



**APPROVED MINUTES
AIRPORT COMMISSION
September 27, 2021
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE**

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1. Call to Order

Chair Wilder called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Roll Call

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

Present: Chair Andrew Wilder
Vice-Chair Chris Waller (*Arrived at 4:15 p.m.*)
Commissioner Geoffrey Neri
Commissioner Joe Schmitz

Absent: Commissioner Bruce Malarky

Also Present: Rick Valte, Acting Public Works Director
Stelios Makrides, Chief Operations Officer – Airport Director
Diana Hernandez, Airport Operations Administrator
Daniel Quezada, Airport Operations Analyst
Jordan Stacy, Airport Operations Specialist
Jonathan Bonilla, Airport Properties Specialist
Ivan Campbell, Deputy City Attorney
Alex Parry, Senior Design Manager
Peerawat Prasatcharoen, Recording Secretary

Instructions for Public Comment – Peerawat Prasatcharoen, Recording Secretary, explained how to make public comments in the teleconferenced version of the meeting.

3. Consent Calendar

(All items will be considered and approved in one motion unless removed by a Commissioner for discussion)

Motion by Chair Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Schmitz to approve all the items on the consent calendar, was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Neri and Schmitz, Chair Wilder

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Malarky, Vice-Chair Waller

a) **Approval of Minutes for the July 26, 2021, Regular Meeting** approved by thumbs-up vote (see above)

b) **Approval of Commercial Operations Permits** approved by thumbs-up vote (see above).

i. **Peak Psychology, INC.**

4. Airport Management Report

a) **Monthly Operations Report** – Information relating to aircraft operations, curfew departures, noise violations, and aircraft noise complaints received for the months of July and August 2021.

Daniel Quezada, Airport Operations Analyst, presented the monthly operations report for the months of July and August 2021, which can be found on the Airport’s web site. Details are also available in the agenda packet.

b) **Airport Leases**

This item is presented to the Airport Commission for information purposes only. List of leases for Airport properties currently under consideration by the City.

c) **Next Airport Commission Meeting**

The next Airport Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 25, 2021, via teleconference; agenda submittal deadline is October 18, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Schmitz, seconded by Commissioner Neri to change the regular meeting time to 6:00 p.m. during the COVID emergency, was approved by the following thumbs-up vote:

AYES: Commissioners Neri and Schmitz, Vice-Chair Waller, Chair Wilder

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Malarky

5. Old Business

a) **Report by the Committee on Safety at SMO**

Report by the ad hoc safety committee (which was formed at the October 26, 2020 meeting).

Commissioner Malarky and Stelios Makrides, Chief Operations Officer – Airport Director have met to discuss a policy regarding a safety management system. Staff will be scheduling a meeting between a potential consultant and the ad hoc committee.

b) **Parks Master Plan**

Discussion regarding the Parks Master Plan, which was scheduled to be made public on March 23, 2020 and presented to the Airport Commission at the April 7, 2020 meeting.

Rick Valte, Acting Public Works Director, confirmed that staff will approach Council with a set of priorities for the mid-year budget process, and a Senior Park Planner has started work with the City. In the meantime, the Senior Park Planner's top priority will be to work on the Parks Master Plan. The process overall can take up to six months to complete.

c) **Improving Bike and Pedestrian Access around SMO**

Discussion on improvements for bike and pedestrian access to, from, and around the Santa Monica Airport campus.

Alex Parry, Senior Design Manager, presented the status of the bike/pedestrian path on the west end slope of the Airport to the Commission. Specifically, a topography map has been created; progress has been made on a soils report; and a design contract is in the works.

The Commission took a break at 5:20 p.m. and returned at 5:27 p.m.

6. New Business

a) **Lead in Aviation Fuel**

Discussion and possible recommendation to Council regarding lead in aviation fuel.

The Commission and staff discussed the community impacts, feasibility of lead in aviation fuel, and ways of addressing reduction/elimination of such fuel at Santa Monica Airport.

Motion by Chair Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Neri to send the following recommendation to Council, was passed by the below roll-call vote:

"WHEREAS, no level of lead exposure is safe, and lead exposure particularly affects children, and

"WHEREAS, the recent Reid-Hillview Airport Study (attached) showed conclusively that lead from aviation emissions near their airport increased blood lead levels in children, in concentrations in some cases far higher than during the Flint Water Crisis, and

"WHEREAS, studies previously performed at Santa Monica Airport (AQMD & EPA in 2010) have also shown elevated levels of lead in the areas surrounding the airport due to leaded aviation fuel, and

"WHEREAS, Santa Monica and West Los Angeles have multiple childcare centers, pre-schools, and elementary schools in close proximity to Santa Monica Airport, and

"WHEREAS, we currently have a national administration that has made it a policy priority to promote clean energy, and reduce pollution and lead exposure,

"NOW THEREFORE, we strongly encourage the City of Santa Monica to explore steps taken and actions initiated by the County of Santa Clara in their efforts to address and mitigate lead pollution exposure, and to take similar measures including (but not limited to) joining the recent petition filed by Earthjustice and the County of Santa Clara [the petition is attached to the recommendation]."

AYES: Chair Wilder, Commissioner Neri, Commissioner Schmitz,
Vice-Chair Waller

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Malarky

Motion by Chair Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Neri to send the following recommendation to Council, was passed by the below roll-call vote:

"WHEREAS, the FAA "is committed . . . to support the development and use of unleaded aviation gas" (Consent Decree, Section VII), and

"WHEREAS, the City of Santa Monica strives to be a "Green" City, and

"WHEREAS, the City of Santa Monica currently owns and operates fuel tanks on the South Side of Santa Monica Airport that sell leaded fuel, and

"WHEREAS, Atlantic Aviation provides (and is anticipated to continue to provide leaded fuel at the North Side of the Airport, and

"WHEREAS, it is our belief that the City can and ought to provide unleaded fuel options at the Airport,

"NOW THEREFORE, we recommend the City Council pursue all avenues available to reduce, or even eliminate, lead pollution at the Airport.

"These avenues could include, and are not limited to, providing unleaded fuel at cost, and the promotion and assistance in the acquisition of Supplemental Type Certificates for aircraft based at SMO."

AYES: Chair Wilder, Commissioner Neri, Commissioner Schmitz,
Vice-Chair Waller

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Malarky

Public comment from Alan Levenson, Ben Wang (written, read by Chair Wilder), and Zina Josephs (written, read by Commissioner Schmitz).

9. **Public Input** – Several public members submitted public input, all about item 6A, via email, which are posted to the Airport’s website in one packet for September 2021.

Adjournment – Chair Wilder adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Peerawat Prasatcharoen

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Recording Secretary

Andrew Wilder
Chair