recent FAA Site Survey results should be made available in approximately six weeks and will provide Airport officials with more of an idea of actual costs to upgrade the ILS to a CAT II.

H. Airport Renaming

Mr. Stark stated that he is not a real proponent of an airport name change and cites that he would prefer that Stockton Metropolitan Airport be known for its many on-site services, customer service experience, etc. However, Mr. Stark related that he will follow whatever direction is recommended by the Board of Supervisors, County Administrator’s Office and CAAC committee.

Further, Mr. Stark recently had a telephone conversation with San Francisco officials in regard to setting up a “face-to-face” meeting to discuss the fallout and publicity of proposing an actual name change.

Mr. Ammann commented that he was part of the entourage that recently attended a meeting with SF Officials regarding the proposed airport name change. Mr. Ammann related that this ploy actually provides Stockton with a forum for further discussion. The "Visit San Francisco" organization has also offered their assistance in working with Stockton and SF officials.

Further, Mr. Ammann suggested the airport become part of the process in updating the new City of Stockton General Plan. Identify the specific name change options and ascertain what is involved to make a specific name change. Also, contact the San Joaquin Partnership for its assistance in the process.

Supervisor Patti concurred with Mr. Ammann stating that it was a very productive meeting and officials were offering to help introduce Stockton officials to various airlines, etc. The Stockton entourage will now be included with other airport personnel in future discussions.

Mr. Elliott related that the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the second week of February. Airport officials will confirm the date and notify all those involved. Further, Mr. Elliott stated he is hopeful, with SFO's help, that Airport officials will be included in all future meetings regarding revision of the Bay Area Regional Air Traffic Plan.

Mr. Ammann suggested that the committee form a "task force" to work with Mr. Wes Rhea, Visit Stockton, etc. who could pull individuals from the CAAC and/or other local groups within the community to promote Stockton. Mr. Ammann stated that he would be happy to make a call on behalf of the task force when he's in various cities conducting marketing work.

Mr. Wilverding commented that he is a general aviation pilot and houses his aircraft at Stockton. Currently, there is only a 40 percent hangar occupancy rate and Airport officials need to figure out how best to capture that marketplace back to Stockton. Further, the Airport needs to secure the right infrastructure to be competitive with surrounding area airports that are currently busting at the seams right now.

It was decided that a "brainstorming" session would be scheduled to work towards increasing the current occupancy rate at Stockton Metropolitan Airport. Mr. Wilverding will assist Mr. Stark and Mr. Elliott with this matter.

Mr. Stark stated that general aviation contributes tens of thousands of dollars in revenue. At Griffiss International Airport, Mr. Stark held a 90 percent or better occupancy rate for four years which resulted in an abundance of additional revenue for the airport.

## II. Action Items

None

III. Communications

Mr. Stark will continue to forward various articles of interest to members.

IV. Review of Written Requests for Future Agenda Items

None

V. Public Comment - (Must Complete Public Comment Form)

Ms. Nino provided an updated report on the progress of Airpark 599. A letter will be forthcoming to the FAA notifying them that the County of San Joaquin has successfully negotiated the B-5 parcel with Catellus, the master developer, and will be receiving clear title for a 99-year period. The agreement will be presented to the Board of Supervisor for review and anticipated approval.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 27, 2017  
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