



AIRPORTS COMMITTEE

RECORD OF ACTION FOR
September 8, 2021

Supervisor Diane Burgis, Chair
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, Vice Chair

Present: Diane Burgis, Chair
Karen Mitchoff, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Steve Kowalewski, Chief Deputy Director, Public Works; Keith Freitas, Director of Airports; Beth Lee, Assistant Director of Airports; Administration; Anne O, Chief of Staff District IV; Mark Goodwin, Chief of Staff District III; Daniel Barrios, Senior Planner, Department of Conservation and Development; Will Nelson, Senior Planner, Department of Conservation and Development; Elise Schilling, Administrative Services Assistant II

Attendees: Emily Barnett, Tim Haile

1. Introductions
2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to three minutes).

No public comment at this time.

3. Review and Approve record of meeting for June 9, 2021 (Chair)

Meeting Minutes from June 9, 2021 were approved.

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4. Receive update from the Aviation Advisory Committee Chair (Emily Barnett)

Emily reported to the Airport Committee:

- The AAC has seen 100% attendance and increase in public comments and public engagement
- Currently there is a vacancy for the Member at large seat on the AAC
- Airport Operations is returning to pre-pandemic operation numbers
- Overall decrease in noise complaints and concerns
- The AAC Supports the Contra Costa County Transit Authority

- GoMentum and Contra Costa County Airports Partnership
- Terminal Building expected to be completed Fall 2022
- Security Project is currently on hold and awaiting the infrastructure package in congress for additional funds
- The AAC is pleased with the progress being made on the Byron General Plan Amendment

5. Discuss partnership between Contra Costa County and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority/GoMentum

- Tim Haile presented slides that gave an overview of the GoMentum project goals and timelines
- Keith Freitas proposed a vote of support for Partnership between Contra Costa County Airports and Contra Costa Transportation Authority

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6. Discuss progress regarding the Byron Airport General Plan Amendment (Daniel Barrios, Department of Conservation and Development)

Daniel Barrios of Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development Presented:

- Draft EIR (Environmental Impact Report) 60 day public review ended at 5pm on 8/30/21. During that time four formal comments were received from multiple agencies
- DCD is currently preparing responses to comments received
- Planning Commission will make recommendation to supervisors
- Environmental Impact Report expected to be finalized by the end of 2021

7. Discuss the Airport Innovation and Business Attraction Program, Buchanan Field and Byron Airport

- Airports is continually being contacted by news companies, UAS companies on a weekly basis by new entities wanting to testing at BATs sites
- Larger vehicles (greater than 55 lbs) requests for utilizing testing site
- Additional testing requests support the need to develop with University Alaska Fairbanks a certificate of authorization created by the FAA that allows larger entities to utilize Airports airspace; this would take 6-9 months to complete

8. Discuss Airport's Project Development Update (See Attached)

- a. Discuss Proposed Development of 4.1-acre phase 1 aeronautical use at, Byron Airport
- Phase 1 currently under construction
 - Developer interested in proceeding with other sub-phases

- b. Discuss Aviation Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) and Storage Building, Byron Airport

The project has been completed.

- c. Discuss 4.6 Acre Self Storage Project, Buchanan Field

- Went before Planning commission on September 1, 2021
- Comments made during the Planning Committee meeting requested improvements to bike lanes, Airport staff is working to get these comments resolved
- Planning Commission will meet and discuss project again at the October 6, 2021 meeting

- d. Discuss Con Fire Station 9 to Airport property, Buchanan Field

- Consultant hired for environmental analysis has not been available for over a month
- FAA release process must be completed in a timely manner.
- Chief McAllister has been unavailable due to fire season.

- e. Discuss Development of 16-acres non-aeronautical use, Buchanan Field

- Consultant team retained and are far into the environmental review process, site planning, and getting initials comments back.
- Entitlement process for building permit are starting simultaneously

- f. Discuss 0.86-acre Development at Buchanan Field

- Developers are working with existing tenant to build additional space on that parcel
- By next meeting more updates should be provided

9. Terminal/ARFF (Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting) Building, Buchanan Field

- The project has met milestone to move JSX from old terminal building to temporary terminal building without a disruption in service
- The old terminal building has been demolished
- Currently waiting on final approvals on water and sewer plans which are expected to be completed within 60 days

10. Discuss Security Project, Buchanan Field

- Funding for security project was not secured from the FAA
- Current security measures at Buchanan Field meet industry standards
- Funding expected to become available next fiscal year
- Designs for the upgrade are completed and will be available when funding is secured

11. Future agenda items

None at this time

12. The next meeting is currently scheduled for November 17, 2021

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

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